

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE
REGULAR MEETING
August 8, 2022**

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

ROLL CALL

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

President Stansak announced the recent death of Thomas Ermine who was a past President and a member of the Borough Council for over 20 years.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Robson to accept the July 11, 2022 minutes as written. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Matt Miller, 512 Pittsburgh Street – Distributed photos of the water problem in front of his house. He thanked Solicitor Falatovich for sending the letter to PDOT. Solicitor Falatovich stated that he will follow up with PDOT.

Jim Echard, 601 Eleanor Avenue – Mr. Echard told Council about the poor tar and chip project done by Russell Standard. There are large 2B stone mixed in with the chips. The curbs are a mess. Some properties don't even have curbs now. When the temperatures is high, the road becomes gooey and people and pets are tracking the goo into their homes. It is not safe for people to walk on the street because of the large stone and there are no sidewalks in this area of town.

Engineer Eby reported that he spoke to the contractor. They have not been paid for the project and their payment will be withheld until the project is repaired. It has to be done this year.

Dora Packowski, 332 South Chestnut Street – Ms. Packowski reported that cats are using her yard as a litter box.

Bud Santimyer, 608 South Broadway – Mr. Santimyer reported that the bridge on the 600 block of South Broadway is in disrepair. The walls are cracking as well as the sidewalk.

Jerry Lewis, 511 Pittsburgh Street – Mr. Lewis commented that there are no handicap parking spots on Pittsburgh Street. As a business owner, he would like to have one installed in front of his business.

He also requested that the mechanical device tax ordinance be revised and reduce the amount of the tax. President Stansak referred this issue to the Protection Committee for review.

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

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

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to suspend the rules. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Pool Building Update – Solicitor Falatovich reached out to Mr. Bagri to notify him that Council has rejected his suggestion to convert the building to storage units. He has prepared a court order for the Borough to take back the building.

Laptop for Council Members – Mr. Hovis reported that he is working on purchasing the laptops.

Borough Office Renovations – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize Engineer Eby to proceed with the project. Motion passed.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Quotes for Borough Building Parking Lot – Mrs. Colebank reported that this project is not going to be addressed this year.

Dollar General – Engineer Eby reported that he will be meeting with Dollar General in a few weeks regarding their stormwater making its way onto the neighbor's property.

First Avenue Issue – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize Solicitor Falatovich to proceed with further action regarding a home owner channeling what is believed to be spring water into the sanitary sewage system. Motion passed.

Tar and Chip/Paving Project – Engineer Eby reported that the contractor said that they will roll the tar and chipped streets. He's not sure if rolling will be enough to fix the problems.

Sewage Lines – To be discussed in Executive Session.

Library Storage – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to authorize the Library to use space at the Borough Building for book storage until the end of the year. Motion passed.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Veteran's Memorial – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve the Veterans Committee's request to purchase two (2) more stones for the veterans' monument. Motion passed.

Halloween Parade – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize the Halloween Parade to be held on October 31, 2022 at 6:00 pm and have Trick or Treat following the parade until 8:00 pm. Motion passed.

PROTECTION

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street – He is issuing a petition for contempt.
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – He received a return of non-service from the Sheriff's Department. He will issue an order of the court for publication and regular mail.
- 917-919 Mulberry Street – There is an interested party that is interested in purchasing the property but wants the back taxes to be eliminated.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to proceed to get the property to Sheriff's sale. Motion passed.

- 421 North Broadway – There is still a question about the status of the property. If the property is in foreclosure, the only thing the Borough could do would be to file a municipal lien on the property for grass cutting.

JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION – Nothing to report.

JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT – Nothing to report.

WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY

Approve Sewage Tap Permit for 210 Tinstman Drive – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the sewage tap permit for 210 Tinstman Drive. Motion passed.

Approve Sewage Tap Permit for 104 Lakewood Drive – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Bell to approve the sewage tap permit for 104 Lakewood Drive. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2022 CDBG Program Application – Borough Manager Pallone reported that the first public hearing was held today. He and Mrs. Washington were the only ones in attendance. He requested that the Council members submit potential projects as soon as possible before the next hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Lot Consolidation at 5 Fourth Avenue – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Bell to approve the lot consolidation at 5 Fourth Avenue. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

New Hope Childcare – A request to pave O’Neil Alley and paint a crosswalk on O’Neil Alley. Mrs. Colebank stated that the Borough is not paving alleys and diagonal crosswalks are not allowed. It is possible to patch the alley.

Sydney Hovis – A request to be on the Planning Commission. Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Bell to appoint Sydney Hovis to the Planning Commission with a term to expire 12/01/2023. Motion passed.

Andrew Crabtree – A request to remove a portion of the curb at 502 Spring Street to install a driveway. Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the request. Motion passed.

Geyer Theater – A request to have the Elf Run on December 3, 2022. Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Bell to approve the event. Motion passed.

Dave Moore – A complaint letter about the paving project. No action necessary.

SEMINARS – Nothing to report.

Mr. Pinsky entered the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Authorize the Solicitor to Amend the Parking Meter Ordinance – Solicitor Falatovich asked what meters are to be removed. Mr. Pinsky reported that the Protection Committee has not met to look at the meters that need to be removed.

Question on Road Tolls for Emergency and Police Vehicles – Solicitor Falatovich reported that there are no exemptions for emergency and police vehicles.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to purchase one (1) EZ Pass for the Police Department and one (1) for the Fire Department. Motion passed.

PROTECTION

Cat/Dog Ordinance – Mr. Pinsky reported that the Protection Committee is working on a new ordinance.

Council took a break at 8:25 pm to look at the new Police vehicle. The meeting reconvened at 8:35 pm.

New Police Vehicle Purchase and Additional Equipment – Chief Pritts reviewed outfitting the new police vehicle. There are differences between the J Marcoz and Jim Shorkey quote.

Chief Pritts requested that the Borough purchase a plastic back seat with a floor pan. The seat will move further back into the vehicle. The seat also comes with the cage.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to get the outfitting done by J. Marcoz and purchase the plastic back seat. Motion passed.

Mrs. Colebank wanted it known that she requested the quote from Jim Shorkey for the outfitting thinking that it was apples to apples.

The trade in value of the Ford Explorer is \$5,500.00.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to purchase the 2022 Dodge Durango from Jim Shorkey less the trade in value of the Ford Explorer with the outfitting to be done by J. Marcoz with the plastic back seat included. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Repairs to Police Vehicle 6-5 – Mr. Pinsky reported that Police vehicle 6-5 needs a new head gasket. It will cost approximately \$1,300.00 for the repairs.

Motion by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to approve the repairs to the vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. Motion passed.

Repair to Fire Department Ladder Truck – Mr. Pinsky reported that the ladder truck has an oil leak that will cost approximately \$1,318.00.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mr. Siwula to repair the ladder truck at a cost not to exceed \$1,700.00 from the General Fund. Motion passed.

Purchase Speed Control Device(s) from Radarsign – Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to accept the quote from Radarsign in the amount of \$7,870.00 to purchase two (2) speed control devices. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with Mr. Bell and Mrs. Colebank voting no.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Already discussed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – To be discussed in Executive Session.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor King reported the following:

- Attended the Protection Committee meeting
- Attended National Night Out

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council went into Executive Session at 9:11 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:40 p.m.

ADJOURN – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Bell to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary