

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE
REGULAR MEETING
June 13, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Scottsdale Borough Council was convened at 6:30 p.m. with President Donald Stansak presiding.

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER – Mayor King swore in Daniel Coffman as a new Police Officer.

ROLL CALL

Those Councilpersons present at Roll Call included: Bell, Colebank, Pinsky, Robson, Siwula and Stansak. Also present were Borough Manager Pallone, Solicitor Falatovich, Engineer Eby Mayor King, and Treasurer Washington. Mr. Chronowski and Mr. Hovis were absent.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinsky to approve the May 9, 2022 minutes as written. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Brianna Pritts, 926 Washington Street, Mount Pleasant – Ms. Pritts was in attendance on behalf of Alternatives YES from Connellsville. The organization helps pregnant women, hosts parenting classes, helps grandparents that are raising their grandchildren. All of the help is free and confidential.

Mitchell Stewart, 15 Third Avenue – Mr. Stewart is concerned about food distribution warehouses being destroyed across the country. He wanted to suggest that the Borough set up community gardens in empty lots throughout town.

Katherine Lighthall, 301 George Street – Ms. Lighthall thanked the Borough for their support of the Scottsdale Heroes banner program. She gave a final report on the project.

Michael Remington, 822 Market Street – Mr. Remington stated his concerns about the cell towers in his neighborhood. He suggested that the Borough ask the tower owners to raise the height of the towers so that the radiation does not reach the homes below.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve the payrolls. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND LATE BILLS – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Bell to approve the bills and late bills. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

Authorize the Solicitor to Amend the Parking Meter Ordinance – Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to authorize the solicitor to amend the parking meter ordinance. Motion passed.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Pool Building Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported that the interested parties are no longer interested in purchasing the building. He will move forward with getting the building back for the Borough.

Shelving – Mrs. Washington reported that every time she orders shelving from Amazon, the orders are cancelled. She will start ordering two (2) at a time to see if that will work.

Tablets for Council Members – President Stansak is concerned about the cost of everything going up. Council needs to curb expenses.

Borough Manager Pallone commented that other municipalities are using tablets for Borough business. Each council member would also have their own email.

PSAB Public Speaker Rules of 3 Minutes to Speak – Mr. Pinsky reported that the PSAB now recommend three (3) minutes for each speaker to speak during Public Comment and three (3) minutes for Council to respond.

PUBLIC SERVICES

2022 Road Maintenance/Paving Update – Mrs. Colebank reported that streets were paved last week and this week streets will be tarred and chipped.

Pick Up Broom Update – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Borough received a trade in of \$1,500.00 for the pickup broom.

Renaming Sewer User Fee and Checking Account – Mrs. Colebank requested that Solicitor Falatovich amend the ordinance to rename the sewer user fee. She does not want the Borough to have to give the money to the Sewage Authority when the lines are turned over.

Library Book Storage – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Library has requested that they be allowed to store two (2) skids of books at the salt shed temporarily. Council discussed using the salt shed or using the conference room in the back of the building.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to allow the Library to store the books in the conference room at the back of the building. Motion passed.

Dollar General – Engineer Eby reported that he has been trying to get ahold of Dollar General. The water problem is theirs. He can send a letter to the property owner.

Mileage – Mrs. Colebank reported that the IRS mileage rate has been increased to \$.62/mile.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to amend the agenda to reimburse employees at a higher mileage rate of \$.62/mile. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to reimburse Zach Patton for his recent travel expenses at a cost of \$.62/mile. Motion passed.

31 First Avenue – Engineer Eby reported that the property owner has piped spring water into their sanitary sewer lateral.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize the Solicitor to send the property owner a letter telling her to fix the problem within 30 days. Motion passed.

PROTECTION

Purchase Police Vehicle with Parks Foundation Donation – Mr. Pinskey reported that Chief Pritts found a Durango in New York. The dealer will hold the vehicle until tomorrow.

Council discussed purchasing the vehicle with donated funds. Solicitor Falatovich stated that the Borough would have to go out for bid because the check did not state specifically that it was to be used to purchase a police vehicle.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mrs. Robson to get verification from the Parks Foundation for use of the funds and purchase the Durango contingent upon receipt of the email from the Parks Foundation. Motion passed.

Approval to Renew Savvy Citizen – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Robson to table the invoice until the next Council meeting. Motion passed.

Termination of BIU Contract – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mr. Siwula to accept the termination of the BIU contract. Motion passed.

Purchase of Speed Control Device from Radarsign – Mr. Pinskey reported that Radarsign sells speed control devices that you can attach to existing signs. They cost \$2,900.00/unit.

Cat/Dog Ordinance – Mr. Pinskey reported that the Protection Committee would like to create a nuisance animal ordinance.

The consensus was to authorize the Protection Committee to work on creating a nuisance animal ordinance.

Repairs to Railing at Police Entrance, Purchase Chairs for Central Station – Mr. Pinskey reported that it was brought up at the last Protection Committee meeting that the railing needs repaired in front of the Police Department entrance. The item was given to the

Public Services Committee. The Fire Department requested new chairs for the Central Station. The item was given to the General Government Committee.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street – There has been no communication with the property owner.
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – The complaint has been delivered to the Sheriff's office.
- 917-919 Mulberry Street – Mrs. Colebank spoke to Attorney Ament about a potential person interested in purchasing the property for the amount of the taxes owed.

Mayor King reported that the meterperson was recently threatened while working. He called 911 and reported it to the Police Department.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Grills in the Parks – Mr. Pinskey stated that the Borough will have to amend the fire ordinance in order to have grills at the parks.

WIFI COVID Cares Grant – Borough Manager Pallone reported that Walt Haglund did not get the COVID Cares information from Andrew French.

103.1 KVE Car Show – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize payment of \$1,300.00 for the DJ for the car show. Motion passed.

Tennis Courts – Mrs. Colebank reported that the school district wants to use the Loucks Park tennis courts. The courts could be considered WPIAL home courts if the park had three (3) courts. Mrs. Colebank would like to apply for a DCNR grant to get the third (3) court. The school district is willing to pay for half of the maintenance.

Bench at the Gazebo – Mrs. Colebank reported that My Buddy's Place Daycare would like to donate a bench to be installed at the Gazebo.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mrs. Robson to accept the donated bench to be installed at the Gazebo. Motion passed.

Duane Huffman Property Damage – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Borough office received an email from Mr. Huffman about property damage from the Men's Softball League. The Men's league is not acknowledging the damage.

JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION – Nothing to report.

JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT – Nothing to report.

WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY – Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve 412 Orchard Avenue Lot Consolidation – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinsky to approve the 412 Orchard Avenue lot consolidation. Motion passed.

Resignation of Planning Commission Member – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to accept the resignation of Jessica Kadie-Barclay and advertise for the Planning Commission seat. Motion passed.

Coal & Coke Trail Request – Mr. Pinsky stated that the Coal and Coke Trail group has lost their meeting location. They have requested to use the Borough Building for their meetings.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinsky to approve the request to use the Borough Building for Coal & Coke trail meetings. Motion passed.

Kim Crews Request – Borough Manager Pallone reported that Ms. Crews that lives at 617 North Chestnut Street would like to install a driveway on Parker Avenue.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to approve the request contingent upon zoning and MS4 approval. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Scottdale Heroes Committee – A request to place the heroes garden flags around the Gazebo from July 1 to July 5, 2022.

Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Pinsky to approve the request. Motion passed.

Geyer Theater – A request to have the rental fee waived to use the Loucks Park pavilion on July 20, 2022.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinsky to approve the request. Motion passed.

SEMINARS – Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Engineer Eby stated that the Borough should change the ordinance to restrict the installation of gravel driveways.

He also reported that there are trees throughout town that are over the curb line.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor King reported the following:

- Attended the Protection Committee meeting
- Participated in the Memorial Day service
- Called the Police Department for the assault on the meterperson

Council took a break at 9:32 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council went into Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:44 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to bring back George Coppetti on light duty as of June 20, 2022. Motion passed.

President Stansak stated that Council is coming out of recess at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 and reopening the record of the public meeting that began on Monday, June 13, 2022 for the sole purpose of considering the proposal of Steve Eby and Widmer Engineering to act as the interim code enforcement officer.

Engineer Eby submitted a proposal stating the following fees:

\$55.00/citation

\$75.00/hearing

\$90.00/call out inspection

Mrs. Colebank clarified that if the Borough office has to call Engineer Eby to town for a special instance, the charge would be \$90.00.

Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mrs. Colebank to accept Engineer Eby and Widmer Engineering as the interim code enforcement officer at the rates set in his proposal. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Pinskey, Mr. Bell, Mrs. Colebank, President Stansak and Mrs. Robson all voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Vehicle – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Bell to rescind the motion Mrs. Colebank made on June 15, 2022 to purchase a Dodge Durango from Cecconi Dodge in New York.

Mr. Pinskey questioned if rescinding her motion was because of the dealer being in New York.

Borough Manager Pallone stated that a vehicle will be available locally. A few months ago, Chief Pritts talked to Jim Shorkey Dodge but they did not have a vehicle to be built at that time.

Mrs. Colebank stated that Jim Spader from Jim Shorkey Dodge has a guaranteed vehicle being built and has received a VIN number for that vehicle. It should be received in July or August. Mr. Spader will come here to look at the Police Department vehicles to help the Borough decide which one to trade in.

Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Colebank to recognize and accept the letter from Mr. Raymond Park dated June 14, 2022 that specifically states that his donation is to be used to purchase a police vehicle of the Chief's choice.

President Stansak requested that Mr. Park's letter be included in the minutes.

Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinsky to move forward with the purchase of a Dodge Durango from Jim Shorkey Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep with VIN Number 1C4SDJFP6NC197752 at a cost of \$38,703.00 plus document fees of \$100.00.

A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Pinsky, Mrs. Robson, Mr. Bell, President Stansak, and Mrs. Colebank voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION PERIOD

President Stansak mentioned that Solicitor Falatovich may be retiring in the near future. He requested that the General Government Committee and the Borough Manager start looking into getting a new solicitor.

Mr. Pinsky found two (2) resolutions from other communities limiting public comment to three (3) minutes. He will give them to the General Government committee to discuss.

Council talked about having sign in sheet for the public to sign at all council meetings as well as anyone that physically comes into the Borough office.

Mr. Pinsky stated that the Coal & Coke Trail wants to meet at the Borough Building each month. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mrs. Robson to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.
Motion passed.

Borough Secretary