

# **Slippery Rock Borough Council Meeting**

306 E Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tuesday February 20, 2024 from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm

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

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

**Christian Laskey performed the Roll Call. Those present:** Jeff Campbell, John Hicks, Lauren Christmann, Paul Lueken, Jennifer Ravert, Alex Tuten, Junior Councilperson Benjamin Uber, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Christian Laskey. Councilperson Ron Steele was not in attendance.

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

\*James Cressman from Slippery Rock University announced that he is recording the meeting.

## **Outside Entity Reports:**

**Slippery Rock University:** (See Attached) Justin Zachal provided a report on behalf of Slippery Rock University for the month of February 2024.

**Slippery Rock Community Library:** None

**Slippery Rock Municipal Authority:** None

**Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team:** (See Attached) Christian Laskey read an update prepared by the volunteer fire and rescue team for the month of January 2024.

**Slippery Rock Student Government Association:** None

**Mayor's Comments:** None

**Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:** None

**Police Report:** (See Attached) Mayor Longo gave an update on behalf of the Police Department for the month of January 2024.

## **Committee Updates:**

**Personnel :** None

**Finance/Budget:** None

**Streets:** Christian Laskey reported that Peoples Natural Gas will be replacing gas lines on West Water Street. He will approach Peoples to see if the Borough can split the cost of asphalt restoration for West Water Street once their project is complete.

**Facilities/Properties:** None

**Public Safety:** Mayor Longo is working with SRU to help curb distracted driving. SRU plans to purchase two messaging boards to include speed reminders for use at events around campus and in the Borough.

**Economic Development:** Mayor Longo spoke of tangible interest in vacant lot. The lot is for sale and bids are being accepted until March 5, 2024. Any sealed bids received will be opened at the Council meeting on Tuesday March 5 2024.

**Intergovernmental Relations:** John Hicks reported that meetings with local municipalities are in the works.

**Park:** Park Director, Denton Zeronas reported several upcoming community events such as the annual Father-Daughter Dance, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, and the Mother-Son Spring Carnival. Sign-ups for regular programs like spring soccer and youth volleyball are underway. Infrastructure improvements are being made to deter rain water. Denton stated a need for volunteers to help construct the ADA Playground in March and the planting of 136 trees in April. The raffle for the Italy trip has been extended and \$20 tickets are available until March 29, 2024. Alex Tuten added that the school musical, Disney's Newsies, is scheduled for April 11, 12, 13, 2024.

**Zoning:** None

**Planning:** Jen Ravert reported that the next meeting with Downtown Redevelopment is scheduled for February 28, 2024 at the fire hall from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

**Civil Service:** Christian Laskey reported that the prior Civil Service meeting was postponed due to illness. It has been rescheduled for Friday February 23, 2024 at the Borough building.

**Comprehensive Plan:** None

#### **Borough Updates:**

**Civil Service:** Christian Laskey reported that the prior Civil Service meeting was postponed due to illness. It has been rescheduled for Friday February 23, 2024.

**Laborer Position:** Christian Laskey reported that the Borough has hired a new full-time laborer. Pending the results of a background check, it is anticipated that the new hire will start next week.

**Downtown Redevelopment Meeting:** Christian Laskey reminded everyone that the next Downtown Redevelopment meeting is on Wednesday February 28, 2024, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Black commented that she had made some changes to the Intergovernmental Agreement and that it was approved by the Township. It is on the agenda for tonight's meeting for vote.

#### **New Business:**

\*John Hicks made the motion to accept the resignation from Paul Lueken for the Slippery Rock Borough Planning Commission. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

\*John Hicks made the motion to appoint Chris Abbott to the Slippery Rock Borough Planning Commission for the remainder of the term ending in 2026. Paul Lueken provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

\*John Hicks made the motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Slippery Rock Borough and Slippery Rock Township for shared use of a zoning officer. Jennifer Ravert provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

\*Alex Tuten made the motion to approve the Independence Day Street Closure for Saturday July 6, 2024, from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm with a rain date of Saturday July 13, 2024, from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. Jennifer Ravert provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

\*Jennifer Ravert made the motion to approve the Village Fest Street Closure for Saturday September 28, 2024, from 6:00 AM TO 6:30 PM. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

\*Jennifer Ravert made the motion to approve the Oktoberfest Street Closure for Saturday October 5, 2024, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm with a rain date of Sunday October 6, 2024, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Paul Lueken provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

\*There was no action taken on the Social Media agenda item.

**Citizen Input for Non-Agenda Items:** None

**Councilperson's Remarks:**

Jennifer Ravert reported that she and Councilperson John Hicks attended a Newly Elected Officials training over the weekend. She stated that the training was beneficial, and she was happy to attend. John Hicks echoed her sentiment.

**Adjournment:**

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Ravert made the motion and John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.