

**SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JULY 5, 2011**

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: Dave Miller, Blase Tucci, Jerry Heller, Christy Tichy, Bob Bowser and Royce Lorentz. Also present were Mayor Harris, Solicitor Neva Stanger and Borough Administrator Lucinda G. Lipko.

RELATED AGENCIES:

Slippery Rock Development: Jerry Heller reported that SRD is assisting the Borough auditor with questions he has concerning the Phase I Project (South Main Street) and how it enters into the Borough assets.

Slippery Rock University: Dr. Foley reported that there will be an Early American Cooking Class on July 23rd from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and President Smith is planning a Goodbye Celebration on January 28, 2012 in the new student union. Rita Abent reported that the Presidential Search Committee has been appointed to search for a replacement for President Smith.

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Department: Ron Steele reported that the fire department has assisted Grove City and Portersville on recent fire calls and the annual Chicken Bar-B-Que will be during VillageFest on September 10th.

INVITED GUESTS:

Bob McComas, President of the Lion's Club, asked for a volunteer from Council to participate in planning a memorial for Jim Green. Bob Bowser volunteered and will contact Bob soon.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Itzi Metzli stated that he submitted a letter of interest in fulfilling the position left vacant on Council by the passing of Jim Green and asked that Council give serious consideration to him as a candidate.

Ron Steele also submitted a letter of interest for the same position and stated that he had served on Council for 16 years and wants to move the Borough forward to get back to the way things were.

Bob Berner has been a resident on Cross Street since 1998 and he supports Itzi for the vacant seat on Council.

Marilyn Hines also supports Itzi and hopes for a fresh start for Council.

Paul Dickey stated that he and Herb Carlson were available to answer any questions Council had concerning the Ordinance that is on tonight's agenda to extend the life of the Water Authority until 2045.

Jan Forrest asked that Council please give serious consideration to allowing the Farmer's Market to set up in the Slippery Rock Community Park.

POLICE REPORT:

Patrolmen Fedokovitz was present to answer any questions Council had.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Stanger reported that the process for part-time police officers is moving along and the Civil Service Commission will be meeting on Thursday, July 7th to certify the candidates and the Public Hearing for the Stormwater Ordinance will be July 19th.

CODE OFFICERS REPORT:

Code Officer Jesse Hines read from his monthly report, reported that the hotel is moving along with a possible opening this Fall and passed out a copy of the audit report which was preformed on the Labor and Industry auditor who audited the Borough records for Council's review.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Bob Bowser to approve the following items:

Council Meeting minutes of June 7, 2011

Project Meeting minutes of June 14, 2011

Workshop Meeting minutes of June 21, 2011

Income Statements and Check Registers of May 2011

Seconded by Blase Tucci, motion carried.

Bob Bowser nominated Itzi Metzli to fulfill the term of Jim Green expiring December 31, 2011 on Borough Council. Seconded by Blase Tucci.

Jerry Heller nominated Ron Steel to fulfill the term of Jim Green expiring December 31, 2011 on Borough Council. This motion died for lack of a second.

Royce Lorentz nominated Barry Harlow to fulfill the term of Jim Green expiring December 31, 2011 on Borough Council. This motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Blase Tucci to appoint Itzi Metzli to fulfill the term of Jim Green expiring December 31, 2011 on Borough Council. Seconded by Bob Bowser. A roll call vote was called for and went as follows:

Christy Tichy	Yes
Royce Lorentz	No
Blase Tucci	Yes
Bob Bowser	Yes
Jerry Heller	Yes
Dave Miller	Yes

The motion carried with 5 Yes votes and 1 No vote. Mayor Harris administered the Oath of Office and Itzi took his seat at the Council table.

A motion was made by Christy Tichy to approve closing South Main Street from Franklin Street to Cooper Street from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on September 10th, to take parking off Elm Street and Maple Streets and to close Gateway Park for VillageFest. Seconded by Bob Bowser, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jerry Heller to adopt Ordinance #655 – Authorizing the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation of the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority to extend the existence of the Authority until December 31, 2045 and providing for repeal of inconsistent ordinances. Seconded by Royce Lorentz. After much discussion a motion was made by Blase Tucci to table this motion to the July 19th workshop Meeting. Seconded by Christy Tichy. This motion carried with Jerry Heller and Bob Bowser voting No.

A motion was made by Blase Tucci to approve rolling over the current contract with Tri-County Industries, Inc., as is, for a one year period beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012. Seconded by Bob Bowser, motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Bowser to approve the bid from State Pipe Services, Inc. for hiring a Vector and Crew for one week (40 hours) at \$ 8,000.00. Seconded by Blase Tucci, motion carried.

A motion was made by Itzi Metzli to approve the Farmer's Market setting up in the Slippery Rock Community Park on Saturday's from 9 – 12 through October contingent upon a certificate of insurance naming the Borough and Park as additional insured. Seconded by Bob Bowser, motion carried.

A motion was made by Christy Tichy to approve the Chief of Police job description as presented at the June 21, 2011 Council Workshop Meeting. Seconded by Blase Tucci, motion carried.

A motion was made by Blase Tucci to direct the Civil Service Commission to review and comment on the proposed draft Civil Service Regulations by August 30, 2011. Seconded by Bob Bowser, motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Bob Berner heard a rumor that Council is looking to abolish the Code Officer position and he hopes that is not true.

Kerry Cassidy is participating in The Bantam Jeep Community Art Project and has obtained permission from the Butler County Housing Authority to place her jeep sculpture on their property at the corner of Franklin Street and North Main Street. She wanted to know if there was anything she needed to apply to the Borough for. She was told to contact Jesse Hines, Code Enforcement Officer for information.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Bob Bowser discussed the need to look at replacing the other section of the roof on the Recreation Building at the Community Park and cutting down the trees that hang over it as they feel this is causing the leaking roof. Bob will contact the Park Director, Mary Messer and discuss this with her.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Blase Tucci to adjourn into Executive Session for Personnel reasons with no business afterwards. Seconded by Bob Bowser, motion carried.

Slippery Rock Borough Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Lucinda G. Lipko
Borough Administrator
Borough of Slippery Rock

