

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE
REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 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, Chronowski, Colebank, Hovis, Pinsky, Robson, Siwula and Stansak. Also present were Borough Manager Pallone, Solicitor Falatovich, Engineer Eby and Treasurer Washington. Mayor King was absent.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES

Mr. Pinsky stated that he wanted to report on the softball damage that was listed on Page 4 under Parks. The Men's Softball League acknowledged the damage and gave their insurance information to Mrs. Huffman Friday after the Council meeting.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve the June 13, 2022 minutes as written. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

James Williams, 208 North Chestnut Street – Mr. Williams reported that the Veteran's Committee formed 501C3 Veterans for the Park Inc. Bylaws are in place. If the committee would dissolve, all assets will go to the Borough.

The committee wants to install the additional two (2) stones to the honor roll. There is a four (4) month lead time.

The committee is also planning to bury a time capsule in Veterans Park to be opened on the 50th anniversary of the opening of the park.

The officers of the Veterans Committee are:

James Williams – Chairman
Bob Stern – Vice Chairman
Larry Keslar, Secretary/Treasurer

Dora Packowski, 322 South Chestnut Street – Ms. Packowski stated that she has seen first hand how speed control devices help slow down cars in Johnstown.

Matt Miller, 512 Pittsburgh Street – Mr. Miller reported that the ditch that was dug on his property worked for two (2) rains then it filled with gravel. PDOT and the Borough are at a stalemate. The Borough met with PDOT in 2019. Mr. Miller wants something done before winter.

Solicitor Falatovich stated that he would take care of the issue.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND LATE BILLS

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the bills and late bills. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

Authorize Solicitor to Amend the Parking Meter Ordinance – Solicitor Falatovich needs the locations of the parking meters that will be removed. Mr. Pinskey reported that the Protection Committee will have a list of parking meters for the next meeting.

Approval to Renew Savvy Citizen – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to not renew the Savvy Citizen notification system. Motion passed.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Pool Building Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported that the property owner would still like to use the building for storage units.

There was a consensus among Council to reject the storage unit use of the property.

Borough Manager Pallone knows of an interested party. Solicitor Falatovich will handle the issue.

Tablets for Council Members – Mr. Hovis listed the options available for Council members and the costs. There were Android and Apple tablets, as well as Dell and HP laptops. Mr. Hovis recommended that the Borough purchase the Best Buy Total Tech insurance at a cost of \$200.00 for two (2) years.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to purchase nine (9) Option 2 HP laptops at a total cost of \$6,030.00 with the Total Tech insurance or \$7,200.00 without the insurance. Motion passed with Mrs. Robson and Mr. Bell opposing.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Seal Quotes for Borough Building Parking Lot – Tabled until next month.

Dollar General – Engineer Eby will be meeting with Dollar General. They will need to jet their lines.

First Avenue Issue – Solicitor Falatovich has not heard anything from the property owner.

Tar and Chip/Paving – Mrs. Colebank reported that the contractors are coming tomorrow to meet with her. There have been several complaints from residents.

PROTECTION

Cat/Dog Ordinance – Mr. Pinsky distributed a draft ordinance. Solicitor Falatovich will review the draft.

Purchase Cover for Police Vehicles – Mr. Pinsky reported that he has found a two (2) vehicle carport for a cost of \$3,339.00.

Chief Pritts stated that the best idea would be to have a garage to store seized vehicles as well as police vehicles. There is limited space in the parking lot and he feels that it would be difficult to maneuver the vehicles in and around the carport. A carport would diminish the officers' view of the parking lot and could be a safety concern.

The consensus was to forget about purchasing a carport.

Purchase Speed Control Device from Radarsign – Mr. Pinsky distributed a quote and specifications for two (2) solar powered speed control devices.

Chief Pritts stated that the Police Department cannot use speed control devices or radar to ticket because the state legislators are incompetent.

Mr. Pinsky will set up a Zoom meeting with Radarsign so that they can do a presentation on the device and answer questions.

Issue tabled until next meeting.

Meterperson to Work During Fair Week and Fall Festival – Mr. Pinsky asked why the meterperson was off during Fair week.

Borough Manager Pallone explained that has been past practice for many years.

Item will be discussed further in Executive Session.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street – The court order expires July 18, 2022
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – The Sheriff's Office has tried to deliver the complaint three (3) times, but no one has answered the door.
- 917-919 Mulberry – No one is interested in purchasing the property because of the back taxes.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Picnic in the Park Participation – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to authorize the Parks Commission to participate in the Picnic in the Park on August 21, 2022. Motion passed.

Parks Commission Election – Mrs. Colebank reported that she was elected as Chairperson of the Parks Commission and Tracie Brown was elected as Secretary.

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

Fall Festival Participation – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to authorize the Parks Commission to have a cornhole tournament during the Fall Festival on September 17, 2022. Motion passed.

Garfield Park Community Day – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Bell to authorize the Scottsdale VFW to have a Community Day on September 3, 2022 at Garfield Park. Motion passed.

Summer Recreation Program Assistant – Mrs. Colebank reported that there have been some personnel changes with the summer recreation program.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to appoint Tara Hixson as Summer Recreation Program Director with a pay rate of \$250.00/week and Mackenzie Hinkle as Program Assistant at a pay rate of \$7.25/hour. 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 – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Resolution No. 2022-09 Amended Fee Resolution – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve Resolution No. 2022-09 Amended Fee Resolution. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Scottdale Elks – A request to close Stoner Street on July 23, 2022 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm for a bike run.

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

Scottdale VFW – A request to have a Community Day event at Garfield Park. Item was discussed under the Parks Commission section.

Cub Scout Pack 160 – A request to close Stoner Street on August 6, 2022 for the annual Cubmobile race.

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

SEMINARS

PSATS Flagger Training – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize all four (4) of the Street Crew to attend flagger training on August 11, 2022 from 9:00 am to noon at a cost of \$75.00/person. Motion passed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Engineer Eby is working with East Huntingdon Township on the intersection of Park Avenue and West Pittsburgh Street.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Falatovich has items to be discussed in Executive Session.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council took a break at 8:09 pm. Council went into Executive Session at 8:20 pm.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Robson to pay the meterperson 21 hours for fair week. Motion passed. Mr. Pinskey abstained.

ADJOURN – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary