

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

The regular meeting of Scottsdale Borough Council convened at 6:30 pm with President Donald Stansak presiding.

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

Mr. Hovis, Mrs. Robson, and Mayor King were absent.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE MINUTES – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to accept the October 9, 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Larry Keslar – Mr. Keslar asked for an update on the Publishing House.

Solicitor Falatovich reported that he spoke to Brian Lawrence at the County. The appraisal will not be done until the end of the year.

Stephanie Schropp – Ms. Schropp asked if the power is still on at the Publishing House. Also, why are there no 'No Trespassing' signs on the building.

Solicitor Falatovich stated that he does not have a report from the Engineer about the condition of the building so that it can be condemned. The power may be on for the communication towers. They may be moved in the near future.

Dave Wendell – Chief Wendell stated that the only way to alert residents of an emergency in the Borough is with the Fourth Ward siren. Also, the siren alerts firemen if they are away from their communication devices.

Mickey Thomas – Mr. Thomas is a member of the Civil Service Commission. He asked for approval of the revised rules and regulations of the Commission. The Commission had approved the revisions at a prior meeting that was not advertised.

Solicitor Falatovich explained the Sunshine Act requires that the Civil Service Commission meetings must be advertised. Because of this fact, Council cannot approve the revisions at this meeting. Special meetings of the Civil Service Commission and Borough Council would need to be advertised and held prior to voting on the revisions.

For future reference, the Solicitor reported that there is a new state ruling as of last Tuesday, that a Council meeting agenda cannot be amended the night of the Council meeting.

Greg Comer – Mr. Comer sells aerial photographs of communities in Pennsylvania. He thought that the Borough or its residents may be interested in purchasing a photograph of Scottdale. He gave his contact information for those who may be interested.

APPROVAL OF 2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Borough Manager Pallone explained the budget process.

The revenues for 2024 are projected to be \$2,015,295.29. The expenses are projected to be \$2,012,765.90 with a carryover of \$2,529.39.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve and advertise the 2024 preliminary budget. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Manager stated that the 2024 liquid fuels allocation will be \$144,206.51. Expenses are projected to be \$90,765.18 with a carryover of \$21,726.79.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve the 2024 Liquid Fuels budget. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

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 Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula, to approve the bills and late bills. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Approve to Advertise for Fire Station Roof and Window Bids Using CDBG Funds – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to advertise for the fire station roof and window bids using CDBG funds. Motion passed.

Approve Nevaeh Invoice for Police Entrance Ramp – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve Nevaeh’s invoice for the police entrance ramp in the amount of \$44,935.20 to be paid from CDBG funds. Motion passed.

Approve Junior Councilperson – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank, to approve Faith Tarr as a Junior Councilperson. Motion passed.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Sewer User Fees – Solicitor Falatovich explained that because the Borough sold the sanitary sewer lines to MAWC this year, sewer user fees will not be billed next year. The Borough must wait to see the outcome of a PA Supreme Court decision to see about changing to a stormwater management fee.

Dredge Creek – Mrs. Colebank is going to apply for a grant to dredge Jacobs Creek flood control project.

Stormwater Bids – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to advertise for bids for a stormwater project at Dollar General, Broadway and Loucks Avenue. Motion passed.

PROTECTION

Property Maintenance Ticketing Ordinance – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve to advertise the property maintenance ticketing ordinance. Motion passed.

Panhandling Ordinance – Mr. Pinskey reported that the Borough has an ordinance for begging and loitering. A person could apply for a transient retailer permit.

Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mr. Chronowski to amend the transient retailer ordinance to revise the penalty section. Motion passed.

Fourth Ward Siren Petition – Council received a petition from residents about the Fourth Ward fire siren being a nuisance. Chief Wendell spoke at the beginning of the meeting about this issue. No action was taken.

Authorize Repairs to the Police Datamaster up to \$2,000.00 – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mr. Chronowski to authorize repairs to the Datamaster up to \$2,000.00. Motion passed.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich does not have any updates to give on the properties.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Approval to Advertise for the Grass Cutting Contract – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinskey to advertise for the grass cutting contract. Motion passed.

Limit WIFI and electric at Parks, Post Signs on Park Hours – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Bell to shut off the WIFI at the parks from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am as recommended by the Parks Commission. Motion passed.

JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT – Nothing to report.

JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION - Nothing to report.

WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY

CD Rates – Borough Manager Pallone reported Mid Penn Bank's CD rates with terms ranging from three (3) months to twenty four (24) months.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to put 25% of the proceeds of the sale into a 3-6 month CD, 25% in a 12 month CD, 25% in an 18 month CD and 25% to stay in the money market account. Council must approve all withdrawals from these funds. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Approve Urban Design Ventures Invoice for the 2022 CDBG Environmental Review – Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the invoice in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be paid from CDBG funds. Motion passed.

Approve Urban Design Ventures Invoice for the CDBG/CDBG-CV Consulting Services – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the invoice in the amount of \$15,520.00 to be paid from CDBG funds. Motion passed.

Approve Urban Design Ventures Invoice for the 2023 CDBG Application – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the invoice in the amount of \$4,000.00 to be paid from CDBG funds. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

PSAB Membership Dues – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to pay PSAB membership dues in the amount of \$641.00. Motion passed.

Joy Stuart – A letter about an uneven sidewalk at 205 Pittsburgh Street. President Stansak requested that the Street Department grind down the uneven parts to make it level. No action taken.

SEMINARS – Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Falatovich reported that the pool building will be transferred to a new owner soon. The owner made a deal with a developer to rehabilitate the building to a single family residence. The developer is ready to start in January. Everyone is ok to delay the closing until December.

Council discussed and decided to hold a special meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm. for general purposes.

DISCUSSION PERIOD – Mr. Matt Prinkey had a question about putting Borough money into CD's. Council had already voted on investing 75% of WFMSA proceeds in CD's. (See above.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council took a break at 8:22 p.m.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:16 p.m.

ADJOURN – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary