

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2023**

The regular meeting of Scottsdale Borough Council convened at 6:35 pm with President Donald Stansak presiding.

ROLL CALL Mr. Siwula, Mrs. Colebank, President Stansak, Mr. Pinskey, Mrs. Robson, Mr. Chronowski, Solicitor Falatovich, Engineer Eby, Borough Manager Pallone, Mayor King, and Secretary/Treasurer Washington were in attendance.

Mr. Hovis and Mr. Bell were absent.

Solicitor Falatovich requested to amend the agenda.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to amend the agenda to approve to deliver the deed and bill of sale of the Westmoreland-Fayette Municipal Sewage Authority to the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County. Motion passed.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the July 10, 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed.

President Stansak wanted to recognize Nancy Martin for weeding the planters in the downtown area.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dora Packowski – Ms. Packowski thanked Mrs. Robson for planning the National Night Out.

Ms. Packowski asked Engineer Eby if she needs to provide any more information regarding the stray cats. He said that he needs to physically see the cats to give notice or a citation.

Neil Stevens – He is the pastor of the New Hope Alliance Church. The church wants to do something to spruce up the front of the building. He distributed pictures to Council. They want to install awnings and put three (3) planters on the sidewalks with Japanese Dwarf Maple trees.

President Stansak asked Engineer Eby to meet with Pastor Stevens then Council will consider at next month's meeting.

Sally Jamison – Mrs. Jamison stated that the neighbor's parking lot abuts her property. She is worried about drainage from the middle school. The parking lot is on a paper alley that has a sewage line running under the paper alley.

Solicitor Falatovich said that the property owner needs to vacate the paper alley. An easement for the sewer line needs to be checked.

Engineer Eby reported that the property owner got a zoning permit. The lot is not big enough for a stormwater plan and there is a swale on the property.

Stephanie Schropp – Mrs. Schropp asked for an update on the Publishing House at 616 Walnut Avenue. Solicitor Falatovich reported that a title search was done last week. He talked to the communications people. He reached out to the Land Bank about becoming the conservators. The Land Bank contacted Stuart Adams to schedule a visit to tour the inside of the building.

Mr. Schropp is concerned about the chemicals in the building. Solicitor Falatovich stated that the Land Bank has to evaluate the property.

Mr. Pinskey entered at 7:28 p.m.

Jason Frye – Mr. Frye understands that Council is looking at purchasing a new Police vehicle. He distributed a letter from the State Police regarding the problems that they are having with the Ford Police Interceptors.

The Scottsdale Police Department has had Dodge vehicles for years. He stated that muscle memory is important. Time of response is affected if there is a change from one make of vehicle to another. The Dodge Hemi engine is reliable. Mr. Frye offered to pay the difference to get the Hemi engine. Mr. Matsey stated that he would split the difference with Mr. Frye.

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

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

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Session (Pool Building Update) – To be discussed in Executive Session.

Street Light Request – Tabled to next meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Borough Office Janitor – Tabled to next meeting.

Borough Website – Mr. Chronowski reported that the website has been taken over internally.

AED Location – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Robson to place the AED by the police door. Motion passed.

Borough Engineer Eby will research how high the AED needs to be and will let the Borough office know.

Tablets for Council Members – To be discussed in Executive Session.

PUBLIC SERVICES

LSA Grant – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize Mrs. Colebank to apply for a new Street Dept. truck. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize Mrs. Colebank to apply for a skid steer. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize Mrs. Colebank to apply for a pumper truck for the Fire Department. The application fee is \$100.00 for each application. Motion passed.

Adding Phone to the Recycling Building – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve installing a phone at the Recycling Building. Motion passed.

Park Avenue Paving – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the low bid of Tresco Paving at a cost of \$36,408.00 to pave Park Avenue using CDBG funds. Motion passed.

Multimodal Grant – Mrs. Colebank reported that she will apply for a street and crosswalk grant and submit a second application for street signs.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to pay the \$100.00 fee for the street sign application. Motion passed.

Sewer Capital Reserve Name Change – Tabled.

PROTECTION

Police Vehicle and Outfitting Quotes – Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Pinskey to purchase a 2023 Ford Explorer. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Robson and Mr. Pinskey voted yes. Mr. Chronowski, Mrs. Colebank, Mr. Siwula, and President Stansak voted no. Motion failed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinskey to purchase a 2023 V8 Dodge Durango at a cost of \$42,261.00 without outfitting from Jim Shorkey Dodge. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Pinskey, Mr. Chronowski, Mrs. Colebank, Mr. Siwula and President Stansak voted yes and Mrs. Robson voted no. Motion passed.

Mr. Pinskey made a motion to award the outfitting to Speclin at a cost of \$13,129.59.

Mrs. Colebank had a quote from Jim Shorkey Dodge for outfitting at a cost of \$10,821.00. The outfitting was tabled until the September meeting.

Police Department Purchase Requests – Mr. Pinsky reported that the Chief Pritts has given the Protection Committee a list of items that they need that could be purchased with ARPA funds. The items are a records management service, new radios, and four (4) desktop computers.

The radios need to be put out for bid. Once estimates are received, Council can decide what items to purchase.

Radarsign Placement Procedure – Mr. Pinsky distributed a draft of a placement procedure. Mrs. Colebank stated that the Street Department will not move the signs.

Property Maintenance Ticketing Draft – Mr. Pinsky stated that he has copies of the draft for Solicitor Falatovich and Engineer Eby to review.

Civil Service Alternate Appointments – Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to appoint Dora Packowski and Larry Keslar as alternates to the Civil Service Commission. Motion passed.

Need for Adoption of 2021 International Property Maintenance Code – Engineer Eby will send a PDF to the Protection Committee for their review. Item tabled.

Executive Session (Police)- To be discussed in Executive Session.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street – A sales agreement is circulating for the purchase of the property.
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – He has not contacted the relative of the owner.
- 304 North Broadway (Feed Mill) – Nothing
- 5 South Broadway (Sheetz) – Nothing
- 616 Walnut Avenue (Publishing House) – Already discussed.

Police Hiring – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to advertise for a Police Officer in the newspaper and on Indeed. Motion passed.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Fall Festival Participation – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinsky to hold a cornhole tournament on September 16, 2023 at the festival. Motion passed.

Garfield Park Tree Removal – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to spend up to \$1,200.00 to remove a tree at Garfield Park. Motion passed.

Chamber Cheeseburger Gift Basket – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinsky to donate a \$100.00 gift basket for the Chamber Cheeseburger event. Motion passed.

Halloween Parade – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to have the Halloween parade on October 31, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Motion passed.

Pressure Washing Parks Equipment – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to allow a volunteer to pressure wash the parks equipment. Motion passed.

JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Mr. Matsey asked when Jacobs Creek will be dredged. Borough Manager Pallone will ask Mike Barrick to attend the next Council meeting.

JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION – Nothing to report.

WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY

Deposit of Funds from the Sale of the Sewage Authority Assets – Borough Manager Pallone got information from Mid Penn Bank and Somerset Trust for their money market accounts.

Somerset Trust offered an APY of 4.65% and Mid Penn offered an APY of 4.75%.

Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mr. Siwula to open a money market account at Mid Penn Bank. Motion passed.

Sale of WFMSA Sewer Lines and Facilities – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Colebank to authorize Solicitor Falatovich to deliver the deed and bill of sale to MAWC. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Discuss Using 2023 Funds for a Comprehensive Plan – Borough Manager Pallone stated that a new comprehensive plan will cost approximately \$40,000.00. CDBG funds can be used for this.

Council discussed using CDBG funds for a pickleball court, fire equipment and mulch for the playgrounds.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Representative Eric Davanzo Lease – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the lease at a cost of \$400.00/month. Motion passed.

Electricity Contract – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve a 12 month contract with Dynegy Energy Services East, LLC as the Borough's supplier. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Scottdale Moose – A request to block parking spaces on Pittsburgh Street for a motorcycle ride.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the request to block parking spaces on Pittsburgh Street on August 26, 2023 for the Moose Riders motorcycle ride. Motion passed.

Scottdale Historical Society – A request for approval of activities to celebrate the Borough's 150th anniversary.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve the installation of a banner across Pittsburgh Street for the Borough's anniversary. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to hold a parking meter decorating contest starting November 24, 2023. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to allow the Historical Society to participate in the Picnic In the Park. Motion passed.

SCCIA – A request to close the alley between 220-222 Pittsburgh Street to make a parklet in the downtown area. Council discussed the request. No motion taken.

KNK Land Development – A request for the Borough to take over the roads in Tinstman Estates. Solicitor Falatovich stated that the Borough is not under any obligation to do so.

Joe Levandosky – A request to install a handicapped parking sign at 619 Garfield Avenue.

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

Scottdale Elks – A request to close Stoner Street on September 9, 2023 for a motorcycle run.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to close Stoner Street on September 9, 2023 for the Elks motorcycle run. Motion passed.

Westmoreland County Land Bank – A letter regarding a change of procedures. Information only.

SEMINARS – Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Nothing to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor King reported the following:

- Attended the Protection Committee meeting.
- He and Mrs. Robson did an interview with Armstrong.

Council took a break at 9:35 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council went into Executive Session at 9:50 pm.

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:38 pm.

President Stansak appointed Matt Chronowski as chair of the General Government committee. He also appointed Mickey Siwula as a member of the committee.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to authorize Mr. Pinsky to contact Nicole Seese after the two (2) alternates are sworn in to set up a Civil Service Commission meeting. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to send a letter to Officer Zelenak to invite him to the next Protection Committee meeting. Motion passed.

ADJOURN – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 p.m. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary