

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALÉ  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 12, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Scottdale Borough Council was convened at 6:33 p.m. with President Donald Stansak presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to accept the August 8, 2022 minutes as written. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Jim Echard, 601 Eleanor Avenue – Mr. Echard wanted to report that the tar and chip is smoother since it was rolled, but cracks are developing. The alley behind 615 Eleanor Avenue is starting to break down into the creek.

Christine Williams, 135 Pittsburgh Street – Mrs. Williams reported that the building at 133 Pittsburgh Street is part of a bankruptcy. She contacted the Borough Manager back in 2020. He contacted the bankruptcy trustee. The Borough Manager was told that there was no money for repairs to the building. There are bricks and mortar falling onto her roof at 135 Pittsburgh Street.

Mrs. Williams was told that if Mid Penn Bank released the mortgage, the Borough could take the property over.

Solicitor Falatovich stated that Attorney Bob Sloan in Greensburg tried to have the mortgage released from Mid Penn Bank with no success.

Dora Packowski, Ms. Packowski wanted to know where the cat ordinance stands. Mr. Pinskey reported that the new ordinance is being reviewed by Council.

Dave Wendell, - Mr. Wendell is currently the Fire Chief. He requested that some of the ARPA funds be used to purchase 15 sets of fire gear for the Fire Department.

This item was referred to the Protection Committee.

Margaret Mitchell, 720 Parker Avenue – Mrs. Mitchell reported that sewage is running into her garage from the neighbor's sewer line. The neighbor's line runs across Ms. Mitchell's property. She does not want any damage done to her property.

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

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

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**OLD BUSINESS**

Authorize Solicitor to Amend the Parking Meter Ordinance – Mr. Pinsky reported that the Protection Committee is working on it.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Colebank to amend the agenda to add the veterans' organization to Old Business. Motion passed.

President Stansak reported that the veterans' organization received their 501C3 status and their sales tax exemption.

President Stansak called Jim Williams to speak to Council. Solicitor Falatovich does not want the Borough to give a lump sum amount without an agreement with the veterans' organization. The Borough can give the organization funds for a specific project.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Hovis to give the balance of the contribution for the banner program and allow the veterans to take over maintenance of the Veterans' Park. Motion passed.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Pool Building Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported that he is working on the complaint to the court for the pool building. It should be done by the end of the week.

Central Fire Station Window Quote – Mr. Chronowski reported that he received a quote from Shaffer Windows in the amount of \$10,000 to replace windows at the Central Fire Station with glass block windows.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula to purchase glass block windows for the Central Fire Station at a cost of \$10,000.00 to be paid from Capital Projects. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Department and SCCIA Entry Way – Borough Manager Pallone reported the state of the ramp and entry way on the Police Department side of the Borough Building.

Mr. Chronowski requested that this item be put on the list of potential CDBG projects.

Placement of Street Number Signs on Borough Building – Council discussed placement of the new street number signs. The consensus was to put the vertical sign beside the front doors and the horizontal sign by the corner of the ramp on the Borough Building.

Central Fire Station Roof Repairs – Mr. Chronowski reported that the Central Fire station roof is leaking. It is an emergency situation. He will get three (3) quotes for the work.

## **PUBLIC SERVICES**

2023 Road Maintenance – Mrs. Colebank requested that Council members give her their street list by the end of the month.

Payment for Tar and Chip Project – Item tabled until next meeting.

First Avenue Issue – Solicitor Falatovich will follow up with the property owner.

## **PROTECTION**

Cat/Dog Ordinance – Mr. Pinsky asked Council to review the draft ordinance.

Retest for Police Officers – Mr. Pinsky reported that Chief Pritts requested that the Civil Service Commission begin the process to hire another officer.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinsky to authorize the Civil Service Commission to begin the process to hire another officer. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to amend the agenda. Motion passed.

Threats to Meterperson – To be discussed in Executive Session.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street – Going before the judge this week
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – Going before the judge this week
- 917-919 Mulberry – No update
- 421 North Broadway – Have to follow up with Mrs. Washington

Amusement Tax – Mr. Pinsky referred this issue to the General Government Committee.

Handicap Parking on Pittsburgh Street – Mr. Pinsky reported that the Protection Committee has not looked at the issue yet. President Stansak would like to have a handicapped parking space at the bottom of town and one around the intersection of Spring Street.

Cleaning Up After Pets – Mayor King wanted to thank the pet owners that clean up after their dogs in town. Unfortunately, there are people that do not clean up after the pets.

Mr. Pinsky reported that the Protection Committee plans to amend the dog ordinance.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Halloween Glow Sticks – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinsky to purchase glow sticks at a not to exceed cost of \$300.00. Motion passed

Winter Light Up Parade – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve the Parks Commission to participate in the Winter Light Up parade on December 3, 2022. Motion passed.

**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**

2022 CDBG Program Application – Discussed before the meeting.

Approve Resolution No. 2022-10 Fair Housing – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve Resolution No. 2022-10 Fair Housing. Motion passed.

Approve Resolution No. 2022-11 MBE/WBE – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve Resolution No. 2022-11 MBE/WBE. Motion passed with Mr. Pinskey opposed.

Advertise for Bids for Community Broadband project – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the advertising for the community broadband project. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Fall Festival Storage Issue – Borough Manager Pallone explained that the Festival lost their storage area. They have to have their storage area emptied before the start of the Festival.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Scottdale Mennonite Church – A request to close the alley behind the First Ward fire station for their Touch a Truck event.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mrs. Robson to approve the event. Motion passed.

Westmoreland County Boroughs Association – A meeting notice. No action necessary.

PA Office of the Budget – A notice stating that the Borough will be receiving \$214,935.00 in ARPA funds that need to be used by 2026.

## **SEMINARS**

2022 Emergency Response Exercise – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the Street Department, Borough Manager and two (2) police officers to attend the exercise. Motion passed.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** – Engineer Eby reported the following:

1. Has to finalize the tar and chip project. Will be meeting the contractor tomorrow.
2. Council needs to consider changing the ordinance regarding trees overhanging the streets.
3. Council needs to consider restricting gravel driveways.
4. Working on an estimate for the Borough office renovation
5. Sent out violation notices
6. Noticed while driving around town, a lot of streets don't have street signs
7. Inlet issues – There are about 500 inlets in town. Council needs to create an actual list.
8. Handicap crosswalks
9. Dollar General – They will have a vac truck with a camera come to see where the issue is.
10. Working on redirecting the garbage truck routes

Mr. Pinskey told Engineer Eby that the new storm grates at Loucks Avenue and North Chestnut Street are causing flooding. The grates need to be angled.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Items to be discussed in Executive Session.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor King reported the following:

- Attended the Protection Committee meeting
- Attended an Executive Session meeting regarding personnel

**DISCUSSION PERIOD**

Mr. Pinsky reported that there will be a Senior Expo on September 20, 2022 at Penn State Fayette Campus. Mr. Pinsky and Mayor King will try to get a bus together for residents to attend.

Mr. Pinsky requested that he be allowed to attend the PSAB Leadership Conference on October 13 and 14, 2022 in Gettysburg at a cost of \$185.00.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mrs. Robson to approve Mr. Pinsky's attendance at the PSAB Leadership Conference at a cost of \$185.00. Motion passed.

Mrs. Robson stated that Mayor King's store was not listed in the Fall Festival program this year.

Council took a break at 8:40 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Council went into Executive Session at 8:53 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:44 p.m.

**ADJOURN** – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion passed.

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Borough Secretary