

**BOROUGH OF SCOTSDALE
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 17, 2023**

The special meeting of the Scottsdale Borough Council was convened at 6:30 pm with President Donald Stansak presiding.

ROLL CALL – Mr. Pinskey, Mrs. Colebank, Mr. Bell, Mr. Hovis, Mr. Siwula, Mrs. Robson, President Stansak and Borough Manager Pallone.

Mr. Chronowski, Secretary/Treasurer Washington, Solicitor Falatovich, Engineer Eby, and Mayor King were absent.

NEW BUSINESS

President Stansak stated that no votes will be taken tonight. The Borough has followed the same procedures for the last three (3) or four (4) contracts. Unfortunately, things have changed this year and costs have gone up.

Garbage Bid – Borough Manager Pallone explained that the Borough has had a very good garbage contract for the last three (3) contracts. It provided services at a low cost to residents. Went on to explain how we receive franchise fees.

We have received \$168,000.00 in the Borough's general fund for the last year of the contract. The Borough received \$809,000.00 in the last five (5) years in franchise fees from County Hauling.

The prior five (5) year contract with Advanced Disposal gave the Borough \$737,000.00 in franchise fees.

President Stansak stated that if the Borough does not receive franchise fees, we would have to raise property taxes.

Borough Manager Pallone stated that the economy has changed. Overhead is higher. The Borough can't control what the haulers charge.

Borough Manager Pallone stated that the Borough put out the first bid package and County Hauling's bid was \$41.50/month for the first year through \$51.56/month in the fifth year for a five (5) year contract.

The Borough then put out a second bid package. County Hauling was the only company to bid. Their bid was \$35.22/month for the first year of a three (3) year contract.

Mrs. Colebank gave examples of other municipalities' rates. The Borough is in line with the other municipalities but we have a franchise fee and most municipalities do not have a franchise fee.

Discussion Period – A resident asked what services they will get for the extra money? County Hauling doesn't answer the phone and they don't empty their dumpsters. Borough Manager Pallone explained that when a bag breaks, it is not the garbage man's responsibility for cleaning it up. Bags should be in cans.

A resident explained that she owes \$1,700.00 because she has never received a bill. Most of that amount is late fees. The Better Business Bureau has many bad reviews listed for County Hauling. They are known for their exorbitant late fees. After talking to them several times, she still has not received a bill.

Renee Shipley from Republic Services stated that they need at least five (5) weeks to submit a bid. They would like to have the Scottdale contract but they did not have enough time to work on a bid.

Business owners discussed dumpster prices and sizes. They also discussed the problems that the businesses have had with the dumpsters.

Someone suggested that house numbers should be put on the rear of houses to make it easier for the haulers to identify the properties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Council went into executive session at 8:39 pm.

Council reconvened the special meeting at 9:29 pm.

ADJOURN – Council adjourned the meeting at 9:31 pm.

Borough Secretary