

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2023**

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: Colebank, Hovis, Pinsky, Robson, Siwula and Stansak. Also present were Borough Manager Pallone, Mayor King, Solicitor Falatovich, Engineer Eby, Treasurer Washington and Jr. Councilperson Darrell.

Mr. Bell and Mr. Chronowski were absent.

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to accept the minutes of March 13, 2023 as written.

Mr. Pinsky asked to make an amendment to the minutes. Under Public Comment, Tracy Prather who was not listed on the March 13, 2023 meeting agenda to speak. Still Mrs. Prather occupied the speaker pulpit to maliciously verbally attack and accuse Mayor King and Councilman Pinsky without any substance or proof of her accusations. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Dora Packowski – Ms. Packowski stated that on August 8, 2022 Council approved to purchase two (2) radar signs. She asked that Council please consider voting to approve the stands tonight.

Ken King – Mr. King gave a report on the veterans banner program.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS** – Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Siwula to accept 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**

Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Banquet – A reminder to RSVP.

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Pool Building Update – Solicitor Falatovich has not heard back from the interested party. He is ready to go to court. Authorization was given to the Solicitor some time ago to move forward with the court proceedings get the property back into the Borough's possession.

Approval of Quote for Fire Department Roof – Mr. Hovis stated that the existing quote has expired. The committee will get an updated quote.

Mayor King entered the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Aluminum Handicap Ramp on Borough Building Property – Borough Manager Pallone reported that SCCIA office was to use the ramp at their back entrance.

Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Colebank to store the ramp at the Recycling Building. Motion passed.

## **PUBLIC SERVICES**

Parker Avenue Water Issue – Engineer Eby reviewed the issue and there are three (3) options:

- 1) Close one side of Parker Avenue to parking
- 2) Roll curb
- 3) Do nothing. The residents caused the problem by filling in and parking past the road.

No action taken.

Stormwater/Sewage Separations – Engineer Eby reported that the main sewer line between Arthur Avenue and Loucks Avenue backed up again. He stated that 30' to 40' feet of sewer line needs to be replaced.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the replacement of the sewer line at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.00. Motion passed.

Charles Lutz Invoices for Camera Work and Jet Vac at North Grant and Grazier Alley – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve payment of the invoices to be paid from the Sewer Capital Reserve Checking. Motion passed.

SCCIA Letter Regarding South Broadway and Anderson Run – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Public Services committee received a letter from the SCCIA regarding the bridge on South Broadway at Anderson Run. A resident has requested that the Borough get the problem fixed. Mrs. Washington will send a letter to the resident requesting that they put their concerns on the PDOT website.

Trash Pickup Bids – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Borough received one (1) bid for \$120.00/quarter. Residents are currently paying \$47.00/quarter.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to reject the bid from County Hauling. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to reach out to County Hauling and ask for a six (6) month extension of the current contract. Motion passed.

Carson's Drive Through Window – Engineer Eby will handle.

Sam Nicklow Request to Install Driveway – Mrs. Colebank reported that Engineer Eby looked at the property and everything is ok.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinskey to approve Mr. Nicklow's request to install a gravel driveway. Motion passed.

Engineer Eby stated that Mr. Nicklow will need a permit if he wants to pave the driveway.

## **PROTECTION**

Civil Service Testing – Mr. Pinskey reported that the Civil Service testing has been scheduled for June 3, 2023 at 8:00 am.

Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mr. Siwula to advertise for the full-time police officer position. Motion passed.

Train Derailment Policy and Purchase of Windssocks – Mr. Pinskey mentioned the need for a policy regarding railroad derailments.

Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Robson to research purchasing windssocks to indicate wind direction. Motion passed.

Radarsign Stands – Mr. Pinskey received an updated quote for two (2) stands.

Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mr. Siwula to purchase two (2) stands at a cost of \$2,110.00 from ARPA funding. Motion passed.

Announcement of Police Vehicle Grant Award – Mrs. Colebank and Engineer Eby received notification that the Borough has been awarded an LSA grant in the amount of \$51,882.00 for a new police vehicle.

National Night Out – Mrs. Robson reported that she registered for National Night Out.

Report "Suspicious Activity" Directly to Police – Mr. Pinskey wanted to remind everyone to report suspicious activity directly to the Police.

Landlord Ordinance – Item was sent to the Protection Committee by Engineer Eby.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street – He attempted to get a payoff amount from Dollar Bank with no success. He will subpoena Dollar Bank to release the information.
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – An order of the court was posted by the Police.

- 917-919 Mulberry Street – Waiting for the sales agreement.
- 304 North Broadway – Mr. Pinskey spoke to the abutting property owner. He is waiting for an engineer report on the foundation. May still be interested. The abutting property owner is willing to pay back taxes. Demolition may be possible through the Westmoreland County Land Bank.  
Consensus of Council to have the Solicitor reach out to the County Land Bank. Mrs. Colebank volunteered to contact them.
- 5 South Broadway – Mr. Pinskey put a request through Norfolk Southern's portal to discuss the use of the property. He will report back when he has received any information from the railroad.

**PARKS AND RECREATION** – Nothing to report.

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

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

**WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY** – To be discussed in Executive Session.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Nothing to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve General Code Codification Quote – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the codification quote. Motion passed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Scottdale Elks – A request to have a motorcycle ride on May 20, 2023. Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the event. Motion passed.

PSAB Caucus Renewal – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Robson to approve payment in the amount of \$25.00. Motion passed.

## **SEMINARS**

PSAB Resolution Committee Meeting – Mr. Pinskey is a member of the Resolution Committee and has a meeting on April 21, 2023.

Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Pinskey to cover his expenses. Motion passed.

PSAB Conference – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Robson to authorize Mr. Pinskey and Mr. Siwula to attend the PSAB Conference June 4 – 7, 2023 and cover their expenses. Motion passed.

Police Civil Service Procedures Training – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Robson to authorize Nicole Seese to attend the training on May 9, 2023 and the Borough to pay for the training. Motion passed.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** – Engineer Eby reported that he met with Nevaeh. They were awarded the base bid for Borough Building renovations along with Alternate #2 to put vinyl flooring in the back common area and three (3) front offices for a total of \$90,295.00.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Robson to proceed with the Borough Building renovations at a cost of \$90,295.00 to be paid for with ARPA funding. Motion passed with Mr. Pinsky opposed.

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

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

- Attended the Protection Committee meeting.
- Attended a luncheon at the Library for the Johnson family.
- Helped a homeless person find shelter.

Council took a break at 8:13 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Council went into Executive session at 8:27 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:28 p.m.

**ADJOURN** – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Motion passed.

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Borough Secretary