

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 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, Chronowski, Colebank, Hovis, Pinsky, Robson, Siwula and Stansak. Also present were Borough Manager Pallone, Solicitor Falatovich, Engineer Eby, and Treasurer Washington.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to accept the October 10, 2022 minutes as written. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to accept the October 17, 2022 minutes as written. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dora Packowski – Ms. Packowski thanked Council for all that they do. She asked where the Borough is with the animal ordinance.

Mr. Pinsky stated that the Protection Committee wants to delete Section 112. The trap and return program is not working.

James Williams – Mr. Williams gave an update on the Veterans Park. The pads have been installed for the new tablets.

The committee is looking at purchasing a new flagpole for the Space Force, which is a new branch of the military.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula to approve purchasing and installing a new flag pole in the Veterans Park. Motion passed.

Thomas Seaman – Mr. Seaman stated that he has been on the Westmoreland-Fayette Municipal Sewage Authority Board for 11 years. He has been Chairman for 8 years.

Everson Borough Council leaked that they plan to sell the Sewage Authority. He has not heard from Scottsdale Borough.

Solicitor Falatovich confirmed that Everson and Scottdale Boroughs have been approached by the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County. Whatever happens will be in the best interests of both municipalities.

Mayor King entered the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET – Borough Manager Pallone presented a balanced budget. He stated that no tax increase is necessary.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the 2023 preliminary budget. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE THE 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to authorize the advertisement of the 2023 proposed budget. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

Multi-Modal Grant – Mrs. Colebank reported that she did not apply for the multi-modal grant.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Pool Building Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported that Mr. Bagri has been served. He doesn't have an attorney. If Mr. Bagri finds a buyer for the property, they would still have to have the Borough's approval for the use of the building. The Solicitor would need to send a ten day notice to the defendants. If they did not respond, they would have 10 days from the date of the ten day notice to respond.

Central Fire Station Roof – Mr. Chronowski reported that he did get quotes for the roof repairs. Two (2) are for flat roofs and one (1) is for a pitched roof. The pitched roof contractor is a COSTARS vendor.

Approval to Advertise for Borough Building Office Renovation Bids – Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize the Borough Engineer to advertise for the Borough Building office renovation bids. Motion passed.

Borough Website – Mr. Hovis reported that the Office is working on the transfer to another hosting site.

Borough Building Restroom Fans Quote – Engineer Eby stated that the fans will be put into the Borough Building office renovation bid specification.

Reconsideration of Laptops Purchase – Mr. Hovis reported that the General Government committee has reconsidered purchasing laptops for Council. The committee recommends purchasing tablets instead. The cost of the tablets with a protection plan and Microsoft 365 would cost approximately \$7,310.00.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to purchase tablets at a cost of no more than \$7,500.00. Motion passed. Mrs. Robson opposed.

Status of the Borough Building Ramp Project – Engineer Eby reported that he is working with West Penn Power to move the pole that has a transformer on it near the ramp.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Approve Ordinance No. 2113 Prohibiting Discharges onto Public Streets – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve Ordinance No. 2113. Motion passed.

First Avenue Issue – Solicitor Falatovich stated that Engineer Eby, as Code Enforcement Officer, has to bring charges against the property owner.

Street Crew WIFI and Router – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Street Crew needs WIFI at the Recycling Building in order to use their tablet.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Hovis to have WIFI installed at the Recycling Building. Motion passed.

MAWC Street Cuts – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Borough Manager was given a list of the street cuts that MAWC has made.

Borough Manager Pallone reported that he sent a notice to MAWC putting them on notice to repair the street cuts.

Truck Updates – Mrs. Colebank reported that the 2007 Ford truck has a wiring issue. The 2011 Ford truck has a coolant issue and the backhoe has a part on order.

Park Avenue – Mrs. Colebank reported that East Huntingdon won't do anything with the storm inlet because utilities are involved. The issue may be dead in the water.

PROTECTION

Lockbox Ordinance – Solicitor Falatovich reported that Mr. Pinskey has made a revision to the proposed ordinance regarding fire alarms. The Solicitor will review the ordinance and send to the Council members.

Market Street Parking Meter Removal Ordinance – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Robson to authorize the advertising of the ordinance. Motion passed.

Animal Nuisance Ordinance – Discussed earlier.

Radarsign Stand Quotation – Mr. Pinskey reported that he received a quotation for the radarsign stand. President Stansak said to talk to West Newton Borough because they made their own stand.

Police Items Request – Mr. Pinskey reported that the Police Department is looking at new reporting software. They also need a new laptop for the Durango. It will cost approximately \$2,800.00 with mounting brackets.

Property Maintenance Ticketing (Quality of Life Ordinance) – Mr. Pinskey reported that Mr. Davis tried to create an ordinance when he was on Council. Solicitor Falatovich sent Southwest Greensburg's ordinance to Mr. Pinskey for his review.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

-104 Newman Street – A contempt hearing will be held on Wednesday.

-102 Mount Pleasant Road – He gave the complaint to the Sheriff to make service. They have yet to be served and we will need to make alternate accommodations.

-917-919 Mulberry Street – Someone is interested in purchasing the home.

-421 North Broadway – Can be taken off the blight list.

Civil Service Testing – Solicitor Falatovich reported that the Civil Service testing will be held on December 10, 2022 at 8:00 am.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Nothing to report.

JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION – Nothing to report.

JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT – Nothing to report.

WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY

Extension Request for Taking Over Borough Lines – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the request for a six (6) month extension to take over the Borough lines. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Approve Urban Design Ventures Invoice for 2022 CDBG Application – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize payment of the invoice in the amount of \$4,000.00. Motion passed.

Approve Urban Design Ventures Invoice for 2022 CDBG and CDBG-CV Technical Assistance – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize payment of the invoice in the amount of \$7,390.00. Motion passed.

Approve Reimbursement to General Fund for CDBG Advertising- Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to authorize reimbursement to the General Fund for CDBG advertising in the amount of \$915.60. Motion passed.

Approve Armstrong Broadband Project Bid – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to accept Armstrong's bid for the broadband project. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve 2023 Westmoreland Transit Authority Agreement – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve the 2023 Westmoreland Transit Authority agreement. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

PSAB Membership Invoice – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Hovis to approve payment of the PSAB membership invoice. Motion passed.

Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce – A request to hold the annual winter light celebration of December 3, 2022 and to have free parking in downtown the month of December.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinsky to approve the request to have the Winter Light Celebration on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. but not the request to have free parking in December. Motion passed.

Council discussed whether or not to have free parking in December. They will vote on it at the December Council meeting.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to put the meterperson under the supervision of the Police Department. Motion passed.

Westmoreland Food Bank – A request to have a mobile market in the Rite Aid parking lot to give anyone over the age of 16 free produce.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Hovis to approve the Food Bank's request. Motion passed.

SEMINARS

Mr. Pinsky stated that there is a webinar on December 14, 2022 from noon to 1:00 pm on working with District judges.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to authorize the Borough Manager to attend the webinar at a cost of \$45.00. Motion passed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Engineer Eby reported the following:

- Worked on the paving estimate for 2023. Stauffer Avenue has been deleted. Plan to put the paving out for bid in January.
- Would like to apply for a small water grant for stormwater and sewer projects. Projects will be for Crescent Street sewer project and Loucks Avenue and Dollar General stormwater projects. There is a 15% match.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize Engineer Eby to apply for the small water grant. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor King reported the following:

- Attended two Protection Committee meetings
- Did the welcome for the Fall Festival
- Did the welcome for the Veteran's Day ceremony
- Judged Halloween windows
- Presented the Kiefer Foundation donations

Council took a break at 8:44 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council went into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:28 pm.

ADJOURN – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mr. Siwula to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary