

Slippery Rock Borough Workshop Meeting

306 East Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tuesday December 5, 2023 from 7:01 pm to 7:44 pm.

Jeff Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Mayor Longo led Council members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christian Laskey performed the roll call. Those present: Jeff Campbell, Denton Zeronas, Lauren Christmann, John Hicks, Royce Lorentz, Ron Steele, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Christian Laskey. Councilperson Alex Tuten was not in attendance.

Public Recording Announcement: Please stand and state your name for the public record:
Irina Bucur from the Butler Eagle announced that she was recording the meeting.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Reports:

Jondavid Longo: Mayor Longo reported that Reach Across American, a Veterans program that coordinates wreath laying ceremonies across the United States, has exceeded their goal this year. The excess monies will go toward next year's ceremony. The local ceremony will be held on December 16, 2023 at Noon at Crossroads Church on Harmony Road. Following the ceremony in Slippery Rock, volunteers will go to Wolf Creek to help with laying their wreaths.

Lauren Christmann: None

John Hicks: None

Alexandra Tuten: None

Ron Steele: Ron Steele reported that the speed readers and up and running in the Borough.

Royce Lorentz: None

Denton Zeronas: None

Jeff Campbell: None

Borough Updates:

Town Hall Meeting: Christian Laskey reported that the Town Hall went well. It was attended by representatives from the community, Slippery Rock University and DCED employees. The next meeting will be at the Borough building on Thursday December 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Appraisals: Christian Laskey reported that the appraisal of the vacant lot is in. The lot is appraised at \$495,000.00 The listing of the vacant lot for sale will be placed on the December 19, 2023 meeting agenda for vote. Christian also had the Borough's maintenance garage appraised as there is possible interest in the purchase of it. It appraised at \$295,000.00.

Memorial Park Tree: Christian Laskey reported that the tree is up but the lights are not working properly due to weather. Council discussed options for lighting the tree. It was decided that the Borough manager would purchase flood lights to illuminate the tree this year.

Bulk Pickup: Christian Laskey reported that the Borough's garbage contract had been sold to a new company, Aiken. He stated that there have been issues with the Borough's bulk pick up since the new company has taken over. The Borough manager and Borough solicitor are working on the issue as the contract's specific requirements are not being met.

Discussion Items:

2024 Budget: The 2024 budget has been advertised. The approval of the 2024 budget will be placed on the December 19, 2024 agenda for vote.

2024 Meeting Schedule: The 2024 meeting schedule has been advertised. The approval of the 2024 meeting schedule will be placed on the December 19, 2023 meeting agenda for vote.

Park Board Resignation: Christian Laskey reported that he resigned from park board. Approval of the resignation will be placed on the December 19, 2023 meeting agenda for vote.

Park Board Appointment: Council is accepting letters of interest for the vacant park board seat. Appointment of a new park board member will be placed on the December 19, 2023 meeting agenda for vote.

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Budget: (see Attached) Denton Zeronas distributed and explained the proposed 2024 budget for the park. He also stated that the park is looking at using their small games of chance license as a fundraising tool. Approval of the 2024 park budget will be moved to the December 19, 2023 meeting agenda for vote.

Mayor Salary Amendment: (See Attached) The mayor is requesting that his salary be set at \$0.00. The advertising of the amendment to the mayor's salary setting it to \$0.00 will be moved to the December 19, 2023 meeting agenda for vote.

Citizen Input for Non-Agenda Items:

Jonathan Foust addressed council asking that the proposed 2024 budget be placed on the website. He added his opinion that setting the Mayor's stipend at \$0.00 is a bad idea.

Councilperson's Remarks:

Royce Lorentz stated that a budget committee should be involved in working on the budget. Jeff Campbell replied that he is on the budget committee and that he and the borough manager have worked on the budget.

Executive Session: Jeff Campbell announced that there would be no executive session.

Adjournment:

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. John Hicks made the motion. Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.