

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2024**

The regular meeting of Scottsdale Borough Council convened at 6:33 pm with President Donald Stansak presiding.

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

Mr. Hovis and Mr. Pinskey were absent.

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE MINUTES** – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula to accept the January 2, 2024 minutes as written. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to accept the December 11, 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Larry Keslar – Mr. Keslar questioned why public comment was changed to three (3) minutes. Solicitor Falatovich explained that the Borough has the right to follow the state guidelines.

Mr. Keslar thinks that Council is trying to quiet the public.

Stephanie Schropp – She wanted to speak about the allotted time to speak during the Public Comment period. Mrs. Schropp was not happy about the three (3) minute rule.

Dora Packowski – Ms. Packowski stated that she felt that the Council is trying to silence some people.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS** – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula to approve 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**

PSAB Borough News Magazine Subscription – Mrs. Washington reminded Council to give her money for their magazine subscriptions.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Discuss Resolution No. 2024-01 Establishing Rules for Public Comment and Discussion at Public Meetings – Mrs. Robson stated that the Mayor wanted to veto the resolution. Solicitor Falatovich that the Mayor can only veto tax resolutions and regular ordinances.

## **PUBLIC SERVICES**

Radarsign Placement – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to move the radarsign to the corner of Mulberry and Homestead Avenue. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to move the second radarsign to the 500 block of Arthur Avenue and North Grant Street. Motion passed.

## **PROTECTION**

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street – The owner never signed the paperwork. She is an elderly woman that doesn't travel. Will have to go back to Judge Scherer.
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – The Borough was authorized to notify the owner by public notice. Now the Borough has to wait for a hearing to be scheduled.
- 616 Walnut Avenue – Solicitor Falatovich reported that there are \$92,000.00 in back taxes. It already went to a tax sale. Will go through a judicial sale this year. The tower easements are an issue. Demolition is not going to happen. The bones are in good shape.

6-7 Camshaft and Lifter Repairs – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to authorize the repairs to 6-7 in the amount of \$2,600.00. Motion passed.

Mrs. Robson made a comment that Bauer Automotive will fix the Borough police vehicles only until Chief Pritts retires.

Meterperson – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to advertise for a meterperson at a rate of \$10.00/hour up to 20 hours/week with no benefits. Motion passed.

**PARKS AND RECREATION** – Nothing to report.

**JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION** - Nothing to report.

**JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT** – Borough Manager Pallone reported that Mike Barrick will apply for a grant to dredge Stauffer Run.

**WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY** – Mrs. Colebank reported that the reorganization meeting will be held at the Borough office on January 11, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Approve Resolution No. 2024-02 2020 CDBG Program Revision – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve Resolution No. 2024-02 2020 CDBG Program revision. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SCOTSDALE,  
PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING A PROGRAM REVISION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Scottdale is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the State Act 179; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED) has provided a grant to the Borough of Scottdale under the FY 2020 CDBG Program to address the housing, community and economic development needs in the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, there are funds remaining in the "Borough Wide Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Project" line item of the FY 2020 CDBG Program Year Budget and there is a need to increase the Fire Station Improvements line item to meet expected cost estimates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has prepared a Program Revision to include a reduction of \$10,000 in funds from the "Borough Wide Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Project" line item and increase the "Fire Station Improvements" line item amount by \$10,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope and beneficiaries of the projects remain the same through FY 2020; and

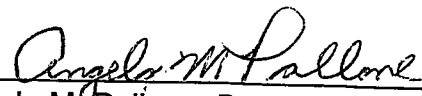
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottdale, hereby approves the proposed revisions to the FY 2020 CDBG Program Year and authorizes the filing of said revision with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of Borough Council is designated as the Chief Executive Officer authorized to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Borough of Scottdale in regard to the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program; and furthermore, is authorized and made responsible for performing the overall coordination and administration of the Borough's Community Development Block Grant Program.

**Adopted by** the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottdale at their regular meeting on January 8, 2024.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Council of the Borough of Scottdale, Pennsylvania at their regular meeting held the 8th day of January 2024.

  
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Angelo M. Pallone, Borough Secretary

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of Resolution No. 2024-03 Unconventional Gas Well Funds – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve Resolution No. 2024-03 Unconventional gas well funds. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SCOTTDALE BOROUGH,  
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,  
TO SUBMIT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
THE 2023 UNCONVENTIONAL GAS WELL FUND USAGE REPORT


**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Scottdale receives Unconventional Gas Well Funds from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, and

**WHEREAS**, a condition of receiving said funds requires the Borough of Scottdale to report to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission how the funds will be used each year,

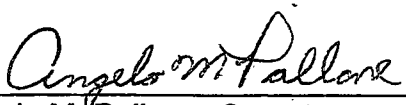
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Borough of Scottdale, PA, hereby voted to use the 2023 Unconventional Gas Well Funds for paving Borough streets and/or installation of ADA curb ramps.

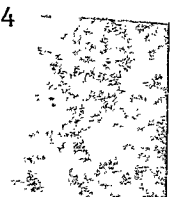
**THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

**Scottdale Borough Council**

By:   
Donald E. Stansak, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Angelo M. Pallone, Secretary



Reappoint Chris Huff to the Library Board with a term to expire 1/1/2027 - Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to reappoint Chris Huff to the Library Board with a term to expire 1/1/2027. Motion passed.

Reappoint Angie Marhefka to the Library Board with a term to expire 1/1/2027 - Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to reappoint Angie Marhefka to the Library Board with a term to expire 1/1/2027. Motion passed.

Reappoint Karen Stefl to the Library Board with a term to expire 1/1/2027 - Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to reappoint Karen Stefl to the Library Board with a term to expire 1/1/2027. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

SCCIA – A letter requesting approval to have a sign made for the Borough with excess grant funds. It will be made of aluminum and look like the sign that has been installed at the train station.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve SCCIA’s request to make a sign for the Borough. Motion passed.

Scottdale Area Chamber of Commerce – A letter requesting approval to have a block party on Pittsburgh Street on July 6, 2024.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the Chamber’s request to host a block party to celebrate the Borough’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 6, 2024. Motion passed.

**SEMINARS**

PA Municipal League Newly Elected Officials Training Webinars – The cost is \$275.00/person.

PSAB Newly Elected Officials Boot Camp – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to authorize Mary Yeager and Mickey Siwula to attend the training on January 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$125.00/person. Motion passed.

2024 DCNR Grant Workshop – Information only.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT** – Nothing to report.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT** – Nothing to report.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – Nothing to report.

Council took a break at 8:25 p.m. Mrs. Robson left the meeting at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Council went into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:52 p.m.

**ADJOURN** – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion passed.

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Borough Secretary