

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE
REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 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, Hovis, Pinskey, Robson, Siwula and Stansak. Also present were Borough Manager Pallone, Solicitor Falatovich, Mayor King, and Treasurer Washington. Engineer Eby, Mr. Chronowski and Mrs. Colebank were absent.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the April 11, 2022 minutes as written. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

James Williams, 208 North Chestnut Street – Mr. Williams stated that a new Veterans committee will be forming a 501C3 non-profit to continue fundraising and keeping historical records for the Veterans Park.

Stephanie Schropp, 513 Market Street – Ms. Schropp questioned where the \$25,000.00 that was donated by the Park Foundation to the Veterans Committee will be going other than paying for the banners.

Borough Manager Pallone explained what the Borough office was told.

Mr. Pinskey entered the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Larry Keslar, Market Street – Mr. Keslar wants the Veterans Committee to be in control of the Veterans funding once the committee becomes a 501C3 organization.

Jack Davis, 330 South Chestnut Street – Mr. Davis explained how the Hometown Heroes program was started. There was a disagreement between Mr. Keslar and the members of the Hometown Heroes program.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Hovis to approve having an audit done on the Veterans Memorial checking account. Motion passed.

Melvin Smith, 321 South Hickory Street – Mr. Smith complained about the cats in his neighborhood.

Mr. Pinskey stated that the Protection Committee is working on an ordinance to license cats.

Mr. Smith reported that the garbage trucks are too big for his alley. The trucks are running onto his property. Borough Manager Pallone will contact the garbage company.

Ron Smith, 609 Spring Street – Mr. Smith is the owner of Smitty’s Barbershop on Bridge Street. Mr. Smith stated that the parking meters outside of his building were installed in 1967. He asked for the meters to be removed. It affects his business. This item was referred to the Protection Committee.

Dora Packowski, 332 South Chestnut Street – Ms. Packowski wanted to thank the Street Department for picking up loose recycling in her alley.

Charles Jewett, 24 Fifth Avenue – Mr. Jewett explained that he was told to put his garbage out front, but everyone else on his street puts their garbage in the alley.

Michael Remington, Market Street – Mr. Remington reported that the cell towers on the old Publishing House emit radiation. One side of his house does not have a safe radiation level. He gave Mrs. Washington paperwork to submit to Solicitor Falatovich for review.

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

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

ACTION ITEMS **OLD BUSINESS**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Pool Building – Solicitor Falatovich reported that someone is interested in purchasing the pool building.

Finance Computer – Mr. Hovis reported that the computer has been ordered and will be installed next week.

Shelving – Mr. Hovis reported that the shelving was ordered on Amazon but was cancelled by the seller.

Tablets – To be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Borough Building Keys – Mr. Hovis reported that the General Government Committee would like for all chairpersons to have keys to the Borough Building.

Mr. Pinsky explained what had happened with past Council members having keys.

Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Siwula to approve giving keys to committee chairs, the Mayor and the existing list of people who have keys to the Borough Building. Motion passed.

Mr. Pinsky requested that the Central Station maintenance needs go back to the General Government Committee.

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

PROTECTION

Recommended Police Officer Hiring – Solicitor Falatovich reported that the final applicants for the Police Officer position are Alex Byers, Dan Coffman and Katherine Frey.

Katherine Frey removed herself from the list. James Pepiot moved into her spot. The Protection Committee interviewed the three (3) applicants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Hovis to go into executive session at 8:38 p.m. Motion passed.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:56 p.m.

PROTECTION

Recommended Police Officer Hiring – Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Pinsky to approve the hiring of James Pepiot for the police officer position. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Pinsky and Mrs. Robson voted yes. Mr. Bell, Mr. Hovis, Mr. Siwula and President Stansak voted no. Motion failed.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Hovis to approve the hiring of Daniel Coffman for the police officer position. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bell, Mr. Hovis, Mr. Siwula, and President Stansak voted yes. Mr. Pinsky and Mrs. Robson voted no. Motion passed.

Parking Meters at Smitty's Barbershop – Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to remove the parking meters on the side of Smitty's Barbershop on Bridge Street. Motion passed.

Disaster Notification - Mr. Pinsky reported that moving a siren right now is not feasible. He suggested that the Borough continue using the Savvy Citizen mobile app for emergency notifications.

Police Contract – Borough Manager Pallone explained that the current police contract has a ten (10) year tiered system to get to the full hourly rate. It has been suggested that ten years is too long. The Protection Committee is looking at reducing the tiered system to three (3) years. The Police Department is not getting enough potential candidates for employment because of the ten (10) year time frame. The Borough will have to reopen the contract.

Killed in Service – Solicitor Falatovich spoke to the FOP attorney about the KIS language. The Borough will need PMRS approval of the language before we can revise the ordinance.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street – There is a hearing on May 16, 2022.
- 917-919 Mulberry Street – The Solicitor spoke to the heir's attorney. There are outstanding real estate taxes that need to be exonerated in order for the property to be conveyed. The Solicitor has not heard from the School District or the County on this issue.
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – A complaint will be filed on the property
- John Chain Properties – Contacted Chuck Zebley about the old PJ's Pizza building on Pittsburgh Street as well as the feed mill on North Broadway. Attorney Zebley is having a problem communicating with Scottdale Bank and Trust. Mayor King stated that Mr. Chain's properties went up for auction at the Federal Bankruptcy Court. The bank doesn't own them anymore. Bonnie Berkoski at Mid Penn Bank in Harrisburg is willing to work with Mr. Zebley and any interested buyers.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Fall Festival Electric – President Stansak reported that Nevaeh cut Spring Street to install conduit for an electric line to be used by the Festival.

Dollar General Water Issue – President Stansak reported that there are one (1) or two (2) storm drains that fill up with water in the Dollar General parking lot.

Borough Manager Pallone explained that the neighboring residence gets water in their basement because the storm drains don't drain properly. Supposedly, Dollar General fixed them, but the problem is getting worse. Engineer Eby looked at the drains and he thinks that they are clogged.

First Avenue Water Issue – Borough Manager Pallone reported that at 31 First Avenue there was basement flooding caused by roots in our main line compounded by 27 First Avenue channeling what is believed to be spring water in their basement to its sanitary sewer lateral. The Borough removed the roots from the sanitary sewer main line and the owner of 27 First Avenue was contacted by Engineer Eby to remove the spring water from their sewer lateral. The owner indicated she had a problem with the Borough's request.

Solicitor Falatovich asked for the property information so that he can send the owner of 27 First Avenue a letter.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Portajohns – Mr. Pinskey requested that the Borough office the portajohns for Kendi and Garfield Park as well as for the upcoming car show.

Summer Recreation Program – Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mr. Hovis to approve sponsoring the summer recreation program at Loucks Park.

Veterans Park – Mr. Pinsky reported that the Parks Commission does not want the Veterans Checking bank statements included with the Parks financial statements in the future.

Park Cleanups – Mr. Pinsky reported that the Parks Commission members will be making a list of things that need to be repaired, replaced or removed in the parks.

JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION – Nothing to report.

JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT – Nothing to report.

WESTMORELAND FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY – Mr. Siwula reported that he received a notice stating that tomorrow's meeting has been cancelled.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

PDOT Winter Snow Agreement – There was a consensus to approve the agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE

PSAB Caucus Renewal – Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to approve renewal of the Caucus membership at a cost of \$25.00. Motion passed.

Kiwanis Club – Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the annual flag agreement at a cost of \$50.00 for two (2) flags to be placed at the Borough Building. Motion passed.

Scottdale Lions Club – A request to display flags at the corner of Pittsburgh Street and South Broadway for Memorial Day. There was a consensus to approve the request.

Scottdale Sesquicentennial Committee – A request to authorize the use of the Borough's logo for the centennial committee. Council discussed the possibility of the committee changing the Borough's logo for their use.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mr. Siwula to deny the Committee's request based on the solicitor's explanation of potential liability. Motion passed.

Scottdale Elk Riders – A request to close Stoner Street on May 21, 2022 for a motorcycle run.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the request to close Stoner Street on May 21, 2022. Motion passed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor King reported the following:

- Attended the Protection Committee meeting
- Attended the negotiation meeting

ADJOURN – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Hovis to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 pm. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary