

**SCOTSDALE BOROUGH
REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 2023**

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

President Stansak announced the passing of Jeff Landy, Borough Manager of Mount Pleasant.

Roll call: Mr. Bell, Mrs. Colebank, Mr. Hovis, Mr. Pinskey, Mrs. Robson, Mr. Siwula, President Stansak, Solicitor Falatovich, Engineer Eby, Borough Manager Pallone and Mayor King were in attendance.

Mr. Chronowski and Secretary/Treasurer Washington were absent.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Robson to approve the April 10, 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dora Packowski – Ms. Packowski stated that the radar sign stands were approved last month. They need to be installed soon. People need to slow down.

James Garsteck – Mr. Garsteck complained about the sewer user fees. He would like a copy of the new ordinance. The new ordinance is not on the Borough website. Solicitor Falatovich explained why the due date had to change. Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to waive the 2022 late fee for Mr. Garsteck. Motion passed.

Paul Kosko – Mr. Kosko introduced himself. He is running for Westmoreland County Commissioner.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. 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 – Nothing to report.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Pool Building Update – To be discussed in Executive Session.

Approve Change Order No. 1 for Borough Office Renovations – Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$14,898.00 for Borough Office renovations. Motion passed.

Junior Councilperson – Mr. Hovis thanked Jenna Darrell for being a junior council person. The General Government Committee will accept applications for next year's junior council person from June 1 – September 1, 2023.

Borough Safe Exchange Zone Sign – Mr. Hovis reported that once the cameras are installed at the Borough Building, the General Government committee would like to have one (1) outside pointed at the parking lot so that it can be a safe exchange zone. Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mrs. Colebank to purchase a sign at a cost not to exceed \$100.00. Motion passed.

Borough Building Renovations – Engineer Eby asked for approval for the Invoice #1 for the Borough Building renovations.

Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Siwula to approve for payment Invoice #1 in the amount of \$19,342.00 to be paid to Nevaeh Pipe Bursting. Motion passed.

Engineer Eby stated that there will be several change orders added to future invoices because there have been items added to the project.

SCCIA Office Rent – Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mrs. Colebank to begin charging SCCIA \$400.00/month rent beginning June 1, 2023. Motion passed.

Summer Student Workers (Private Industry Council) – Mr. Hovis contacted PIC but has not heard back from them. Mrs. Colebank will contact them. She is submitting applications for the school district. She would like to get one (1) for the Street Department and one (1) for the office.

Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mrs. Colebank to utilize the summer work program through the Private Industry Council. Motion passed.

Council Email Addresses – Mr. Hovis reported that there are two (2) options for emails through the Borough website. (1) is \$2.00/month/email or (2) is \$8.00/month/email with Microsoft 365 included. The emails through the website can be personalized and added and removed as needed as well as being more secure than Google emails.

This item was tabled until the June meeting.

PUBLIC SERVICES

ADA Sidewalk Installation – Information only.

Parker Avenue Water Problem – Mrs. Colebank asked that the following be reflected in the minutes:

There are two (2) solutions to the water problem.

- (1) Residents only park on one (1) side of the street.
- (2) Enforce the fact that residents are parking in their yards like they are currently doing. Make them park on the actual street and not on sidewalks or in yards.

First Avenue Water Issue – Will be going to court with the property owner.

Arthur/Loucks Avenue Sewage Issue – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve payment of an invoice in the amount of \$2,860.00 payable to Charles Lutz. Motion passed.

Trash Pickup Bids – the bids are scheduled to be opened on May 12, 2023 at 1:00 pm.

Parking Meters – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Street Department employees have all been trained to calibrate the parking meters.

Mr. Pinskey stated that the Protection Committee will discuss whether or not to keep parking meters in the downtown area.

Approval to Advertise for the Revised Garbage Ordinance – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the revised garbage ordinance. Motion passed. The ordinance will be advertised for passage at the July meeting.

PROTECTION

Handicap Parking on Pittsburgh Street – Mr. Pinskey reported that Council approved having two (2) handicap parking spots on Pittsburgh Street.

Solicitor Falatovich stated that he needs the meter numbers and locations to amend the parking ordinance.

Radarsign Stands – Borough Manager Pallone will order the stands on May 9, 2023.

Police Request – To be discussed in Executive Session.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street – Waiting for the payoff from the bank.
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – Serviced the property. Borough Manager Pallone reported that the owner's sister contacted him about demolishing the property.
- 917-919 Mulberry Street – Have an agreement of sale.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Hovis to approve the sales agreement for 917-919 Mulberry Street. Motion passed.

- Feed Mill – Mr. Pinskey spoke to the adjacent property owner. If the foundation is good, he is willing to work with the Land Bank.
- Sheetz – Mr. Pinskey is waiting for a response from the railroad.
- Central Grade School – There has been vandalism recently.
- Mennonite Publishing House – There has been vandalism recently.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Olympics – The Olympics will be held on Friday, May 19, 2023.

JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION – Nothing to report.

JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT – Nothing to report.

WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY

Approve Sewage Tap at 234 Hunter Drive – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve the sewage tap at 234 Hunter Drive . Motion passed.

Approve Sewage Tap at 317 Hunter Drive – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve the sewage tap at 317 Hunter Drive. Motion passed.

Approve Sewage Tap at 294 Hunter Drive – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve the sewage tap at 294 Hunter Drive. Motion passed.

Reapproval of Asset Distribution Agreement – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to reapprove the asset distribution agreement. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Westmoreland County CDBG Program 2024-2026 – Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mr. Siwula to opt out of Westmoreland County's CDBG program for the years 2024-2026. Motion passed.

Approve Resolution No. 2023-06 2020 CDBG-CV Modification – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve Resolution No. 2023-06 2020 CDBG-CV Modification. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SCOTSDALE, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING
AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BUDGET
REVISION TO THE FY 2020 CDBG-CV PROGRAM YEAR**

A Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottsdale, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving and authorizing the submission of a Budget Revision to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for funding through the Community Development Block Grant – Covid-19 Virus (CDBG-CV) Program for Fiscal Year 2020.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Scottsdale is a recipient of CDBG-CV funds through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has provided a grant to the Borough of Scottsdale under the FY 2020 CDBG-CV Round 1 Program to address the effects of the Covid-19 Virus by funding activities that will prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the cost to install the Broadband Initiative in the Borough Parks is greater than the approved activity budget amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has available funds under the FY 2020 CDBG-CV General Administration activity; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's staff and consultant have prepared a Budget Revision to the FY 2020 CDBG-CV Program which consists of the following:

FY 2020 CDBG-CV BUDGET:

1. Reduce the General Administration Activity Budget from \$11,113.00 by \$959.00 to a revised budget amount of \$10,154.00
2. Increase the CV Broadband Expansion Initiative Activity Budget from \$50,631.00 by \$959.00 to \$51,590.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottsdale that its Council President and the Borough Manager are authorized to have prepared the necessary forms and documents to submit a Budget Revision to DCED for the aforesaid purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if CDBG-CV funds are determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to be expended on ineligible program costs or do not meet a national objective, the Borough of Scottsdale agrees to repay the proportion deemed ineligible from non-federal sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council President of the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottsdale and the Borough Manager are empowered to place their signatures on behalf of the governing body, on necessary application forms and affix thereto the official seal of the Borough of Scottsdale.

Adopted by The Borough Council of the Borough Scottdale at regular meeting held on May 8, 2023.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Council of the Borough of Scottdale, Pennsylvania at their regular meeting held the 8th day of May 2023.



Angelo M. Pallone, Borough Secretary

Westmoreland County Housing Consortium – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to opt into the Westmoreland County Housing Consortium. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Michael Graft Lot Consolidation – Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve Michael Graft's lot consolidation. Motion passed.

Approve St. John Byzantine Church Lot Consolidation – Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mr. Bell to approve the St. John Byzantine Church Lot Consolidation. Motion passed.

Approve Voting Delegates for the PSAB Conference – Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Siwula to appoint Andy Pinsky as the primary and Mickey Siwula as the alternate voting delegate for the PSAB Conference. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cub Scout Pack 160 – A request to hold the Cubmobile race on Stoner Street on June 24, 2023 with a rain date of July 1, 2023.

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

Anthony Pernelli – A letter stating his interest in purchasing the Mennonite Publishing House. Information only.

Sharon Brown – A letter requesting the removal of a handicap parking sign at 15 North High Street.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve the request to remove the handicap parking sign at 15 North High Street. Motion passed.

Michael Remington – To be discussed in Executive Session.

Kiwanis Club – A solicitation for the annual flag agreement.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve the flag agreement for two (2) flags. Motion passed.

Michael Mehall – To be discussed in Executive Session.

Westmoreland County Borough's Association – Meeting notice. Information only.

Veterans Tour of Honor – Information Only.

Westmoreland County Tax Assessment – A letter requesting a real estate tax refund be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Delbarre for property tax paid on a tax exempt property in the amount of \$770.28.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis approve the refund of real estate taxes in the amount of \$770.28 to Mr. & Mrs. Delbarre. Motion passed.

SEMINARS – Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT- Engineer Eby requested approval to prepare a bid package for the Borough Building ramp.

Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mrs. Colebank to prepare the bid package for the Borough Building ramp. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor King reported the following:

- Attended the Protection Committee meeting
- Attended the MardiGras fundraiser for the sesquicentennial.
- The Police have been doing foot patrols since April 1st.
- Would like to put together a committee to raise funds for the Police car port.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON REPORT – Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION PERIOD – Mr. Garsteck had questions about the Borough selling the Sewage Authority.

Council took a break at 8:09 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council went into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:38 pm.

ADJOURN – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 pm. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary