

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 9, 2023**

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

**ROLL CALL** Mr. Bell, Mrs. Colebank, Mr. Siwula, Mrs. Robson, President Stansak, Solicitor Falatovich, Engineer Eby, Borough Manager Pallone, Mayor King, and Secretary/Treasurer Washington were in attendance. Mr. Chronowski arrived at 6:44 pm and Mr. Pinskey participated by telephone.

Mr. Hovis was absent.

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE MINUTES** – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to accept the September 11, 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Stephanie Schropp – They wanted an update on the Publishing House.

Solicitor Falatovich reported that the County Land Bank wants to have a real estate appraisal done. An appraisal can't be done until November.

Ms. Schropp wondered about the chemicals in the building.

Engineer Eby and Mrs. Colebank toured the building and assessed and explained what they saw. The chemicals seemed to not be a problem.

Mrs. Schropp questioned the security of the building. Engineer Eby stated that last Tuesday the doors were secured. Ms. Schropp said the doors are not secured now. Then she said that it is not safe if a child gets into the building and cannot get out.

Engineer Eby stated that he secured the front door with a chain and lock, but if they are concerned about children getting into the building and not being able to get out, he will take the lock and chain off the door. He will do it after the meeting tonight.

Ms. Schropp asked if the building had been condemned. Solicitor Falatovich and Engineer Eby responded.

Borough Manager Pallone was instructed to call Stuart Adams and have him secure the building.

Larry Keslar – Mr. Keslar stated that the Police Department is taken for granted. He also commented that the radarsigns should be the Public Services responsibility not the Police.

Susan Klann – She discussed the dissension among the Council members. She thanked the Police Department for all their work. She does not think that the Police should be responsible for moving the radarsigns.

Dora Packowski – She submitted a petition to Council stating that the Street Crew should be responsible for moving the radarsigns.

Ms. Packowski discussed the enforcement of the cat ordinance. She gave Engineer Eby photos of cats numerous times. Engineer Eby told her he needs to physically see the cats in order to write a citation.

Solicitor Falatovich told Ms. Packowski that she would need to testify before the magistrate if Engineer Eby writes a citation for a troublesome cat.

Diana Cramer – Mrs. Cramer explained that there is a roach problem that is coming from her neighbor's house. They do not put trash out. This issue will be discussed in Executive Session.

John Eutsey – Mr. Eutsey gave an update on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary events.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS** – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the payrolls. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AND LATE BILLS** – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the bills and late bills. Motion passed.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**OLD BUSINESS** – Nothing to report.

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Move Police Department Parking – Mr. Chronowski would like to move the parking area for the Police vehicles. Engineer Eby will look at the area in question.

Fire Station Roof – Item tabled.

### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

LSA Grant – Mrs. Colebank submitted an LSA grant application to Westmoreland County.

Front Loader Rental – Borough Manager Pallone reported that the Street Department would like to rent a front loader to move salt in the winter.

### **PROTECTION**

Police Chief to Address Council – Chief Pritts gave the reasons that the Police should not be the ones to move the radarsigns.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to suspend the rules. Motion passed.

Police Department Radios – Chief Pritts reported that he got quotes from Motorola for 12 new radios. For single encryption radios, the cost is \$54,547.50. Dual encryption radios cost \$59,019.18.

Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Pinskey to purchase 12 Motorola radios with dual encryption at a cost of up to \$59,019.18 using ARPA funds. Motion passed.

Fire Department Radios – Mr. Pinskey stated that the Fire Department made a deal to get the radios with ARPA funds and they would fundraise to cover the repairs to the trucks.

Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Chronowski to pay for the purchase of six (6) Motorola radios at a cost of \$23,210.00 for the Fire Department using ARPA funds. Motion passed.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street – Still waiting for the sales agreement to be signed.
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – Has to contact the property owner.
- 616 Walnut Avenue – Already discussed.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the sale of the pool building

InSync Records Management System – Chief Pritts reported that the Department needs a new records management system. The costs are as follows:

\$37,370.00 with a 40-45% grant

\$22,422.00 with a 40% grant

\$20,550.00 with a 45% grant

There is an LSA grant available to purchase the InSync system.

Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Chronowski to apply for an LSA grant to purchase the InSync system with an application fee of \$100.00. Motion passed.

Firemen to Address Council – Fire Chief Dave Wendell reported that the Fire Department does fundraising. They sell tickets and have bashes. Ticket sales are down. They are having a fundraiser on November 4, 2023. They need volunteers to help.

Radarsigns Placement by the Police – Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Pinskey to have the Street Crew move the radarsigns.

Mr. Siwula commented why do 50 people dictate what Council does? Mayor King stated that they are taxpayer concerns.

Mr. Chronowski stated that he thought that they should have been mounted permanently in the first place.

Mr. Pinsky called for the vote. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Pinsky and Mrs. Robson voted yes. Mr. Bell, Mr. Chronowski, Mrs. Colebank, Mr. Siwula and President Stansak voted no because a plan is not in place as to how often and where the signs will be placed. Motion failed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to have the Street Crew move the radarsigns on a quarterly basis with the locations established by Council and get the information off the signs on a monthly basis to present to Council.

Mr. Pinsky would like to move the signs every two (2) weeks.

Mrs. Colebank called for the vote. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bell, Mr. Chronowski, Mrs. Colebank, Mrs. Robson, Mr. Siwula and President Stansak voted yes. Mr. Pinsky voted no because he thinks that moving the signs on a quarterly basis is too long. Motion passed.

Property Maintenance Ticketing – Solicitor Falatovich stated that the PSAB ordinance will not work for the Borough. He sent a draft of the Southwest Greensburg ordinance that would become a part of the Borough's property maintenance ordinance.

Moved by Mr. Pinsky, second by Mrs. Robson to authorize Solicitor Falatovich to get the final draft ready for Council's review. Motion passed.

Payments for Assistant Chief Testing – Mrs. Robson made a motion to reimburse the \$150.00 test charge to the individual that is hired as the Assistant Chief. After further discussion, Mrs. Robson rescinded her motion.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Approve Participation in the Scottdale Library Storywalk – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to participate in the Library Storywalk on October 27, 2023. Motion passed.

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

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

**WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY** – Nothing to report.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Approve Resolution No. 2023-10 Fair Housing Resolution – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve Resolution No. 2023-10 Fair Housing Resolution. Motion passed.



### FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10

**LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS** of the Borough of Scottdale that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. It is the policy of the Borough of Scottdale to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry, and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness, or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. Therefore, the Borough of Scottdale does hereby pass the following resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that within available resources the Borough of Scottdale will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough of Scottdale shall make publicly known this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

**FURTHER ACTION** will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to:

- (1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contracts; and
- (2) Conduct at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and
- (3) Use the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to:
  - a. Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program
  - b. Applications for assistance
  - c. Contracts
  - d. Municipal letters dealing with the federal programs

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Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Borough of Scottdale held October 9, 2023

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. S.", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Chief Elected Officer

10-9-2023  
Date

Approve Resolution No. 2023-11 Authorizing Submission of the 2023 CDBG Application  
– Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve Resolution No. 2023-11 authorizing the submission of the 2023 CDBG Application. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF  
THE BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE, PENNSYLVANIA  
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF  
THE FY 2023 CDBG APPLICATION**

A Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottsdale, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, as authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act [42 USC 5301 and 24 CFR Part 570], and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program.

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and in the public interest that the Borough of Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, receive funds from the Commonwealth through the Department of Community and Economic Development in accordance with the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottsdale has the legal authority and responsibility under Act 179 to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council President and staff of the Borough of Scottsdale have undertaken a considerable citizen participation process including written invitations to municipalities, informational meetings, hearings and legal notices all of which culminated in the prioritization of projects and development of a Community Development Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Borough Council of the Borough of Scottsdale are familiar with the requirements of the program as provided for in the Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA) and the Community Development Block Grant regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Borough Council of the Borough of Scottsdale wishes to apply for said funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottdale that its Council President is authorized to have prepared necessary forms and documents to submit an application to the Department of Community and Economic Development for Community Development Block Grant funds for the purposes aforesaid; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if CDBG 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 Scottdale agrees to repay the proportion deemed ineligible from non-federal sources.

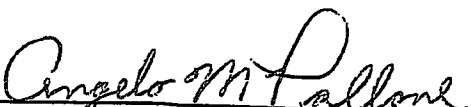
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Community Development Plan was developed in coordination with low and moderate individuals, interested organizations, non-profits and other interested parties through the citizen participation process and municipal information gathering is hereby adopted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council President of the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottdale is empowered to place his signature, on behalf of the governing body, on necessary application forms and affix thereto the official seal of the Borough of Scottdale.

**Adopted by** the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottdale at the regular meeting on October 9, 2023.

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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 special meeting held the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

  
Angelo M. Pallone, Borough Secretary

Approve Resolution No. 2023-12 MBE/WBE Statement of Goals – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve Resolution No. 2023-12 MBE/WBE Statement of Goals. Motion passed.


**BOROUGH OF SCOTSDALE, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12**


**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SCOTSDALE APPROVING A STATEMENT OF  
GOALS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR  
MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE,  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 11625, BOROUGH OF SCOTSDALE, PA**

1. The Borough of Scottsdale, PA hereby set as its goal for utilization of minority and women businesses, through its contracts for public works, site clearance and demolition, supplies and services, a target of \$4,073 for MBE and \$2,444 for WBE for the Borough of Scottsdale's non-administrative cost for the FY 2023 CDBG Program.
2. As part of preparation of the contract documents, the Borough of Scottsdale will analyze the specific construction, site clearance and demolition projects and will determine for each specific CDBG contract, a goal and percentage amount which represents in the judgement of the City, to be the maximum feasible involvement of minority and women businesses. Thus, individual projects may vary from the stated percentage goal. It is expected during the course of the year, however, that the total volume awarded to minority or women businesses will approximate the goals stated above.

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

**ATTEST:**

  
Angelo Pallone, Borough Manager

**BOROUGH OF SCOTSDALE**  
  
Don Stansak, Council President

10-9-2023  
Date



**NEW BUSINESS** – Nothing to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Cindy Frye-Allison – A request from the Scottdale Rotary and Southmoreland Interact Club to help maintain the raingardens in the downtown area.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the request of the Scottdale Rotary and Southmoreland Interact Club. Motion passed.

Bobbi Zahrosky – A request to have the annual Trunk or Treat event at Trinity United Methodist Church.

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

Dora Packowski – A petition from residents to have the Street Department move the radarsigns. Discussed in the Protection Committee section.

Geyer Theater – A request to have the Elf 5K run using the fall festival route on December 2, 2023.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the event. Motion passed.

Westmoreland County Boroughs Association – Meeting notice. Information only.

PA Department of Transportation – Winter snow agreement. Information only.

St. John the Baptist Church – A request to close the alley behind the church to have their annual Octoberfest.

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

**SEMINARS** – Nothing to report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** – Nothing to report.

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

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

- Attended the Protection committee meeting.
- Thanked Dora Packowski for working on the petition regarding the radarsigns.

Council took a break at 8:27 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Council went into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.  
Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:06 p.m.

**ADJOURN** – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Motion passed.

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Borough Secretary