# BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Scottdale Borough Council was convened at 6:37 p.m. with President Donald Stansak presiding.

## **ROLL CALL**

Those Councilpersons present at Roll Call included: Chronowski, Colebank, Hovis, Siwula and Stansak. Also present were Borough Manager Pallone, Solicitor Falatovich (by phone), Engineer Eby, and Treasurer Washington.

Mr. Pinskey, Mr. Bell, Mrs. Robson and Mayor King were absent.

## **CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES**

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to accept the November 14, 2022 minutes with the Solicitor's revisions. Motion passed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

<u>Dora Packowski</u> – Asked for an update on the Borough's website. Mr. Hovis explained that it will cost \$419.00 for five (5) years of hosting. He and his wife are trying to get the current website onto GoDaddy. The Borough does not have the proper permission from InMotion Hosting to move the site to GoDaddy.

<u>APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS</u> – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve the payrolls. Motion passed.

<u>APPROVAL OF BILLS AND LATE BILLS</u> – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve the bills and late bills. Motion passed.

<u>APPROVAL OF 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET</u> – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the 2023 proposed budget. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO 2022-17 2023 TAX MILLAGE</u> – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve Resolution No. 2022-17 2023 Tax Millage. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor King arrived at 6:50 p.m.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**OLD BUSINESS** – Nothing to report.

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

<u>Pool Building Update</u> – Solicitor Falatovich reported that the owner of the pool may have someone interested in doing the project. The ten (10) day notice will go out next week. After New Year's Day, the Borough could take back the property.

Borough Website Update – Discussed under Public Comment.

<u>Tablet Update</u> – Mr. Hovis reported that the tablets were ordered at a total cost of \$6,170.82. They should arrive by the end of the week.

<u>Junior Council Person</u> – Mr. Hovis would like to bring back the Junior Council person program.

Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Siwula to approve reinstating the Junior Council person program. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Siwula to have the program from January – May each year. The General Government committee will take applications from December 13, 2022 through January 2, 2023. Motion passed.

#### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

<u>Substitute Plow Drivers</u> – Mrs. Colebank listed the substitute plow drivers as Buzzy Myers, Ethan Smith, Caden Coppetti, and Zach Eicher.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to accept the list of substitute plow drivers. Motion passed.

<u>Equipment Update</u> – Mrs. Colebank reported that the 2007 F550 wiring repairs will cost \$2,142.00. The backhoe repairs will cost approximately \$480.00.

614 Garfield Avenue Request to Remove Handicap Parking Sign – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the removal of the handicap parking sign at 614 Garfield Avenue. Motion passed.

#### **PROTECTION**

<u>Approve Ordinance No. 2114 Killed in Service Benefits</u> – Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve Ordinance No. 2114 Killed in Service Benefits. Motion passed.

<u>Approve Ordinance No. 2115 Removal of Parking Meters on Market Street</u> – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve Ordinance No. 2115 Removal of Parking Meters on Market Street. Motion passed.

<u>Animal Nuisance Ordinance Advertisement</u> – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to advertise the animal nuisance ordinance. Motion passed.

<u>Property Maintenance Ticketing</u> – Tabled.

Addition of Commercial Keys needed to Disable Commercial Fire Alarms in Lockbox Ordinance – Tabled.

Parking Lot Protocol – Tabled.

Meterperson Request to be Off Work January and February, 2023 – Executive Session.

<u>Approval to Open a Police Special Checking Account and Designate Signers</u> – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve opening a Police special checking account. Motion passed.

<u>Handicap Parking on Pittsburgh Street</u> – Tabled.

<u>Blight Update</u> – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- -104 Newman Street The owner was found in contempt on November 18, 2022. She has to sell or abate the nuisance. She will have to reimburse the Borough for all legal fees. There is a hearing scheduled for February 21, 2023. The Sheriff has served the defendant.
- -102 Mount Pleasant Road The Sheriff attempted to serve the owner three (3) or four (4) times without success.
- -917-919 Mulberry Street An agreement should be coming soon.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

<u>Electricity</u> – Engineer Eby reported that the conduit for the Gazebo electric that was installed was actually too small and the project had to be redone.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to authorize payment to Nevaeh in the amount of \$5,955.13 to be paid from the General Fund. Motion passed.

JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION – Nothing to report.

**JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT** – Nothing to report.

#### WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY

<u>Approve Sewage Tap Permit for 404 North Broadway</u> – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve a sewage tap permit for 404 North Broadway. Motion passed.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Nothing to report.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

<u>Approval of Resolution No. 2022-18 Approve Auditor</u> – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve Resolution No. 2022-18 Approve Auditor. Motion passed.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

<u>PSAB</u> – The order form for the Borough News subscription and invoice for the Membership Directory.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve payment for a listing in the PSAB Membership Directory. Motion passed.

**SEMINARS** - None

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT** – Engineer Eby reported the following:

- Submitted building permit for Borough Building renovations
- Met with West Penn Power to discuss the pole by the Police Department ramp

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to advertise for the 2023 paving and tar and chip program bids. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to advertise for eight (8) handicap curb ramp bids. Motion passed.

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

## **MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor King reported the following:

- Attended the Protection Committee meeting
- Presented a \$2,000.00 check to the Police Chief from the Kiefer Foundation

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Council went into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Siwula to terminate Cheryl Falla as of January 1, 2023. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>ADJOURN</u> – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary