

BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2024

The regular meeting of Scottsdale Borough Council Meeting convened at 6:36 pm with Council President Donald Stansak presiding.

ROLL CALL- Mr. Andy Pinskey, Mr. Matt Chronowski, Mrs. Charity Colebank, Mr. Steve Eby, Mr. Mickey Siwula, Mr. Donald Stansak, Borough Manager Stacey Coffman, Secretary/Treasurer Amy Baker , Solicitor Gary Falatovich, Mrs. Mary Yeager, Mrs. Mary Robson, Mayor Chuck King were in attendance. We have a Quorum.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES- Nothing to report.

Mr. Mickey Siwula made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the July 8th meeting. Mr. Matt Chronowski seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Mr. Chris Shallenberger spoke about the rat issue the residents of North High Street are having. He stated that of the 40 years he's lived there he has never encountered this issue. He asked that the Borough investigate the problem.

Mr. Mickey Siwula asked for a moment to speak. He wanted to issue an apology for the outburst he had in the July 8th Meeting.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL- Mr. Mickey Siwula made a motion to approve payroll. Mr. Matt Chronowski seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND LATE BILLS- Mr. Mickey Siwula made a motion to accept the bills and late bills. Mr. Matt Chronowski seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Matt Chronowski to suspend the rules and move onto New Business. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS- Mr. Matt Chronowski made a motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Faith Tarr, who is leaving for college. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Charity Colebank, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to accept the resignation of Mr. Angelo Palone. Mr. Matt Chronowski seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Stormwater Project- A motion was made by Mr. Matt Chronowski to amend the agenda to speak on the Stormwater Project of 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Storm Water Project Money 2024 -Steve Eby stated that we have \$45,231.00 that needs to be spent by January 25th. This must be completed by January 25th. We cannot just have a bid. The project will cover the area of Loucks, North Grove and North Chestnut Street. We have had drainage issues, will have a bid packet by the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Charity Colebank to amend the agenda, seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

We have a substantial completion for the roof on the Fire Department. This has already been approved by the council to pay. We need to make a payment of \$8080.53 to fulfill our end of the contract. A motion to pay the bill was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula, seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Matt Chronowski to accept the resignation of Mr. Ryan Hovis as the 3rd ward Councilman. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Appointment of 3rd Ward Council Member- Mr. Caden Copetti, Mrs. Shakyra Riley and Mrs. Stephanie Schropp were given 3 mins each to speak to the council. Caden was not in attendance due to his work schedule. The first to speak was Mrs. Shakyra Riley followed by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp.

Mrs. Mary Robson made a motion to accept Mrs. Stephanie Schropp as Third Ward Councilman. Mr. Andy Pinsky seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken. Mr. Andy Pinsky- Yes, Mr. Matt Chronowski-No, Mrs. Charity Colebank-No, Mr. Donald Stansak-No, Mr. Mickey Siwula-No, Mrs. Mary Yeager-No, Mrs. Mary Robson-Yes. There were 5 opposed ,2 in favor, motion fails. A motion was made by Mr. Matt Chronowski to appoint Mr. Caden Copetti to Third Ward Councilman, seconded by a Mr. Andy Pinsky. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Mary Robson-No, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinsky-Yes, Mrs. Charity Colebank-Yes, Mr. Matt Chronowski-Yes, Mr. Donald Stansak-Yes, and Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes. 1 opposed, 6 in favor, motion carries. Mr. Caden Copetti is the new Council member representing the Third Ward.

1. OLD BUSINESS- Nothing to report

2. GENERAL GOVERNMENT- The Microphone system Council chambers has been purchased and paid for. We are awaiting set up.

Diamond Communications Proposal-Mr. Gary Falatovich has a meeting set for Friday, August 16th, 2024, at 10:00 am. We have already reviewed any changes in the agreement that they have made and will discuss this at the next Council Meeting. Mr. Gary Falatovich said this will be for a small lease of land behind the Borough Building to house the tower. This will be sent to every council member and falls under the General Government.

4TH WARD FIRE DEPT. DOORS- Tabled until the next meeting at which time Mr. Steve Eby will have more specific information on this.

FOB LOCKS VS NEW KEYS- The Fire Department has looked at keys verses locks for the new doors. This will be tabled until the next meeting when the Fire Station Doors are discussed.

The keys for Representative Davanzo's office are not working. They need a new lock installed possibly. This will be tabled until the next meeting pending further investigation.

NEW GLASS DOOR- MAIN PARKING LOT DOOR-Tabled until the next meeting,

FIRE STATION ROOF APPLICATION OF PAYMENT- Payment has been approved for the Fire Station.

FIRE STATION WINDOW PROJECT 1 APPLICATION OF PAYMENT- The windows at the Central Station Fire Department have been installed. The completion of the project has been submitted and a bill in the amount of \$30,922.20 needs to be paid. A motion to pay was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula and seconded by Mrs. Charity Colebank, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

FIRE STATION WINDOW PROJECT 2 APPLICATION OF PAYMENT- The 4th ward station work has not been a project completion. A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to table this until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Charity Colebank, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

THE "ANTI-NEPOTISM RESOLUTION"- Mr. Gary Falatovich has sent the Resolution to Mr. Andy Pinskey and his committee. A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Andy Pinskey, seconded by Mrs. Mary Robson, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

NO GUN POLICY ON BOROUGH PROPERTY-A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to table this generally. Mr. Matt Chronowski seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries. Mr. Andy Pinskey asked that the verbiage be changed to read the motion is to table this permanently.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK- This will be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Gary Falatovich will work with Mr. Stacey Coffman to make any changes necessary.

3. PUBLIC SERVICES- Piccolomini Payment. A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to pay Piccolomini \$2609.93, the final payment, for the project by the Dollar Store. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Speed Sign Placement-A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to move the speed sign that is currently on Pittsburgh Street to Park Avenue, there have been reports of people flying through that area. The sign by the school will stay for now. Seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Vine Street-A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to conduct a two-way traffic study to determine if making Market Street to Vine Street a two-way street and at South Hickory. Motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, none opposed, all in favor, motion carries.

Creek Dredge- It has been approved already to dredge the creek. After meeting with Mr. Mike Barrett, he has been suggested that we start with the 1st portion of Stauffer along with Jacobs Creek and the Bike Trail. Mr. Steve Eby is working on an estimate to see if we can get a grant. This is just informational, no vote needed.

2025 Paving- Mrs. Charity Colebank sent an email asking for possible roads that may need paving in the upcoming 2025 year as she is working on possible Grants. This will be discussed at next month's meeting

Bigley Sidewalk Closure- A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to approve the closure of the sidewalk on Chestnut Street across from Bigley Eye Care. Mr. David Bigley is doing renovations and expanding the parking lot. Motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, none opposed, all in favor, motion carries.

Blocking of the Alley behind Trinity Methodist Church- The church asked that the alley way be closed on Saturday September 21st for a memorial service. Motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank, seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Welcome Sign Placement One Call- Mr. Steve Eby met with Mr. Jack Davis again to make sure we had the correct placement for the Welcome to Scottdale sign that was given to us by S.C.C.I.A. We are waiting for PA One Call to come out and clear it for our guys to dig the posts to hold the sign. Hopefully this will be completed by the end of the week.

Protection- Item a) Amendments to the FOP and item b) The Greystone Manor Zone Change will be moved to the Executive Session.

Generator at the Central Station- We already have the generator for the Central Station that was obtained through a grant. It needs an electrician to connect it. Mr. Matt Chronowski made a motion to pay \$850.19 from the Capital Funds, to pay the electrician. Motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Pinskey, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Hiring of 2 Police Officers-The members of the Civil Service Committee have found two candidates to hire. A motion made by Mr. Matt Chronowski is to allow the Civil Service Committee to proceed in the hiring process with Lance Carleton, pending Police Academy graduation and a background check. The motion seconded by Mrs. Charity Colebank, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries. A motion was made by Mr. Matt Chronowski to allow the Civil Service Committee to proceed in the hiring process of Clay Berkebile, pending Police Academy graduation and background check. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Blight Update- The Well Springs church attorney contacted Mr. Gary Falatovich, will be filing a response to the complaint stating that the owner Stewart Adams doesn't have any interest in this church and essentially is a now defunct business. Once this paper has been received, we will take the necessary steps to secure the building and to get a court order to allow us access of the building. This will go hand in hand with a meeting Mr. Gary Falatovich will be having this coming Friday with Diamond. They will discuss the removal of their antenna and equipment. This will include a contribution on Diamonds part for the safe removal of the antenna.

102 Mt. Pleasant Road- This is the Spinella property. The court gave them 150 days from the April hearing date to remove all personal items they want from the property. The permit application process with Westmorland County has been started to secure the demolition funds for the property. Mr. Steve Matsey asked that we send a notice to the owner to cut the grass in 10 days or we will cut the grass and bill her.

Newman Street-Mr. Gary Falatovich has had no luck securing the keys to the property. The property has been signed over to a potential new buyer. We have the ability, under the revisions made to the Property Maintenance code, to go in and secure the property. Mr. Gary Falatovich will send an order to Mr. Steve Eby to sign. This will allow us to secure the building and show the potential buyers the property.

Feed Mill & Sheetz- Mr. Andy Pinskey will have more information on the Feed Mill and the Sheetz Building at the next meeting. The Sheetz building is no longer owned by Norfolk Southern. It is now owned by Carlow Corporation.

Fink Building- Nothing new to report. The Borough has secured the building.

Parks and Recreation- Fall Festival Participation- The Parks Commission will be involved in a Cornhole tournament on September 21st at 3:45. A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to allow them to participate in the festival. Motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Pinskey, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Halloween Parade/Trick or Treat-Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to approve the Halloween Parade and Trick or Treating on October 31st with the Parade starting at 6 o'clock p.m. and Trick or Treating will immediately follow until 8 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Living Evidence Garfield Park Clean up- The Living Evidence Church cleaned up the park on August 10th. All waivers are on file at the borough. A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to approve the clean-up. Motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Winter Carnival- The Scottdale Parks Commission and the Library are teaming up on February 22nd for a Winter Carnival at the Fountain Mills Event Center. Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to allow the Carnival to happen. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Port-A-John's- There was an issue with the Loucks Park restrooms, they have been repaired and no Port-A-John's were needed.

LSA Grants- Mrs. Charity Colebank stated that there is an LSA Grant open according to Representative Davanzo, for around \$200,000 for our area. She will apply for the grant for the Fire Department in the amount of \$45,559.00 for various equipment needed. Mrs. Charity Colebank is seeking approval for the \$100 application fee. A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank, seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries. LSA is also opening a state application on September 1st and Mrs. Charity Colebank would like to apply for a splash pad for Loucks Park that would be 100% covered. A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to approve the \$100 application fee for this grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Jacobs Creek Watershed Association- Nothing to report

Jacobs Creek Flood Control Project- Nothing to report

Westmoreland-Fayette Municipal Sewage Authority- Nothing to report

Community Development- CDBG – The Gap Trail Grant did not pass. Mr. Andy Pinskey is taking a different approach and will have more to report on at the next meeting.

New Business- Covered in the beginning of the meeting

Correspondence- Nothing to report

Seminars- Mrs. Stacey Coffman attended the Zoning Training Seminar and has completed it.

Engineer's Report- Next month Mr. Steve Eby will have 3 quotes for the interrogation room for the police.

Solicitor's Report- Will be discussed in the Executive session.

Mayor's Report- **Nothing** to report

Public Comment Period- Jim Stocker, President of Firearms against crimes spoke on the right to bear arms

Executive session was entered into at 7:55

At 8:36 the Executive Session ended

A motion was made by Mr. Matt Chronowski to adjourn, Mrs. Charity Colebank seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.