

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTTDALE  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 14, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Scottsdale Borough Council was convened at 6:30 p.m. with President Donald Stansak presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Those Councilpersons present at Roll Call included: Bell, Colebank, Chronowski, Pinsky, Robson, Siwula and Stansak. Also present were Borough Manager Pallone, Solicitor Falatovich, and Treasurer Washington. Mr. Hovis, Mayor King and Engineer Eby were absent.

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve the January 3, 2022 minutes. Mrs. Colebank stated that her name was spelled incorrectly on page 1. Minutes approved with corrections. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the January 10, 2022 minutes as written. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Jerry Lewis, 515 Pittsburgh Street – Mr. Lewis has plans to purchase the Wellspring Church building on Walnut Avenue. He would like to have the real estate taxes exonerated before he purchases the property.

Solicitor Falatovich explained the steps that Mr. Lewis needs to take. The next step would be for him to contact Southmoreland School District to ask if they will exonerate the taxes. Then he will need to contact Westmoreland County and request the same.

Mr. Lewis is also interested in purchasing 200 North Hickory Street and 917-919 Mulberry Street.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS** – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mrs. Robson 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**

CDBG Administrator/Consultant – Borough Manager Pallone reported that Mr. Pinsky has to produce a timeline for the DCED Grant Manager so that the Borough can get the approval to use Mr. Haglund's services.

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

ARPA Committee – Borough Manager Pallone asked the Council President to create committee of four (4) council members and the Borough Manager to discuss how to use the ARPA funding.

President Stansak created the committee to include himself, Mr. Chronowski, Mrs. Colebank, Mr. Pinskey and Borough Manager Pallone.

Finance Computer – Mr. Chronowski reported that the General Government committee did some research and found a model that will be good for the Borough office. It will cost approximately \$800.00.

Shelving for the Storage Areas – Mr. Chronowski reported that he donated ten (10) steel shelving units to be used in the Borough office storage area.

Scanner for Borough Office – Mr. Chronowski reported that the Borough Manager requested the approval to purchase a high speed scanner for the office.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to use the savings from shelving donation to purchase a scanner. Motion passed.

Inventory of Borough Assets - Borough Manager Pallone stated that the General Government committee has to visit each borough owned property and take an inventory of the Borough's assets. After the inventory is completed, Industrial Appraisal will be able to give an accurate appraisal value of the Borough's assets.

## **PUBLIC SERVICES**

Camera Lines – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize spending an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 to camera sanitary and stormwater lines. Motion passed.

PL566 Grant Update – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Conservation District is preparing for a public meeting to be held on March 5, 2022 at the Scottdale Firemen's Club. The public will be able to view the plans for the individual projects.

Salt Contract – Mrs. Colebank reported that 200 ton of salt was ordered last week.

Substitute Plow Drivers – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to hire Buzzy Myers and Ethan Smith as substitute plow drivers to be used when necessary. Motion passed.

LSA Grant – Mrs. Colebank reported that Engineer Eby will be completing the LSA grant application for the Borough. There are several different projects we can apply for: purchase the recycling building, purchase a police car, borough building renovations, or infrastructure repairs.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to authorize the Engineer to apply for the LSA grant and spending up to \$400.00 in application fees. Also approve resolutions to include with the applications. Motion passed.

Grease Trap Ordinance – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Borough has to send letters to the businesses and churches that may need grease traps at their establishments. Mrs. Colebank recommended that the Borough give the owners 15 days to respond and set up an inspection.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize the Borough office to send letters regarding grease traps. Motion passed.

2022 Paving and Resurfacing – Mrs. Colebank explained the list of streets to be paved and tarred and chipped this year.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize Widmer Engineering to create the paving bid package and advertise for bids. Osage Street and South Hickory from Market to Walnut Avenue will be listed as alternates. Motion passed.

2011 Truck Repairs – Mrs. Colebank reported that the 2011 F550 truck EGR system needs repaired.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to repair the 2011 F550 truck at a cost of \$2,281.68. Motion passed.

Eagles Lot – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Street Department installed a snow fence around the Eagles lot. No parking signs will be installed around the lot as well.

## **PROTECTION**

Central Fire Station Replacement Window Proposal – Mrs. Robson reported that the Fire Department has received a quote of \$24,000.00 to replace all the windows in the Central fire station. The Fire Department will be getting more quotes.

Purchase a First Aid Kit for the Police Department and an AED for the Borough Building – Mrs. Robson will purchase a first aid kit for the Police Department. Mrs. Washington and Mrs. Robson will contact other suppliers to get pricing for an AED.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to suspend the rules. Motion passed.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Winter Carnival – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Parks Commission has cancelled the winter carnival.

Flag Pole Donation at Loucks Park – Mrs. Colebank reported that the person who donated the cost of the flag pole would like a plaque installed on the pole.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to purchase a plaque for the flag pole referencing the donation to be paid from the Parks budget. Motion passed.

DCNR Pittsburgh Street Playground Grant – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Borough has received a \$42,000.00 grant for two (2) more pieces of play equipment to be installed at Pittsburgh Street Park.

Entryway Garden Upkeep – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Lions' Club does not want to continue with the maintenance of the entryway garden. Christner Farms will plant the flowers and will install a sign at the garden.

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

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

**WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY**

January 20, 2022 Meeting Update – To be discussed in Executive Session.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Resolution No. 2022-03 Tax Certifications – Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Colebank to approve Resolution No. 2022-02 Tax Certifications. Motion passed.

Reappoint Annisa Stafford to the Library Board with a term to expire 11/1/2024 – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to reappoint Annisa Stafford to the Library Board with a term to expire 11/1/2024. Motion passed.

Reappoint Bob Callaro to the Library Board with a term to expire 11/1/2024 – Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mrs. Colebank to reappoint Bob Callaro to the Library Board with a term to expire 11/1/2024. Motion passed with Mr. Siwula voting no.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Karen Bandemer – A request to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on April 2, 2022 at either the Gazebo or the Walking Trail Pavilion area.

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

## **SEMINARS**

Municipal Roundtable – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize the Borough Manager to attend the meeting on February 25, 2022 at a cost of \$12.00. Motion passed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- The pool building is in default. He will have to start the process of getting the property back in the Borough's hands.
- The Singular Wireless agreement was forwarded to all Council members. Council still can't consider the offer until a site plan is forwarded to the Borough.
- Drafted an KIS amended ordinance. Trying to touch base with the Police Department to confirm wording of the ordinance.
- Council received the WFMSA letter requesting a lot of information to be given to them before the lines are turned over.

Mr. Pinsky and Mr. Bell entered the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Nothing to report.

## **ACTION ITEMS** **PROTECTION**

Request for Bids for a Shelter for Police Vehicles – Mr. Pinsky will get quotes on various shelters.

Personnel – To be discussed in Executive Session.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street – The Solicitor needs to know who entered the building with Lee Miller when the inspection was done. They will have to testify because Mr. Miller has retired.

- 200 North Hickory – Waiting for information from BIU.
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – Waiting for information from BIU.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to take a break at 8:56 p.m. Motion passed

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council went into Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:55 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m. Motion passed.

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Borough Secretary