

**SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JULY 2, 2013**

Slippery Rock Borough Council 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: Christy Tichy, Bob Bowser, Jerry Heller, Ron Steele, Itzi Meztli and Royce Lorentz. Absent from the meeting was Dave Miler. Also present were Mayor Ken Harris, Solicitor Neva Stanger and Borough Administrator Lucinda G. Lipko.

RELATED AGENCIES:

Slippery Rock Development: Jerry Heller suggested that the Borough look into adding a Mission Statement to the Borough Website.

Slippery Rock University: Rita Abent stated that Camps and Conferences are ongoing and invited everyone to the Sliders Game tomorrow night with fireworks to follow.

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Department: Dave Taggart reported there were 112 calls in the month of June and Puddie Taggart announced a yard sale at the fire department on August 31st, they would be holding a Boot Day at the Sliders Game tomorrow, the golf outing will be August 3rd and they will be selling chicken for the VillageFest celebration again.

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: Paul Dickey, General Manager, reported they are discussing upgrading the billing system, replacing a water line for the new Sheetz project and passed out an update to Council of current and upcoming projects the municipal authority is working on.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Fedokovitz read the police report was present to answer any questions of Council

CITIZEN INPUT:

Frank Monteleone Jr. feels that a lot of “faith and trust” has been lost in Slippery Rock Borough Government concerning the solid waste matter and claims people in four (4) continents are forming a large network on issues “from around here” and “they cannot believe what has happened around here”. He feels the only way trust can be regained is to have some people resign. He wants Council to consider that and do the right thing and

wants Mayor Harris to know he is taking some speech classes and hopes Ken will do the right thing and resign this evening. He also wanted to remind everyone that this is not the Borough official's town, it is all 3,000 of our town.

Mike DeVault from Madison Grove is in favor of the bulk pick up being turned back to May as it puts pressure on students and landlords and the residents of the Borough. He also stated that Mr. Bowser stated that he did not want to attend the meeting on June 25th because he was afraid to answer questions about the bulk pick up and feels this is wrong at he is supposed to listen to the residents' concerns and fix them. He also announced his candidacy as a write-in candidate for Council in the fall election. He stated that the contract with Tri-County increased \$ 90,000.00 but we get less bulk trash service.

Larry Rodgers, lawyer representing Frank Monteleone, and attended the meeting on June 25th. His evaluation of the meeting was that everyone there felt the ball was fumbled in changing the bulk pick up dates. What caught his attention was the reluctance of this board or some of this board to not want to renegotiate the trash contract. It has been his experience that if the vendor wants to keep your business he will bend over backwards and he see by the agenda we have made some progress it. He told Council that anytime you ignore the "will of the people" there is a law called the Political Subdivision torts Claim Act which pretty much grant immunity from a suit, unless you make some serious mistakes and there are some exceptions to that. The statute is 42 Pennsylvania consolidated CSA 8542. If the trash hauling snafu would result in danger to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens the Borough could be in some legal troubles down the road should someone have some problems with an accident, bitten by a rat, slipping on garbage in the highway and wrecking a car or what have you. He understood it is not an unusual situation to see garbage on the streets. He suggest we look at it seriously and he agrees theoretically with Frank.

Tom Holmes feels Council is in favor of Slippery Rock in Bloom and by changing the dates to March the students are still leaving and there will be garbage and trash out there. It is stabbing Slippery Rock in Bloom in the back because all this is out when the judges are coming around. He goes around and picks up garbage in the Borough and feels it is a lot worse now since we changed it. He knows there have been years we have done a one year contract, do that again and see if it works. If Council has an agenda on garbage, create an ordinance but you need someone to enforce it. Anyone paying a water bill has a right to get bulk pick up.

Bonnie Davis wanted to talk about bulk pick up. Dave Miller stated that he would not put it on the agenda unless someone on Council would take their vote back and she wants Jerry Heller to take his vote back and be willing to make a motion at a future meeting, since he is the one who proposed to move it to March.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Stanger talked about the motion to extend an offer of employment to Officer Dickey who is a current part-time officer. She also addressed a raised about the fire

department traffic study through Highway Occupancy permit process. They are not recommending that the fire department do another traffic study.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to approve the following:

- Council Meeting minutes of June 4, 2013
- Project Meeting minutes of June 11, 2013
- May Financial Statements and Check Registers
- Cancel the July 9, 2013 Project Meeting
- To close South Main Street from Franklin Street to Cooper Streets from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for VillageFest on Saturday, September 14, 2013.
- To post No Parking signs along Elm Street and Maple Street from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on September 14th,
- To close Gateway park on Saturday, September 14, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for the VillageFest Children's Games and Entertainment.
- To close South Main Street from Franklin Street to Cooper Streets from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for the Slippery Rock Heritage Association Annual Car Show on September 15, 2013.

Seconded by Jerry Heller. Itzi Meztli wants the June 4th meeting minutes to reflect that Liz Tissue, on behalf of Rose Dillner, called Itzi and complained that she called Lucinda Lipko twice and was hung up on. He wants it reflected in the minutes as it was discussed that night. And he requested as an elected Councilmember that a discussion item be placed on the next agenda and President Miller denied that and he wants it reflected in the minutes.

A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to approve the amended consent agenda with the removal of item #1. Seconded by Bob Bowser, motion carried.

A motion was made by Itzi Meztli to amend the June 4, 2013 Council Meeting minutes to reflect his two points. Seconded by Royce Lorentz. After discussion motion failed with Jerry Heller, Ron Steele, Royce Lorentz, Bob Bowser and Christy Tichy all casting nay votes.

A motion was made by Ron Steele to approve the Council Meeting minutes of June 4, 2013. Seconded by Bob Bowser, motion carried with Bob Bowser and Itzi Meztli casting nay votes.

A motion was made by Ron Steele to award the 2013 Paving Project to Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$ 56,833.33. Seconded by Royce Lorentz, motion carried.

A motion was made by Itzi Meztli to make a conditional offer of employment to Derek Dickey as a full-time police officer conditioned upon the successful completion of medical and psychological examinations. Seconded by Ron Steele, motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Bowser to authorize advertisement of a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on August 6, 2013 for Borough Council to review a proposed amendment to the Borough Zoning Map to rezone certain properties along Franklin Street to the Mixed Use (MU) Zoning District and certain properties along Water Street to the R3 Residential Zoning District. Seconded by Royce Lorentz, motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Bowser to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the County of butler for the Residential Recycling Cart Program. Seconded by Royce Lorentz, motion carried.

A motion was made by Itzi Meztli to enter into a Service Purchase contract with Slippery Rock University for \$ 7,500.00. Seconded by Bob Bowser, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jerry Heller to form a fact finding committee concerning Solid Waste/Recycling issues related to the Borough, including but not limited to, bulk pick up with:

- (1) Appointments of Committee members by Borough Council at the Public Meeting on August 6, 2013; and
- (2) Composition of committee to be as follows: (1) one Borough Council Member; (2) one SRD Members (who is not a Borough Council Member), Borough Residents, Borough Landlords (the number of landlords may not exceed the number of Borough residents), Borough Business Owners, SRU representative (Administration and/or Student) with total committee membership not to exceed 15 persons.

Seconded by Royce Lorentz, motion carried with Itzi Meztli casting a nay vote.

A motion was made by Ron Steele to appoint Christy Tichy as the designated Borough Council member to the Solid Waste/Recycling Fact Finding Committee. Seconded by Royce Lorentz, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Itzi Meztli Council a report on the Town Hall Meeting held on June 25, 2013.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Bob McComas invited everyone to the Touch a Truck event on August 3, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Slippery Rock Area High School sponsored by the Slippery Rock Lions Club. This is a fundraiser for the Lions Club for Site Conservation Projects.

Jeff Shaw lives at Madison Grove reported that an ambulance was called for his mother on June 23rd and they waited over an hour for an ambulance to respond to the call. Stated that the times they gave him are all wrong because he and other people were timing them. And they also blackened something out on this paper that they did not want him to look at. We need more ambulance people because he almost lost his mother on June 23rd.

Frank Monteleone, Jr. says there is not much time before the next bulk pick up to get it corrected, many college towns do not have bulk trash in September and some have from 1 to 10 bulk trash days in May, he does business in 20 municipalities and they have their agendas set before the meeting and this place is sloppy when it comes to that, sometimes minutes make it on the website, sometimes they don't, and we need to start shaking this stuff in a bag and try to make it work. He thinks people need to realize what policies are and do it. He would like to talk about some safety issues in this Borough and several citizens cannot get over the fact that Police Chief Terry Brown was fired supposedly over unsafe matter in this Borough and unsafe issues continue. Terry Brown gets fired and then we have unsafe issues downtown including an unsafe retaining wall just north of slippery Rock Sportswear that is ready to come down. He donated defibrillator for this meeting room and landlords would like to donate a second, this would be a total of 3, once for each car, several landlords want a policy for police to have a defib in police cars at all times and it is still a dead issue. He called 911 on June 27th for a police officer at 7:21 a.m. and they said an officer was not logged in yet. Frank told them to call the Borough Building as the police officers truck was in the lot, 911 said they cannot call until an officer is logged in. When Frank got ahold of the police officer a little later the officer said that he was getting his gear on. That policy needs looked at to determine if police start at 7:00 or 7:21. Just possibility another policy problem.

Attorney Rodgers stated that the ambulance service, which is very near and dear to Frank Moneteleone's and his family's heart, has hit less than excellence. They consulted with an expert on the ambulance service and he rated it at 5. Some or all don't understand their responsibility for the EMS Service. EMS is a tax exempt service supported by tax dollars therefore, their records are public information, financial information also. Act 37 Consolidated Statute 35 PA 8102 which controls EMS's throughout the state. Borough Code title 56 – emergency Service states the Borough shall be responsible for insuring that fire and emergency medical service is provided within the Borough by the means and to the extent determined by the Borough including the appropriate financial administrative assistance for these services. Act 37 controls the license. He recommends that Council set up a committee to study the ambulance service and report back on the deficiencies that are found.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to adjourn into Executive Session for Personnel with no business afterwards. Seconded by Christy Tichy, motion carried.

Slippery Rock Borough Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Lucinda G. Lipko
Borough Administrator
Borough of Slippery Rock

