

# Slippery Rock Borough Reorganizational Meeting

306 East Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057  
Tuesday January 2, 2024 from 7:00 pm to 7:50 pm.

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

**Mayor Longo led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Public Recording Announcement: Please Stand and State Your Name for the Record.**

\***Mike Pavelek** announced that he was recording the meeting.

\***Matthew Glover** from the Butler Eagle announced that he was recording the meeting

**Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:** Russ Karl, Paul Lueken and Gene Allison all signed in to speak. After seeing that the agenda listed a time for them to speak on the vacant council seat, they withdrew their names on the citizen input sheet.

**John Hicks won both the 2 year and 4 year term election. He formally chose to be elected to the 4 year term. The vacant council seat will be for a 2 year term.**

\***Swearing in of the Honorable John Hicks, Jennifer Ravert, Ron Steele and Lauren Christmann:** Mayor Longo swore in council members John Hicks, Jennifer Ravert, Ron Steele and Lauren Christmann.

**Angel Walker Performed the Roll Call. Those Present:** Jeff Campbell, John Hicks, Lauren Christmann, Jennifer Ravert, Ron Steele, Alex Tuten, Mayor Jondavid Longo. Borough Manager Christian Laskey and Solicitor Black were not in attendance.

\*John Hicks made the motion to reappoint Jeff Campbell for president of the Slippery Rock Borough Council. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

\*Alex Tuten made the motion to nominate John Hicks for Vice President of the Slippery Rock Borough Council. Jennifer Ravert provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

\*Ron Steele made the motion to reappoint Rebecca Black of Lutz, Pawk and Black as Solicitor for Slippery Rock Borough. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

\*Ron Steele made the motion to reappoint Gateway as the engineer for Slippery Rock Borough. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

\*John Hicks made the motion to reappoint Professional Code Services for new residential and commercial inspection services. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

\*Ron Steele made the motion to reappoint Ryan Hanchosky as Slippery Rock Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

## Reports:

**Jondavid Longo:** Mayor Longo wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed newly elected councilperson, Jennifer Ravert to council.

**Lauren Christmann:** None

**Alexandra Tuten:** Alex Tuten reported that she will continue to search for high school students that may be interested in the Junior Council position.

**John Hicks:** John Hicks expressed his appreciation for Council's vote of confidence in electing him Vice President.

**Jeff Campbell:** (See Attached) Jeff Campbell read an email written by the solicitor regarding the garbage contract and past due owed administration fees. The agreed upon amount of \$35,941.50 will be paid by Serafine Hauling to the Slippery Rock Borough.

**Ron Steele:** Ron Steele reported that the salt trucks are ready for the expected incoming snow this weekend.

**Jennifer Ravert:** Jennifer Ravert thanked Council for their welcome and reported that she is looking forward to serving the Borough.

## Borough Updates:

**Hiring of Full Time Police Officer:** This agenda item will be added to the 1-16-2024 meeting agenda to authorize the Civil Service Committee to meet in February and advertise the hiring of a fourth full time police officer.

**Hiring of a laborer:** There was a discussion regarding the hiring of a laborer for the street department. The job description has been finalized and advertised.

## Discussion Items:

**Vacant Council Seat:** (See Attached) The Borough received four letters of interest for the vacant council seat. The 4 candidates were invited to the meeting to introduce themselves and answer questions Council may have. The following four Borough residents attended the meeting, introduced themselves and answered questions posed by Council members. Paul Lueken, Jonathan Foust, Gene Allison and Russ Karl. The nomination and appointment of a council member to the vacant seat will be placed on the 1-16-2024 meeting agenda for vote.

**Junior Councilperson Appointment:** (See Attached) The Borough received a letter of interest for the Junior Councilperson position. The appointment of a Junior Councilperson will be moved to the 1-16-2024 meeting agenda for vote.

### **Citizen Input for Non- Agenda Items:**

**Mike Pavelek** stated his support for the addition of a Junior Councilperson adding that a small community is a perfect place for young people to get involved. He voiced his opposing view to the amendment to the Mayor's Stipend, as he believes it would be a deterrent to future candidates. Mr. Pavelek addressed the owed fees from Serafine Hauling blaming the prior administration for not catching the missing payments. He stated that seeing the flag pole without a flag is disappointing and would like the Borough to raise money for a smaller flag to be flown during the winter months. Finally, he asked that if a Christmas tree recycling program is in effect, that it be advertised on the Borough's website.

### **Councilperson's Remarks:**

**Alex Tuten:** Alex reported that Keystone Safari is collecting live Christmas trees for their animals for those that are looking to dispose of them. She added that she is opposed to the amendment to the Mayor's stipend stating her opinion that the stipend adds legitimacy to the position.

**Ron Steele:** Ron remarked that he is looking forward to 2024 and seeing positive changes for the Borough.

**John Hicks:** John extended his welcome to newly elected council person, Jennifer Ravert.

**Jeff Campbell:** Jeff expressed his appreciation for community members that come to council meetings and give their input.

### **Adjournment:**

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. John Hicks made the motion and Jenn Ravert provided the second. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.