

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTTDALE
REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Scottdale 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, Pinsky, Robson, Siwula and Stansak. Also present were Borough Manager Pallone, Solicitor Falatovich, Mayor King, Engineer Eby and Treasurer Washington. Mr. Hovis was absent.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve the March 14, 2022 minutes as written. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Michael Remington, 822 Market Street – Mr. Remington voiced his concerns about the radiation coming from the towers on the old publishing house on Walnut Avenue.

Dora Packowski, - Ms. Packowski thanked the Borough for putting the agenda and minutes on the Borough website. She voiced her concerns about the cats in her neighborhood.

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

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

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

Smart Growth Award – Mr. Pinsky reported that the Borough received the Smart Growth award for the Active Transportation plan back in October.

Finance Computer – Mr. Chronowski reported that Best Buy had to put the Borough's information into their system so that we can purchase the new finance computer.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Tablets for Council Members – Mr. Chronowski reported that it will cost approximately \$300.00 for tablets and keyboards for each council member. This would eliminate the need for paper packets to be made for each Council meeting. He also suggested setting up individual emails for each council member.

There was a consensus for Mr. Chronowski to do further research.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Sewer Capital Reserve fund – Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mr. Chronowski to authorize the Solicitor to revise the ordinance to change the verbiage about the usage of the sewer capital reserve checking account. Motion passed.

PA One Call Safety Days – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the Street Crew to attend Safety Days on June 7, 2022. Motion passed.

Recycling Building Leak Update – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Recycling Building roof has been repaired.

Matt Miller Water Update – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Street Crew has done a temporary fix to the problem.

PROTECTION

Approval for Fire Department Carwell – Mr. Pinsky reported that the Fire Department has requested approval to get Carwell rust protection on the new engine. The cost is \$375.00 annually.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to approve the protection at a cost of \$375.00/year for years three (3) and beyond for the Pearce engine. Motion passed.

Approval for Repair of A/C in Police Vehicle – Mr. Pinsky reported that it will cost approximately \$1,300.00 to repair the air conditioning in one of the Chargers.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to repair the air conditioning at a cost of \$1,300.00 in the Charger contingent upon it being the vehicle that the Borough plans to keep. Motion passed.

Mayor King entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Removing Nuisance Parking Meters and Parking on Pittsburgh Street – Mr. Pinsky requested Council consider removing meters on Market Street which is residential and possibly meters located next to Smitty's Barbershop. He also reported that employees of the downtown businesses should not be parking on Pittsburgh Street. Parking on Pittsburgh Street should be for customers only. Exemptions have been requested for delivery drivers.

The Protection Committee will discuss possible actions and make recommendations at the next Council meeting.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street – There will be a hearing on May 16, 2022

- 917-919 Mulberry Street – There are \$10,000 in delinquent real estate taxes owed. There are people are interested but they drop out when they find out that there are delinquent taxes.

- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – The complaint will be filed tomorrow at the Courthouse. It is hard to solve the issue when people are living there. The front porch is falling off the house and there is garbage piling up out front.

Speeding on South Broadway – Mr. Siwula brought up the issue that speeding needs to be controlled on South Broadway. Several cars parked on South Broadway have been hit because of speeding.

Mrs. Robson also suggested that there needs to be a three way stop sign at the Everson bridge and Broadway.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Summer Food Program – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinskey to approve the summer food program at Loucks Park from June – August. Motion passed.

Sesquicentennial Participation – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Pinskey to approve the Borough's participation in the upcoming Sesquicentennial. Motion passed.

JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION – Nothing to report.

JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT – Nothing to report.

WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY – Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Borough Manager Pallone reported that Walt Haglund, the Borough's new CDBG consultant, did the latest Labor Standards report for DCED. Mr. Haglund and Mr. French, the Borough's previous CDBG consultant, will be meeting soon to discuss the current status of the CDBG program and the transition of duties to Walt Haglund.

NEW BUSINESS

Handicap Parking Sign Request – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve installing a handicap parking sign at 309 Loucks Avenue. Motion passed.

Veteran's Committee – To be discussed in Executive Session.

Coal & Coke Trail Resignation and Appoint New Member – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to accept Jack Davis' resignation from the trail committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to appoint Mr. Pinskey to the Coal & Coke Trail committee. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Scottsdale Fire Department – A request to hold the annual carnival June 6 – 11, 2022.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the Fire Department's request to hold their annual carnival June 6 – 11, 2022. Motion passed.

Westmoreland Cleanways – Their quarterly report. Information only.

Megan Hough – A request to hold the annual Cubmobile race on Stoner Street on May 22, 2022.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve Cub Scout Pack 160's request to hold the annual Cubmobile race and close Stoner Street on May 22, 2022. Motion passed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Engineer Eby reported that there were trees in the sewer line on First Avenue and that was what was causing the homeowner's sewage issues.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor King reported the following:

- Sold all of the Lions Club's brooms
- Attended the Protection Committee meeting
- The Veterans Committee finished the banner program
- Received a report from the state that the Mount Pleasant Road bridge passed inspection

Council took a break at 7:59 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council went into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to increase Christina Dusha's wages to \$14.00/hour. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to pay Mr. Pinsky's registration fee of \$250.00 to attend the PSAB Convention. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to appoint Mr. Pinsky as voting delegate at the PSAB Convention. Motion passed.

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

Borough Secretary