

**SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2017**

Slippery Rock Borough convened this date at the Slippery Rock Borough Building located at 306 East Water Street, Slippery Rock Borough Butler County, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call the following public officials were present: Regina Greenwald, Ken Harris, Ron Steele, Tom McPherson and Royce Lorentz. Absent from the meeting were Bob Bowser and Steve Saylor. Also present were Mayor Ron Fodor and Borough Administrator Lucinda G. Lipko.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Russ Karl

Requested that Council table motion to adopt the 2018 budget until they meet with incoming Councilmembers

Chuck Brochetti

What kind of garbage contract will the Borough get if they change certain properties to commercial and will there still be an administrative fee?

Itzi Meztli

Where was the money for an interim Borough Manager reallocated too?

Scott Boyer

Supports Russ Karl's request

Still would like to know how the bank project is a good idea

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Ron Fodor

Presented Regina Greenwald and Ken Harris with letters of appreciation for their service on Council

Borough Administrator Lucinda G. Lipko

Notified Council we are required to have backflow prevention and bladder installed in the Borough Building in accordance with the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act. Have met with a plumber to do this work and he is also going to camera the sump pump lines

to see where they go and if we have a leak.

Tom McPherson

Light Up Night was successful and thanked Rotary, the fire department and the park for their help.

Thanked Sigma Tau for cleaning up around town and would like them publicly thanked somehow for all they do.

Royce Lorentz

Attended Southwestern Pennsylvania Conservation meeting on multi-model transportation to cut down on fuel use and learned about snow removing equipment.

Will get corrections made to the description of roadways submitted to the TIP program for a turning lane on New Castle Street coming east into town.

Ron Steele

Christmas lights along South Main Street look nice and the corner where the former bank stood looks even better.

Fire Department will have their new tanker truck delivered tomorrow and sold their old one to a company in New Market, VA.

Served his last meeting as President last night for the Fire Department

Ken Harris

Responded that a drugstore was interested in the former bank property but backed out of the deal when they could not secure a road opening permit onto South Main Street. The report from Gateway Engineers showed the building was not viable for us to move into but we had to save the parking lot. Now it's possible we could get a turning lane on New Castle Street which would help immensely with traffic.

Reminded everyone that all Councilmembers need to have an affidavit of residency signed and notarized before the first meeting in January.

Regina Greenwald

Noted that next year's Council needs to apply for the 2018 Tree Vitalize grant for tree plantings, community forestry management and urban riparian buffer projects for downtown.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Ron Steele to ratify advertising an amendment to Ordinance # 683 – "Solid Waste" – revising the time for garbage to be placed at the curb and modifying the number

of residential units that qualify for commercial service. Seconded by Tom McPherson, motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom McPherson to accept the 2018 budget for the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board. Seconded by Ron Steele, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ken Harris to adopt Ordinance # 704 – fixing and levying the tax rate on real estate in the Borough for the calendar year 2018 for General Borough Purposes (21.21 mills), Street Lighting Purposes (2.0 mills) and Fire Protection purposes (11165 mills). Seconded by Tom McPherson, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ron Steele to adopt the 2018 General Fund Budget, State Liquid Fuels Budget and the Capital Projects Budget. Seconded by Ken Harris, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ron Steele to permit the request from the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation to allow the day care land use to be permitted in the Recreation Center zoned P-1. Seconded by Tom McPherson, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Council discussed the letter received from Lynn and Glen Uber requesting Council pass a resolution not to allow gambling into the Borough. This will be placed on next week's agenda for action.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Shauna Holt-Piercy

Feels Council should waive the invoice for John Trant's services because it was just part of his job when he was answering numerous, numerous questions asked by Red Swing Group.

Chuck Brochetti

Asked where the fire tax was in the budget

Previous ordinance stated that 3 or more units was considered commercial and should have left it that way

Russ Karl

Thinks it's ironic that a last minute's letter received on gambling got more attention than incoming councilmembers request to review budget and projects before approval.

Requested that Council allow people who are interested in the two (2) year seat to submit resumes to the Borough Administrator so they can be reviewed at the first meeting in January.

Itzi Meztli

Asked when the last payment of the \$ 200,000.00 loan would be and if the park has General liability insurance.

Doesn't consider the request for a resolution to prohibit gambling an issue

Borough should waive the library's invoice for \$ 250.00

Will be requesting all documents for the Gateway Park and Parking Lot Project once he is seated on Council in January

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Ken Harris to adjourn. Seconded by Ron Steele, motion carried.

Slippery Rock Borough Council adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Lucinda G. Lipko
Borough Administrator