

The council meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on November 11th 2024.

Roll Call: Mrs. Colebank, Mickey Siwula, Don Stansak, Steve Eby, Caden Copetti, Gary Falatovich, Mary Yeager. Matt Chronowski, Mary Robson, Mayor, were not present. Andy Pinsky came in late. We have a quorum.

Corrections to Meeting Minutes: Mrs. Charity Colebank correction on the back page. It stated that Caden Capetti signed checks for the fire department in a conflict of interest. There's a letter here from Nate Savanick, which is the Scottsdale Volunteer Fire Department president. The only individuals authorized to sign on checking accounts are Treasurer, President, and Board Chair. Caden has not signed any checks.

Motion made by Mickey. Second by Caden. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Public Comment: No one on the agenda.

Approval of Payroll: Motion made by Charity, seconded by Mickey. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Late Bills: Motion made by Charity, seconded by Mickey. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Mrs. Colebank requested printouts of the bills moving forward.

Action Items: Nothing under old business.

General government: There were two applications for the junior council person. General government recommended Isaac House. Motion made by Mickey. Seconded by Caden. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

President Stansak explained rules to Isaac for his role as Junior Council.

Contacting Borough Staff: An admin phone through First Net is being requested for administrative purposes, so the Borough Manager does not have to give out a personal cell number. The phone is free and the discount through First Net would increase the bill by no more than \$45.99. Motion made by Mickey. Seconded by Caden. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Proposed budget for 2025: Borough Manager Stacey Coffman went through the budget for FY 2025 and EOY 2024. Looking towards 2025, with the use of the CD money and Money Market accounts the proposed budget will balance with some minor adjustments. The EOY 2024, is going to fall short and will need to utilize money from the savings and money market accounts in order to cover the deficit that is coming for the end of the year.

SCCIA lease needs discussed. They have not been paying due to a contract not being created. Stacey Coffman stated she drew up a contract and sent it to

SCCIA at the end of last month and their board is reviewing the contract. The solicitor recommended that they pay for the last 18 months even though there was no contract. The new contract is at \$500 a month for rent with the request of airflow on that side of the building.

The salaries for the office staff need to be figured out for the next year.

The office copy machine needs to be replaced. Ford Technology Group can replace the printer and it's a five-year lease. After the five-year lease they will bring us a new machine. They have IT services that would lower license costs and assist offices with cloud services, visual, and quickbooks.

ARPA money is allocated for a police interrogation room.

Approximately 100k is allocated as grant matches that will need to come out of saved funds.

Police costs increased this year. The vests will need to be replaced. There is a police grant that will cover 50% of the costs of the vests after purchase.

Chief Pritts is willing to come back and do firearms certifications for the first couple years of his retirement, maintaining the cost of \$100 each time.

The fire department needs to have line items itemized moving forward.

There's a need for infant swings at the parks. The total cost is \$3000. Grants may be able to cover this cost.

The EOY cost is over \$106k. Recommendation closing the savings account and moving the \$5k into the general fund. The rest of the deficit can be offset by moving money from the money market and the CD.

With Chief Pritts retirement and just the cops, the police expenses that we're looking at for the end of the year, we're looking at close to \$100,000 for the end of year.

The gazebo parklet has to have the permeable pavement pressure washed and then suctioned. The cost for that is roughly \$4,800. And that's something that needs done every year or every couple of years.

There is no projected tax increase for the FY 2025 as long as an interfund transfer happens with the CD and Money Market account.

Solicitor recommended charging SCCIA the \$400 for 18 months back rent even though a lease was never signed. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

SCCIA is reviewing the lease agreement and will let the Borough office know when a decision has been made.

Motion made by Charity to approve the preliminary budget advertisement with the interest as revenue. Seconded by Mickey. Roll call vote. Caden Copetti- Yes. Andy Pinsky? Matt Chronowski? Charity Colbank- Yes. Mickey Siwula- Yes. Don Stansak- Yes. Mary Robson? Mary Yeager- Yes.

Five votes yes, zero no. Motion carried.

Scott Electric grant. The Borough Manager wants to apply for the grant. It's to get the police department some new lights. The total cost for the lights is like \$900. The grant only covers materials. The borough would need to find an engineer to install the lights.

Motion by Mickey Siwula to let Stacey apply for the Scott Electric grant to cover the materials of new lighting in the police department. Seconded by Charity, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Audit- Motion made by Charity to get RFPs from CPAs to do the 2024 audit and closeout audit. Seconded by Mickey. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Employee handbook- Stacey sent a marked up copy to the general government for review. It still needs to be reviewed.

E-ZPass- Motion made by Mickey to go ahead and start the process to get the E-ZPass transponder. Seconded by Caden. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Ford Tech Group- IT service, cloud, camera, licenses, and installation is included in the 2025 budget, showing savings for the Borough. The need for a new printer is great. Ford can work on getting the systems set up and order the printer, and payments would not begin until 2025. The Borough is receiving CoStars pricing.

Motion made by Mickey for the Ford Tech services. Seconded by Charity. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

RFP letters to all the banks locally in Scottdale. They should be turning their packet proposals into us by the 26th of November, in time for review for the December meeting.

Savings account- Motion by Charity to move the \$5000 to the general fund and close that account. Seconded by Mickey. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Public services: Motion by Charity to adopt the ADA parking ordinance. Seconded by Mickey. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Stormwater Projects: CDBG funds being used. Motion by Charity to approve the first payout of \$28,890. Seconded by Mickey. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Multi-modal grant payment. Motion by Charity for payout to KGD for \$7,800 to pay for the crosswalks. Second by Caden. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Multi-modal grant is the paving for \$51,760.59 to Tresco. Motion made by Charity. Seconded by Mickey. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Protection Committee: Amendments to the FOP are finalized. The tuition reimbursement was sent to the FOP attorney for final review.

Greystone Manor Zone Change Ordinance: Motion to approve the ordinance amending the zoning classification for the Pat Hill property. Motion made by Charity. Second by Caden. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Pulleys for the fire truck. Just the parts alone are \$12,656.36. That does not include labor. They need to use the CoStars prices. Motion by Charity to approve pending CoStar quote, then vote next month on labor. The need for cost of labor will need to be figured in. Motion retracted. Table to next meeting pending CoStars prices.

Police chief: Caden Copetti brought forth to name assistant chief Mike Whipkey as candidate to replace the Chief after his retirement. Solicitor said that the position cannot be filled prior to the Chief leaving. The position can be filled at the reorg meeting in January.

Act 49: Protection committee needs to review Act 49 and bring forth at December meeting.

Moyer avenue update: They got the house emptied out completely, and Orkin has started their process.

Well Spring Church had an order of court on Friday from Judge Shearer that allows the Borough to gain entry into the premises to do inspections associated with infestation of vermin, among other things, but also with respect to the toxic materials on the property. Coming to an agreement with the antenna lease would help move things along with the WSC building for some type of rehab.

Feed Mill: Solicitor spoke to Chuck Zebley who is the trustee in bankruptcy and he indicated that he is going to be releasing all of the Feed Mill along with all the other Chain properties from the bankruptcy. He indicated that if we wanted to get into the building we could. We could just open it up as long as we close it back up.

102 Mount Pleasant Road: The owner did not show up to the court hearing.

Newman Street- Solicitor said we can get into that one.

Parks and Recreation:

Interruption from audience- Phil Indovina spoke on lack of progress and not being satisfied with the progress that has been done in regards to the Moyer Ave issue. He claims that they have notified the news and media. They want help from the Borough.

Solicitor recommended that the residents bring quotes to the borough building. He recommended they file a civil suit at the magistrate against the home owners.

Parks and Recreation: Motion by Charity to have the summer concert series starting June of 2025 through August, second or third week, pending on availability of performers, usually a Saturday night, roughly 6:30 to 8: 30. Seconded by Mickey. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

Nothing for JCWS. Nothing from the Sewage Authority.

CDBG bill for FY 2024 invoice- needs to be verified if it comes from grant money or seperate.

New business: Staff member's family lost everything in a fire. Collections are being taken to help out the family.

Correspondence: Chamber- Saturday, December 7th, Celebration of lights from 5 to 7 at the Gazebo. Motion made by Charity. Seconded by Mickey. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

Seminars: Borough Manager attended Landbank Revitalization Seminar at the community college.

Engineers report: PennDot is ok with putting ADA parking in front of businesses at Kingfisher and the Boutique.

Inlets: There are newly identified, three catch basins that are tied in with sanitary storms. Looking to resolve them by spring.

2025 Paving: Informational. Working on a list to assess costs for liquid fuels monies.

Solicitor's report. He was contacted by an attorney from Greensburg requesting a public hearing before council on a liquor relations transfer into Greystone Manor. Under the Liquor Code, you have to schedule a hearing in front of council, and it has to be advertised. 6 or 6.15 p.m. before the next meeting in December.

Mayor's report: Not present.

Public comment period: D. Petonic questioned the WSC proceedings and to have the Council recognize our veterans from World War I who served and who passed away on November 11th.

Mary Yeager- Has a donor who wants to pay for materials and labor to fix up the Gazebo. Asking the council for permission to be able to get the work done. There is Steve Hall, Mark Wilson, and Solomon Painting. So they're all reputable local contractors that I'm getting these quotes from. Preferably it will be done before the end of the year, but with the weather it's not looking likely. If it is done before the end of the year, the Christmas lights would have to come on. The recommendation is to try to plan for spring.

Stephanie Schropp- Bricks falling from the walls at the WSC outside of the fence area. Steve Eby will look into the costs to expand the fence to include the areas that are now falling. Traffic studies may need to be done if the road will be closed surrounding the WSC.

Executive Session- 9:17pm-10:00 pm.

Adjourn- 10:02 pm.