

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2023**

The regular meeting of Scottdale Borough Council convened at 6:30 pm with President Donald Stansak presiding.

ROLL CALL Mr. Siwula, Mr. Hovis, Mrs. Colebank, Mr. Bell, President Stansak, Mr. Pinsky, Mrs. Robson, Mr. Chronowski, Solicitor Falatovich, Engineer Eby, Borough Manager Pallone, Secretary/Treasurer Washington were in attendance.

Mayor King was absent.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to accept the May 8, 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to accept the May 17, 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Hovis to accept the May 22, 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Siwula to accept the May 30, 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dora Packowski – Ms. Packowski commented on the new Council chambers.

She wanted to know where the radar signs are. Borough Manager Pallone reported that they were ordered last month.

Mr. Pinsky stated that Radarsign has been waiting for a part. They should arrive this week by Fedex.

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. Hovis to approve the bills and late bills. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

President Stansak asked each committee to meet with the Borough Manager to trim their budgets for the remainder of the year.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Pool Building Update – To be discussed in Executive Session.

Borough Council Email Addresses – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to table the issue. Motion passed.

Borough Slogan Partnership – Mr. Hovis reported that the anniversary committee would like to partner with the Borough to create slogan. The consensus was to allow Mr. Hovis to proceed.

Central Station Building Letters – Mr. Hovis reported that the Fire Department has received a grant to replace the letters on the building. Item was tabled.

House Numbers on the Back of Buildings – Mr. Hovis requested that putting house numbers on the back of buildings should be put in the garbage ordinance.

Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize the Solicitor to amend the garbage ordinance and advertise the ordinance for approval at next month's meeting. Motion passed.

Approve Change Order for Borough Office Renovations – Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$35,012.00 for payment to Nevaeh. Motion passed.

Borough Safe Exchange Zone Sign – Mr. Hovis reported that the sign will be installed over by the Police Department parking area. Solicitor recommended that the sign state "video and audio surveillance". Item tabled.

Representative Davanzo Lease – Solicitor Falatovich emailed Council a copy of the lease. The only thing missing is the square footage of the office space.

Mrs. Colebank will have the Street Department measure the space for Representative Davanzo's office and the SCCIA office.

Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the lease for Representative Davanzo with the addition of the square footage. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the lease for the SCCIA office. Motion passed.

Approval to Advertise for the Borough Building Ramp Project – Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize the Engineer to advertise for the Borough Building ramp project. Motion passed.

David Baker Heating Estimate – Borough Manager Pallone received an estimate to replace the heating and air conditioning system in the back half of the Borough Building. Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Bell to authorize the Borough Manager to get two (2) more estimates and spend no more than \$10,000.00 to replace the heating and air conditioning system. Motion passed.

Borough Office Management – President Stansak asked Council to authorize the Borough Manager to use the day after each Council meeting to do the tasks that were decided at each Council meeting.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Hovis to authorize the Borough Manager to use the day after each Council meeting to do the tasks that were decided at each Council meeting. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Chronowski to authorize the Borough Manager to make appointments to see residents when he has a full workload. Motion passed.

PUBLIC SERVICES

2011 Ford Truck – Mrs. Colebank reported that the truck recently needed \$1,476.00 in repairs.

Dollar General – Mrs. Colebank reported that Engineer Eby applied for a small water grant for the Dollar General parking lot. The grant won't be awarded until September. Item tabled.

First Avenue Water Issue – To be discussed in Executive Session.

Jim Echard Street Sign Request – Borough Manager Pallone reported that Mr. Echard would like to have the old Eleanor Avenue sign when it is replaced.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve giving Mr. Echard the old Eleanor Avenue street sign. Motion passed.

PROTECTION

Handicap Parking on Pittsburgh Street – Mr. Pinskey reported that the handicap parking spots should be at Meter #2 and #18 on Pittsburgh Street.

Moved by Mr. Pinskey, second by Mrs. Robson to authorize the Solicitor to amend the ordinance for handicap parking spaces. Motion passed.

Radarsign Stands – Mr. Pinskey reported that the stands should be delivered by the end of the week. After some discussion, it was decided that the signs will be put on South Broadway and on Mulberry Street near Homestead Avenue.

Mayor's Fundraiser for Police Carport – Item tabled.

Legislative Updates and Resolutions – Mr. Pinsky gave a report on recent legislative updates that he learned about at the recent PSAB conference.

Executive Session – GPS devices and occupancy permits to be discussed in Executive session.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported on the following:

- 104 Newman Street – to be discussed in Executive session.
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – Nothing new.
- 917-919 Mulberry Street – Waiting to hear from the attorney.
- Feed Mill – Mr. Pinsky reported that the abutting property owner wants to know if the foundation is stable.
- Sheetz – Mr. Pinsky has not heard back from the railroad.
- Publishing House – to be discussed in Executive session.
- Central Grade School – to be discussed in Executive session.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Thriller Dance Lessons in the Park – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinsky to allow the Geyer Theater to hold Thriller dance lessons in Loucks Park on October 28, 2023. Motion passed.

Snow Cones in Loucks Park – Marshall Fee would like to sell snow cones in Loucks Park this summer.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to allow Marshall Fee to sell snow cones in Loucks Park. Motion passed.

Geyer Theater Request – A request to use the Loucks Park pavilion on July 19, 2023 at no charge.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the request of the Geyer Theater to use Loucks Park pavilion on July 19, 2023 for a picnic at no charge. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Pinsky to amend the agenda. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to authorize the Parks Commission to pay \$1,000.00 towards upgrading the electric service at the Gazebo. Motion passed.

Grills at Loucks Park – Mr. Pinsky reported that he has found that grills will cost between \$300.00 to \$500.00 each. Item was tabled.

JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION – Nothing to report.

JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT – Nothing to report.

WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY – Executive session.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Picnic in the Park – A request to hold the annual Picnic in the Park on August 20, 2023.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to approve the annual Picnic in the Park to be held on August 20, 2023. Motion passed.

SEMINARS

Mr. Pinsky reported that he and Mr. Siwula attended the recent PSAB Conference.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Nothing to report.

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

Council took a break at 8:04 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council went into Executive Session at 8:16 pm.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:28 pm.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to install GPS units in the patrol cars. The information will only be available to the Chief, Mayor and the Borough Manager. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to require Fall Festival vendors supplying alcohol to get a special event permit from the Liquor Control Board. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Hovis to authorize the Solicitor to proceed with getting a Conservator for the Publishing House property. Motion passed.

ADJOURN – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Hovis to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 pm. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary