

**BOROUGH OF SCOTSDALE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

The regular meeting of Scottdale Borough Council convened at 6:33 pm with President Donald Stansak presiding.

ROLL CALL Mr. Chronowski, Mrs. Colebank, Mr. Siwula, President Stansak, Mrs. Robson, Solicitor Falatovich, Borough Manager Pallone, Mayor King, and Secretary/Treasurer Washington were in attendance. Mr. Pinskey arrived at 7:58 pm.

Mr. Hovis, Mr. Bell and Engineer Eby were absent.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE MINUTES – Mr. Chronowski stated that on Page 3 under the Protection section of the minutes, it shows Mr. Colebank instead of Mrs. Colebank.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve the August 14, 2023 minutes with corrections. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Stephanie Schropp – Borough Manager Pallone read her email regarding 616 Walnut Avenue. President Stansak asked that her email be included in the minutes.

From: Stephanie
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 3:56 PM
To: Angelo Pallone; Gary Falatovich
Subject: Agenda

Hello,

Unfortunately I'm not able to make it to the meeting tonight because I'm sick. I am on the agenda . I just wanted to let you know that I will not be present .

However, I do want to thank Dave Wendell and the fire department for taking the time out of there busy schedules to check out the former MPH since the last council meeting.

Also, per Tim Burkhart, Project Manager for Diamond Communications (towers) , AT&T wants the towers moved to a different location due the instability of the building. He and another gentleman were on site since the last meeting and I spoke to them briefly. Are there any updates regarding the towers being moved to a safer location?

He also pointed out and seemed surprised that the 600 block of Walnut Ave was not blocked off to traffic due to safety concerns and structural damage to the building. His concern was focused mainly on the roof. This reminded me to follow up with a question that I asked a few months ago. Who deemed the building safe again after the brick fell in February of 2020? Since then more brick has slowly fallen from the building and a window fell from the top level and shattered on the Walnut Avenue The police responded to the window incident.

I'm hoping that my questions are answered during tonight's public meeting.

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Thank you,
Stephanie Schropp

Solicitor Falatovich reported that he reached out to the Redevelopment Authority and the Land Bank. The Land Bank wants a real estate appraisal of the property before they tour the building.

Solicitor Falatovich reached out to Diamond Communications. They are willing to get involved with the integrity of the building.

Mr. Tim Burkhart from Diamond Communications reported that he walked through the building today. It is in bad shape.

Solicitor Falatovich stated that Engineer Eby needs to tour the building and make a list of violations. Then the Borough can move forward.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to authorize Engineer Eby to tour the building located at 616 Walnut Avenue.

Steve Matsey – Mr. Matsey distributed photos to Council showing Stauffer Run in 1997 and today. He stated that he has been complaining for 20 years. The project was supposed to be dredged back to the beginning levels every seven (7) years and it has not been done.

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 Mrs. Colebank to approve the bills and late bills. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Session – Pool Building update. To be discussed in executive session.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Approve Hiring of Borough Office Janitor – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve hiring Shakira Riley for the janitor position at a rate of \$11.65/hour for six (6) hours per week. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Junior Councilperson – Mr. Chronowski reported that the Junior Councilperson position has been advertised.

Tablets for Council Members – Mr. Chronowski reported that the tablets have been set up and will be passed out.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Street Light on Rear Market Street – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to have a street light installed on rear Market Street behind the Christ United Methodist Church. Motion passed.

Approve Resolution for Street Signs – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve a resolution to apply for a grant in the amount of \$243,551.00. The grant does not need a match. Motion passed.

Appendix II – Authorized Official Resolution

Be it RESOLVED, that the Scottdale Borough (Name of Applicant) of Westmoreland (Name of County) hereby request a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$243,551.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Updated Street Signage.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Angelo Pallone ^{-Borough Manager} (Name and Title) and Donald Stansak ^{-President} (Name and Title) as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the Scottdale Borough (Name of Applicant) and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Angelo Pallone duly qualified Secretary of the Scottdale Borough (Name of Applicant), Westmoreland (Name of County) Scottdale, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Scottdale Borough (Governing Body) at a regular meeting held 9-11-23 (Date) and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Scottdale Borough (Applicant) and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Scottdale Borough (Applicant),
this 11 day of Sept, 2023.

Scottdale Borough
Name of Applicant

Westmoreland
County

Angelo M. Pallone
Secretary

Approve Paving Invoices – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the invoice for the 2023 paving program from Tresco in the amount of \$83,186.09 to be paid from Liquid Fuels. Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the invoice for the paving of Park Avenue from Tresco in the amount of \$34,554.39 to be paid from the 2021 CDBG program funds. Motion passed.

PROTECTION

Mrs. Robson made a motion to suspend the rules. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Blight Update – Solicitor Falatovich reported the following:

- 104 Newman Street – The sale agreements are waiting to be signed.
- 102 Mount Pleasant Road – He spoke to the sister of the owner. The sister would like to demolish the house. She gave Solicitor Falatovich an address for the property owner.
- 616 Walnut Avenue – Discussed earlier.
- 304 North Broadway and 5 South Broadway – Mr. Pinsky is looking into.

Approve Resignation of Jerry Lewis from the Civil Service Commission – Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mrs. Colebank to accept the resignation of Jerry Lewis from the Civil Service Commission. Motion passed.

Approve Appointment of Mickey Thomas to the Civil Service Commission – Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Siwula to appoint Mickey Thomas to the Civil Service Commission with a term to expire September 1, 2029. Motion passed.

Property Maintenance Ticketing – Solicitor Falatovich did not have a chance to look at the sample ordinance.

Radarsigns Placement Procedure – Borough Manager Pallone read Ms. Packowski's letter about the radarsigns. President Stansak asked that her letter be made part of the minutes.

Dora Packowski
332 South Chestnut Street
Scottsdale, PA 15683

September 8, 2023

Borough of Scottsdale
10 Mount Pleasant Road
Scottsdale, PA 15683

Dear Borough of Scottsdale Councilmen and Councilwomen:

Re: Moving the radar signs

Please vote on how to handle moving the radar signs. This will probably be the most effective solution. Common sense tells me that the signs should be moved by the Department of Public Works.

Please act like adults instead of squabbling like little children.
Listen to a recording of yourselves arguing over who is going to move the radar signs.

While I would like very much for this one to remain where it is now, there are many other residents that would like to have the traffic slow down like it has on my street.

I did look back through the minutes (thank you so much Amy for making them available!) but could not find any references as to who would be responsible for moving the signs. The August agenda Action Item number 4. c noted Radarsigns Placement Procedure but I don't think it was resolved.

I will see you all at next month's meeting!

Sincerely,
Dora Packowski

Mrs. Robson made a motion to have the Public Services employees move the radarsigns every four (4) weeks. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to have the Police move the radarsigns. Motion passed with Mrs. Robson opposed.

Mayor King reported that the Chief said that the officers will not move the signs.

Police Department Items to Purchase - Tabled.

Fire Department Items to Purchase – Tabled.

Police Vehicle Outfitting Quotes – Moved by Mrs. Robson, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the quote of \$12,100.00 from J. Marcoz for outfitting the 2023 Dodge Durango. Motion passed.

GPS Trackers – Mrs. Colebank wanted to know why the trackers have not been installed in the police vehicles. President Stansak will see that they will be installed immediately.

Civil Service Commission – Solicitor Falatovich reported that the Civil Service Commission voted to advertise for full and part time officers as well as testing for promotion for the Assistant Chief position.

He also reported that they voted to amend the rules for Civil Service testing. It has been changed so that a candidate must have their Act 120 certification by date of hire.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the amendments to the Civil Service Commission's rules and regulations. Motion passed.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Halloween Glow Sticks – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the purchase of glow sticks at a cost of \$300.00. Motion passed.

Light Repair at Loucks Park – Mrs. Colebank reported that Krumanacker replaced a ballast at the Loucks Park ballfield.

Loucks Park Water Issue – Mrs. Colebank reported that there is a water leak between the building and the pavilion at Loucks Park. Nevaeh will repair it at no cost to the Borough.

WIFI in the Parks – Mrs. Colebank reported that WIFI has been installed at Loucks Park, Chestnut Street Park, and Pittsburgh Street Park. Armstrong is working on installing WIFI at Kendi and Barclay Parks.

JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT – Nothing to report.

JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION - Nothing to report.

WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY – To be discussed in Executive Session.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2023 CDBG Program – Borough Manager Pallone reported that the second public hearing will be held on October 3, 2023 at 3:30 pm at the Borough Building.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Resolution No. 2023-09 PDOT Banner Placement – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve Resolution No. 2023-09 PDOT Banner Placement. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation is the agency charged with granting permits to allow the placement of signs or banners on state highways; and


Whereas, the Department of Transportation requires the Borough of Scottsdale to pass a resolution to authorize the placement of banners or signs and to set certain limits on said banners or signs; and

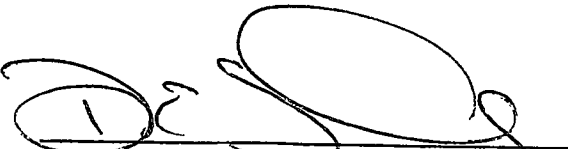
Whereas, the Borough of Scottsdale wishes to allow banners or signs relative to national, regional or local functions, or charitable affairs

Now therefore, be it resolved as follows:

1. Each banner or sign shall have a minimum vertical clearance of 17 feet, 6 inches.
2. Each application must set forth:
 - (a) The size of the banner.
 - (b) The message of the proposed banner.
 - (c) The sponsoring organization and event for which the banner is being erected.
 - (d) The dates of installation and removal.
3. The Borough of Scottsdale will assume full responsibility and accept full liability for erecting, maintaining and removing all overhead banners.
4. No more than 20% of the message of an overhead banner will relate to naming or advertising a commercial product, enterprise, business or company.
5. Traffic control will be performed in accordance with the most current Publication 203.
6. Each application shall be submitted to the Borough Secretary at least twenty (20) days prior to installation so that the application and copy of the resolution may be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

Adopted this 11th day of September, 2023.


Angelo M. Pallone, Borough Manager


Donald Stansak, Council President

CORRESPONDENCE

Jack Scott/Scottdale Mennonite Church – A request to hold a Touch a Truck event on October 1, 2023. The church would like to close South Hickory Street near the Central Fire Station from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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

Westmoreland County Boroughs Association – A meeting notice. No action necessary.

Dora Packowski – A letter regarding the Radarsigns. Refer to the Protection section of the minutes. No action necessary.

SEMINARS

Pipeline Emergency Response Training – Training to be held October 17, 2023 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in Greensburg PA.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to authorize the Borough Manager, Street Crew employees and the Police Department to attend this training. Motion passed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Nothing to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor King reported that he attended the Protection Committee meeting.

Council took a break at 7:36 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council went into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Pinsky arrived at 7:58 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula to pay the remaining amount due after insurance payment for the damage caused by a Borough police vehicle backing into Christina Bufano's vehicle that was legally parked in the Borough Building parking lot.. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to notify the Police Department that they must back the police vehicles into the parking spaces at the station. Motion passed.

ADJOURN – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mrs. Colebank to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary