

**BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 2024**

**SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS** – Mayor King swore in Mickey Siwula, Don Stansak and Mary Yeager as newly elected Council members.

The reorganization meeting of Scottsdale Borough Council was convened at 6:31 p.m. with Mayor Chuck King presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silent Meditation was held.

**ROLL CALL**

Those Council persons present at Roll Call were: Mrs. Colebank, Mr. Chronowski, Mrs. Robson, Mr. Siwula, Mr. Stansak, Mrs. Yeager, Mayor King, and Borough Manager Pallone. Mr. Hovis, Mr. Pinskey, Engineer Eby, Solicitor Falatovich and Treasurer Washington were absent.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Council President – Mrs. Robson nominated Mr. Siwula for Council President. Mr. Siwula refused the nomination.

Mr. Siwula nominated Mr. Stansak as Council President. Mrs. Colebank closed the nomination. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with Mrs. Robson voting no.

Council Vice President – Mrs. Colebank nominated Mr. Siwula for Council Vice President. Mr. Chronowski closed the nomination. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Pro Tem – Mr. Chronowski nominated Mrs. Colebank as Chairman Pro Tem. Mr. Siwula closed the nomination. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with Mrs. Robson voting no.

Mayor King turned the gavel over to President Stansak.

**APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to appoint Angelo Pallone as Secretary/Manager/Assistant Treasurer. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula to appoint Amy Washington as Treasurer. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to appoint Gary Falatovich, Esquire as Solicitor. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second Mrs. Colebank by to appoint Widmer Engineering, Inc. as Borough Engineer. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with Mrs. Robson voting no.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to appoint Angelo Pallone as Zoning Officer. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to appoint Widmer Engineering, Inc. as Code Enforcement Officer. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with Mrs. Robson voting no.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to appoint American Building Inspections as Building Official/Inspector. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to appoint Timothy Witt, Esquire as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to appoint Edward Opst, CPA as Auditor. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with Mrs. Robson voting no.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to appoint Angelo Pallone as Right to Know Officer. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

### **CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS**

President Stansak made the following committee appointments:

Protection – Mr. Chronowski, Chairman, Mr. Pinskey, Mayor King members and Mr. Siwula floater.

General Government – Mrs. Robson, Chairman, Mr. Hovis member and Mr. Siwula floater.

Public Services – Mrs. Colebank, Chairman, Mrs. Yeager and Mr. Siwula members.

Council voted on the following appointments:

Council Member Appointments to the Planning Commission – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to appoint Mr. Pinskey and Mrs. Yeager to the Planning Commission. Motion passed.

Vacancy Board Chairman – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to appoint Nate Savanick as the Vacancy Board Chairman. Motion passed.

Representative to Westmoreland County Borough's Association – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Yeager to appoint Mr. Pinsky to be the Borough's representative to the Westmoreland County Borough's Association. Motion passed.

Central Westmoreland Council of Governments – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula to appoint Mr. Pinsky as the CWCOG representative. Motion passed.

WCTCC Representatives – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to appoint Mrs. Colebank as the primary representative. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to appoint Borough Manager Pallone as the first alternate. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to appoint Mr. Siwula as the second alternate. Motion passed.

**DESIGNATE BOROUGH OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CHECKS FOR ALL BOROUGH FUND ACCOUNTS** – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to designate the President, Vice President, Borough Manager and Treasurer as authorized signers on all Borough fund accounts. Motion passed with Mrs. Robson voting no.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Stephanie Schropp – Mrs. Schropp asked who was appointed to the Protection Committee. President Stansak stated that Mr. Chronowski is the Chairman. Mr. Pinsky and Mayor King are members of the committee, along with Mr. Siwula being a floater.

Mrs. Schropp asked questions regarding the nominations for Council President. Borough Manager Pallone and President Stansak explained the procedure.

Dora Packowski – Ms. Packowski asked that President Stansak go over the list of committees and members. President Stansak read the list of committees and corresponding members.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Resolution No. 2024-01 Establishing Rules of Public Comment and Discussion at Public Meetings – Borough Manager Pallone read the resolution to Council and the public.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve Resolution No. 2024-01 Establishing Rules of Public Comment and Discussion at Public Meetings. Mrs. Colebank requested that a form be completed in writing for those who want to speak at Council meetings.

Mr. Chronowski amended his motion to revise the resolution to read that a request to speak must be made in writing on a provided form.

Mrs. Yeager asked if the Borough uses form numbers and a revision dates on Borough forms. Council discussed and decided to put a form number and date on this particular form.

Mrs. Robson stated that the idea that Council needs to vote to allow to extend an individual's comment time is ridiculous.

Mayor King commented that a tax payer's time is precious too.

Mrs. Colebank stated that Solicitor Falatovich wrote the resolution. Other communities use a similar resolution.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with Mrs. Robson voting no.



**ADJOURN** – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to adjourn the reorganization meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion passed.

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Borough Secretary