

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTTDALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2024**

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

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

Mr. Hovis was absent.

Motion by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to amend the agenda. Motion passed.

Corrections or additions to minutes - Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebanks to approve the April 8, 2024 minutes as written.

Mrs. Robson questioned the vote on the donation of the Charger on Page 4. President Stansak voted yes to approve donation of the car to the School District. Please change the minutes to reflect his yes vote.

Mrs. Colebank stated that she does not get a financial gain from the donation of the police car. She is an employee of Southmoreland School District. She did not have to abstain from the vote.

Motion passed with the revisions.

Motion by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to accept minutes of April 25, 2024 as written. Motion passed.

Motion by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the minutes of May 4, 2024 as written. Motion passed.

Mayor King arrived at 6:45 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dora Packowski - Ms. Packowski congratulated Mayor King on his award for Mayor of the Year. From PSAB.

She spoke about the responsibilities of council members. It is a volunteer position. Thank you for all you do. The position involves community leadership and working together. She commented that Mr. Hovis has not attended a Council meeting for 11 months straight.

Council took a 15 minute break at 6:48 pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:09 pm.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS - Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve the payrolls. Motion passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND LATE BILLS - Mrs. Colebank questioned Mr. Pinskey's PSAB conference registration. The cost of the conference is \$300.00.

Moved by Mrs. Yeager, second by Mr. Robson to approve the bills. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

Welcome to Scottsdale Sign Location - President Stansak opened the sign donated by SCCIA. Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to table this item until Council decides on a location.. Motion passed.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mrs. Robson stated that she is no longer the chairman of the committee.

There were questions as to why there are items under this portion of the agenda if there is no chairman. Borough Manager Pallone stated that the office added the agenda items.

President Stansak appointed Mr. Siwula as the chair of the General Government committee and he will float to the other committees.

Purchase of Quickbooks Software - Mrs. Washington explained the Borough's options. Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve purchasing the software for two (2) users at a cost of \$2,822.00/year. Motion passed.

Flooring in the Police Department - President Stansak read the bids:

Faris Carpet Inc. - \$16,500.00 + \$960.00 for demo
DeGol Carpet - \$17,942.00 + \$1,045.00 for demo
Bay Hill Surfaces \$19,400.00 + \$1,080.00 for demo

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mrs. Robson to approve the Faris Carpet bid of \$16,500.00 with the Street Dept. removing the old carpet. Motion passed.

Nepotism Resolution - Solicitor Falatovich reported that Robson gave him resolutions from other municipalities. He needs direction. Consensus was to start with a narrow approach.

Exit Signs Above Doors in the Borough Building - Engineer Eby reported that it will cost \$300.00 per sign. He needs to know the number of signs needed. Council discussed and decided on eight (8) hot wired with battery backup. Total of \$2,400.00.

Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Siwula to purchase eight (8) at a cost of \$2,400.00. Motion passed.

Diamond Communications Proposal - Solicitor Falatovich has not heard back about their changes.

Fire Dept. Door Quotes - President Stansak would like Engineer Eby to get quotes on doors. He thought that the quote the Fire Department got was exorbitant.

Amend Ordinance Related to Borough Manager Job Duties - Solicitor Falatovich explained three (3) amendments to the ordinance. There are hiring and firing changes, bond revision and a contract period of two (2) years.

Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the ordinance. Motion passed.

Mr. Pinsky questioned the residency requirements. Solicitor Falatovich explained that if the new Manager requests outside residency, Council has 60 days to respond.

PUBLIC SERVICES

PIC Program - Mrs. Colebank reported that the Borough was approved for up to four (4) people last year.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Robson to approve participating in the PIC program for this year. Motion passed.

Multimodal Grant for Paving and Crosswalks

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mrs. Yeager to advertise for the paving program to be paid with the multimodal grant. Motion passed

Letter to Post office for Mailbox Relocation at 205 Pittsburgh Street - Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize the Borough Manager to send a letter to the post office requesting that they drill directly into the sidewalk to mount the mailbox at 205 Pittsburgh Street. Motion passed

Salt Contract - Borough Manager Pallone reported that the Borough did not purchase all of last year's salt quantity. This year the Borough has to purchase the remaining portion of the 2023-2024 contract before the end of the year.

Approve Payment for Loucks and North Grant Street Stormwater Project - Engineer Eby stated that he would like approval for Change order No. 2 in the amount of \$7,847.72 to Piccolomini.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$7,847.72. Motion passed.

Engineer Eby requested approval for final payment to Piccolomini in the amount of \$33,704.63.

Move by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the final payment in the amount of \$33,704.63. Motion passed.

Engineer Eby requested approval to send the substantial completion notice to Piccolomini.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve the substantial completion notice for Piccolomini. Motion passed.

LSA Grant for Street Dept. Truck - Mrs. Colebank acquired three (3) quotes for an 2024 Ford F550 chassis. Meegan Ford quoted a cost of \$59,234.00 with trade. The upfit from Smouse will cost \$8,540.00 which includes a spreader, aluminum bed and tool box. The total for the vehicle and upfit is \$67,774.00 which is the amount of the grant.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to purchase a 2024 F550 from Meegan Ford and with upfitting from Smouse at a cost of \$67,774.00. Motion passed.

My Work Vo-Tech Program - Mrs. Colebank reported on a new training program that is free for municipalities.

PROTECTION

Authorize Purchase of a New Printer for the Police Department - Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Robson to purchase a printer at a cost of \$849.00. Motion passed.

Authorize Frank Doner to Attend Glock Armorer Training - Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to authorize Frank Doner to go to training at a cost of \$250.00. Motion passed.

Accept Resignation of Brady Sherback. - Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to accept the resignation of Brady Sherback. Motion passed.

Blight Update - Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street - Continued hearing. June 11th rescheduled. She was personally served.
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road - Attended hearing. Owner has until September to get her belongings out.
- Publishing House - Executive Session
- Sheetz and Feed Mill - Doesn't know anything new.

Mrs. Yeager wanted to know if we could form a blight committee to create a blight policy. Solicitor Falatovich stated that sometimes the policies cause more roadblocks than necessary.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Dave Hatfield Memorial - Mrs. Colebank reported that the Parks Commission approved a tree planting by home plate at Loucks Park ballfield.

Bullskin Travel Softball Field Approval - Mrs. Colebank reported that the Parks Commission approved Bullskin Travel Softball League to use Loucks Park ballfield.

SMS Softball Game at Loucks Park - Mrs. Colebank reported that the game was held on April 26, 2024.

JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION - Nothing to report.

JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Grant Application - Mrs. Colebank reported that Michael Barrick will apply for a grant to dredge the creek from Stauffer Run to Jacob's Creek.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinskey to authorize Widmer Engineering to draw up plans and get the required permits to dredge creek from Stauffer Run to Jacob's Creek. Motion passed.

WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY - Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Award Central Fire Station Glass Block Window Project - Borough Manager Pallone reported that the Borough needs to reject all bids for the glass block window project.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to reject all bids and advertise for glass block windows and have alternate double hung window bids. Motion passed with Mr. Pinskey opposed based on MBE/WBE funding.

Award Central Fire Station Double Hung Window Project - Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Robson to award the double hung window project to Graham Construction in the amount of \$33,543.00. Motion passed.

Approve Payment Authorization for S&N Industries for Central Station Roof Project - Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve the payment authorization in the amount of \$8,080.53 to be paid with CDBG funds. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Angie Savanick to the Library Board - Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to appoint Angie Savanick to the Library Board with a term to expire May 1, 2027. Motion passed.

Approve Glenn Nicholson Lot Consolidation at 203 Tinstman Drive - Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Yeager to approve the lot consolidation at 203 Tinstman Drive. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Scottdale Fall Festival - A request to have a queen contest. Mrs. Colebank stated that Council should not approve events within the Festival. The Festival committee should approve all of their events.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Colebank to send back to the Fall Festival. Motion passed.

Council also agreed that none of the Council members want to judge this contest.

PSAB Borough Management Caucus Renewal - Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mr. Siwula to renew the caucus renewal at a cost of \$25.00. Motion passed.

Mutual Aid - A request for a donation to provide meals to the EMS responders during National EMS Week May 19 - 25, 2024.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinsky to table the item. Motion passed with Mrs. Robson and Mrs. Yeager opposed.

Geyer Theater - Request for Elf Run on December 7, 2024.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the Elf Run on December 7, 2024.. Motion passed.

Geyer Theater - Picnic Request

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula donate the Loucks Park pavilion for a picnic. Motion passed

Kelly Brewer Southmoreland Preschool - Request to waive the rental fee for Loucks Park pavilion.

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

Karen Bandemer - request to use Gazebo Parklet

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second Mrs. Yeager to approve the use of the Gazebo Parklet. Motion passed.

Sherry Elcock - A request to install an autistic adult sign.

Mrs. Colebank stated that the Public Services committee will review.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to table this item. Motion passed.

Westmoreland County Boroughs Association - Meeting notice. No vote needed.
Borough received the attendance award for 2023.

SEMINARS - Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Engineer Eby reported that 509 South High Street has a spring in the back yard that has water running continuously. The borough is paving this street. A catch basin could be installed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- Solicitor Falatovich reported that he talked to the Civil Service Commission about changing rules for selecting a Chief of Police.

New owner of the pool building was going to make the building into a single family residence. Now he wants to use the building as a doggie daycare. The Borough will have to amend the zoning ordinance. It will need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. The property owner should present a plan to Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor King reported the following:

- did the opening at the Olympics in the Park
- swore in Tim Hillen
- Will do the Memorial Day service at the Park

JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON'S REPORT- Faith Tarr gave the following report:

- Congratulations to our Westmoreland Cultural Trust Achievement in the Arts award recipients for 2024! These students will be recognized tomorrow, May 14th, at the Palace Theater in Greensburg for all of their incredible performances and talents.
 - Achievement in Instrumental Performance: Chris Headley
 - Achievement in Vocal Performance: Nolan Blaze
 - Achievement in Theater Performance: Faith Tarr
 - Achievement in Visual Art: Adra Pandullo

- This past Saturday, Southmoreland hosted our annual Prom! The formal event open to all juniors and seniors was hosted at the Edgewood Country Club in Pittsburgh, where students ate a catered dinner and danced the night away. Our junior class officers and representatives did an amazing job with planning and executing the night!

- Congratulations to our Highlander Choir and Scottie Singers for their Excellent adjudications at the Music In Our Parks festival in Hersheypark on Saturday, May 4th! Both choirs got to enjoy a (rainy) day at the amusement park on top of their stellar performances!

- Congratulations to all of our Daily Courier Teen of the Week recipients, who were honored at a banquet on April 30th: Chris Headley, Alyson Gaborko, Faith Tarr, Gabriella Grabiak, Olivia Love, Amelia Miller, Carlie Cameron, Nolan Blaze, Madison Brown, and Kaylee Doppelheuer. A special congratulations to Madison Brown on winning the Teen of the Year award and \$2,500 scholarship!

- On Saturday, April 27th, the high school Student Council hosted the annual Powderpuff football game to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Our high school raised around \$3,000 for this charity from ticket sales, the concession stand, 50/50, and basket raffles. Congratulations to our Senior-Sophomore team on their victory, and to our student council for hosting a majorly successful event!

- On Friday, April 26th, the high school hosted our first mock accident in recent years to raise awareness for drinking and driving. The simulation saw 2 Southmoreland seniors losing their lives and 3 others being seriously injured as a result of another senior's decision to drink and drive. The event, sponsored by Coroner Tim Carson in conjunction with the Scottdale Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police, Scottdale VFD, Everson VFD, East Huntingdon VFD, Mutual Aid, Life Flight, Frank Kapr Funeral Home, and Raygor's Auto Inc, was extremely educational and eye opening for students to make good decisions, especially as graduation quickly approaches. Thank you to those organizations for participating and helping to bring this experience to life!

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NO. TWO

Dora Packowski - Questioned why Tim Hillen was appointed to the Civil Service Commission. She thought Larry Keslar was to be appointed. Mr. Keslar is an alternate. Mr. Chronowski said Mr. Keslar didn't get back to the Civil Service Commission about the appointment

David Petonic - Asked about the fencing at the Publishing House? Engineer Eby reported the fencing was awarded to A1-Fencing. As soon as the material comes in it will be installed.

Doreen Petonic - She thought that the Library should have an opinion on a doggie daycare next door. Solicitor Falatovich reported that there will be a public hearing before any zoning amendment.

Council took a break at 9:14 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Council went into executive session at 9:25 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:37 p.m.

ADJOURN - Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary