BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2023

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

ROLL CALL Mr. Bell, Mr. Chronowski, Mrs. Colebank, Mr. Siwula, President Stansak, Mayor King Engineer Eby, Borough Manager Pallone, and Secretary/Treasurer Washington were in attendance.

Mr. Hovis, Mr. Pinskey, Mrs. Robson, and Solicitor Falatovich were absent.

<u>CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE MINUTES</u> – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to accept the November 13, 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula to accept the November 20, 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

<u>Dora Packowski</u> – She thanked Council for their work. She told the public to find out what's going on in the community. Get to know your Council members.

<u>Larry Keslar</u> – He is concerned that there has been no action on the old Publishing House building. He will organize a protest and call the news media if nothing is done.

Mr. Keslar stated that the Solicitor is not doing his job. President Stansak explained that the Solicitor is taking the necessary steps. Mr. Keslar feels that the Solicitor should be fired.

<u>Stephanie Schropp</u> – She wanted to speak about the allotted time to speak during the Public Comment period. She did a right to know request and received the information she asked for. Mrs. Schropp was not happy about the three (3) minute rules. Past minutes indicated the time allowed to speak as five (5) minutes. Asked President Stansak why it was changed to three (3) minutes.

She stated that the petitions regarding the Publishing House were not addressed as per ordinance or resolutions. She complained that the public is the last to know about what is going on.

<u>Becky Blahovec</u> – Ms. Blahovec is the Executive Director of the SCCIA. SCCIA received an Art Grant from Westmoreland County. They would like to give the Borough a sign with the Borough logo on it and have it installed on the Borough Building or on Borough property.

<u>Joy Stuart</u> – Ms. Stuart is the owner of the Stepping Stone located at 205 Pittsburgh Street. She wrote a letter to Council that was presented at the November Council meeting regarding the uneven sidewalk in front of her building and in front of Miss Martha's Floral. Asked that those areas be addressed.

Ms. Stuart also asked about placing a three way stop sign at Brown Street and South Broadway at the Everson Bridge. Borough Manager Pallone stated that he would send a letter to PDOT requesting a three way stop sign since both roads are state roads.

<u>APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS</u> – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Bell to approve the payrolls. Motion passed.

<u>APPROVAL OF BILLS AND LATE BILLS</u> – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the bills and late bills. Motion passed.

<u>APPROVAL OF 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET AND LIQUID FUELS BUDGET</u> – Borough Manager Pallone reported that the revised budget has \$2,122,963.00 in revenues and \$2,103,567.00 in expenses. There will be a carryover of \$19,396.00.

Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Siwula to approve the 2024 proposed budget. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Manager Pallone explained the liquid fuels budget.

Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Bell to approve the 2024 liquid fuels budget. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15 2024 TAX MILLAGE</u> — Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mr. Bell to approve Resolution No. 2023-15 2024 Tax Millage. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE,
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
FIXING THE MILLAGE TAX RATE OF REAL PROPERTY
SITUATED WITHIN THE SAID BOROUGH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottdale, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania approves the following:

That a millage is hereby levied on all real property situated within the said Borough and subject to taxation for Borough purposes for the fiscal year 2023 in accordance with the following schedule:

- (A) The millage tax rate for general Borough purposes shall be (21.091) mills for each dollar of assessed valuation.
- (B) The millage tax rate for the Public Library Fund shall be (.909) mills for each dollar of assessed valuation.

The millage tax rate for the Fire Tax Fund shall be (2.0) mills for each dollar of assessed valuation.

The total millage tax rate for all Borough purposes shall be 24.0 mills.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED this the 11th day of December, 2023 by the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottdale, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE

Angelo M. Pallone, Borough Manager

Donald Stansak, President

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to Ratify and Confirm the Entry of a Consent Order Regarding the Pool Building – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to ratify and confirm the entry of a consent order regarding the pool building. Motion passed.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – Nothing to report.

PUBLIC SERVICES

<u>2011 F550 Truck Repairs</u> – Mrs. Colebank reported that she is waiting for an estimate to replace the side wheel bearing.

<u>Salt for 2024</u> – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to allow the school district to buy salt from the Borough at the COSTARS price. Motion passed.

<u>Stepping Stone Sidewalk</u> – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Street Crew looked at the sidewalk. They can't grind down the sidewalk because it is the owner's responsibility. They are following past practice.

Wheel Loader – Mrs. Colebank reported that the Borough has received the wheel loader rental.

<u>Police Entrance Ramp</u> – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the invoice from Nevaeh in the amount of \$34,646.80 to be paid from the CDBG program. Motion passed.

PROTECTION

Approve Resolution No. 2023-13 Approving LSA Grant Application for the Police Records Management System – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve Resolution No. 2023-13 approving the LSA grant application for the police records management system. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS SUPPLIED UNDER THE PENNSYLVANIA RACE HORSE AND GAMING ACT THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FUNDING AGENCY FOR THE SCOTTDALE PD-RMS PROJECT, DESIGNATING AN AGENT TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH IN ALL MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRANT AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF PRO FORMA DOCUMENTS IN FURTHERANCE OF SAME

WHEREAS, the PA Race Horse and Gaming Act is required to provide for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Agency ("CFA") to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the CFA has established a program known as a "Local Share Account" ("LSA") through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development ("DCED") through which municipalities may make application for grants between \$25,000 and \$1,000,000 for certain projects identified in the in the program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, grants approved through the LSA do not require a matching contribution from the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Scottdale, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania desires to make application for a grant to purchase a Records Management System (hereafter the "Scottdale PD-RMS Project" or the "Project") as more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the estimated costs of completing the Project are summarized in that estimate approved by the Borough attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, LSA program guidelines require the Borough to designate an agent and/or representative of the Borough to act on its behalf and to execute all documents and agreements with the CFA to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant; and

WHEREAS, the LSA Program guidelines require the submission of a "Pro Forma Resolution" for the Project to confirm the amount of the grant requested and those persons authorized to execute documents on behalf of the Borough for same, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "C"; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Scottdale Borough discussed and approved the Application for the aforesaid grant by Motion made at its regular public meeting on

October 9, 2023 and adopts this Resolution to affirm and ratify the application for the grant, all actions previously taken in furtherance of the grant, and comply with grant application requirements nunc pro tune.

NOW, THEREFORE, WITH THE FOREGOING RECITALS BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO, THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. THAT the Borough be and is hereby authorized to make application for a grant through the CFA for the "Scottdale PD-RMS Project" through the LSA Program.
- 2. THAT such grant be submitted for the Project described in the attached Exhibit "A"; and
- 3. THAT such grant be submitted in an amount equal to the cost of the Project set forth in the attached Exhibit "B"; and
- 4. THAT, Donald Stansak, in his capacity as President of Scottdale Borough Council, and Angelo Pallone, in his capacity as Secretary of the Borough, be and are hereby designated as the officials to execute all documents and agreements with the CFA to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant; and
- 5. THAT, the Pro Forma Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit "C" shall be given the same Resolution Number as this Resolution and submitted along with the grant application; and
- 6. THAT, all actions heretofore taken by the Secretary, Chief of Police and President of the Council of Scottdale Borough in furtherance of the grant application, be and is hereby ratified and approved.

THIS RESOLUTION IS APPROVED, ADOPTED, RATIFIED AND AFFIRMED BY THE COUNCIL OF SCOTTDALE BOROUGH AT A DULY ADVERTISED PUBLIC MEETING HELD THE 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 AND SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

ATTEST:

THE COUNCIL OF SCOTTDALE BOROUGH BY:

Angelo Pallone, Secretary

Donald Stansak, President of Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 13

Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Scottdale, of Westmoreland County, acting through its duly elected Council hereby requests a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant of \$40,220.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the "Scottdale PD – RMS Project".

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Donald Stansak, President of Scottdale Borough Council, and Angelo Pallone, Secretary of Scottdale Borough, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Scottdale and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Angelo Pallone, the duly qualified Secretary of the Borough of Scottdale, Westmoreland County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Motion approved by a majority vote of the Council of Scottdale Borough, at a regular public meeting held on October 9, 2023, and that such Motion will be ratified and affirmed by the above Resolution of the Council of Scottdale Borough at a public meeting to be held on December 11, 2023. Said action taken on October 9, 2023 has been recorded in the Minutes of the Borough of Scottdale and remains in effect as of this date and the Resolution affirming and ratifying such action will be recorded in the Minutes of the Borough of Scottdale and will remain in effect at all times material hereto following its adoption.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and seal of the Borough of Scottdale this 38th day of November, 2023.

The Borough of Scottdale Name of Applicant

Westmoreland County

Angelo Pallone, Secretary

Approve Ordinance No. 2118 Transient Retail Businesses, Modifying the Definition of a Solicitor, and Prohibiting Door-to-Door Solicitation of Money – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to approve Ordinance No. 2118. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO.	2118	
	2110	

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING CHAPTER 13, PART I, OF THE CODE OF SCOTTDALE BOROUGH RELATING TO TRANSIENT RETAIL BUSINESSES, MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF A SOLICITOR, PROHIBITING THE DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION OF MONEY AND ESTABLISHING MINIMUM PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the Council of Scottdale Borough enacted Chapter 13, Part I of the Code of Scottdale Borough to regulate transient retail businesses as defined therein; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Scottdale Borough desires to amend the definition of a "Solicitor" as set forth in Chapter 13, Part I, Section 101 of the Code of Scottdale Borough to remove sub-section "C" relating to the "door-to-door" solicitation of monetary donations; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Scottdale Borough desires to amend Chapter 13, Part I, Section 106 of the Code of Scottdale Borough to prohibit the "door-to-door" solicitation of monetary donations; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Scottdale Borough desires to amend the penalty provisions set forth in Chapter 13, Part I, Section 111 of the Code of Scottdale Borough to impose a minimum fine for violations.

NOW, THEREFORE, WITH THE FOREGOING RECITALS BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO, THE COUNCIL OF THR BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AND ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. THAT, Subsection "C" of the definition of "Solicitor" set forth in Chapter 13, Part I, Section 101 of the Code of Scottdale Borough relating to the door-to-door solicitation of monetary donations shall be and is hereby repealed in its entirety;
- 2. THAT, Section 106 of the Code of Scottdale Borough relating to "Prohibited Acts" be amended to add Sub-Paragraph 6 as follows as a prohibited act:

"The house to house or door to door solicitation of donations of money for themselves or for any person or organization for any purpose."

3. THAT, the penalty provisions set forth in Chapter 13, Part I, Section 111 of the Code of Scottdale Borough be and is hereby amended to impose a minimum fine for violations, and shall read as follows hereafter:

"§111. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part 1 shall be guilty of a summary offense and, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00); and, upon the failure to pay same, be sentenced to a term imprisonment for not more than the statutorily permitted maximum period authorized for summary offenses. Each day that a violation of this Part 1 is found to exist shall constitute a separate offense and subject the offender to separate penalties hereunder."

4. THAT, all other terms, conditions and provisions of Chapter 13, Part I of the Code of Scottdale Borough not otherwise affected by these amendments shall continue in full force and effect.

THIS ORDINANCE IS ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AT A DULY ADVERTISED PUBLIC MEETING HELD THE <u>11th</u> DAY OF <u>December</u>, 202²³ AND SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

ATTEST: Cenzelo Pallone	THE BOROUGH OF SCOTEDALE:
Angelo Pallone, Secretary	Donald Stansak, President of Council

I, the undersigned, Mayor of the Borough of Scottdale, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, approve the above Ordinance by affixing my signature hereto.

		BY:		
DATE: _	12-11-2023			
	·		Charles King, Mayor	

Approve Ordinance No. 2119 Repealing and Replacing Sections 106 and 107 of the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code – Council tabled approving the ordinance.

<u>Approve Resolution No. 2023-18 Modification of Wage Structure for the Scottdale Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement</u> – Moved by Mr. Chronowski, second by Mrs. Colebank to approve Resolution No. 2023-18 modification of wage structure for the Scottdale Police Department collective bargaining agreement. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18

The Council of Scottdale Borough hereby resolves to make a change in the wage structure portion of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Borough of Scottdale and Scottdale Police Department dated January 1, 2022.

This resolution will be contingent upon both the approval of Scottdale Borough Council, the F.O.B solicitor and the Scottdale Police Bargaining Unit signing off on a change in the tier wage system for new hires from ten (10) tiers to five (5) tiers. It will also affect any officer hired after the current Collective Bargaining Agreement date. Also, if needed a memorandum of understanding to be incorporated by all parties.

THIS RESOLUTION IS APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE AT A PUBLIC MEETING HELD THE 11^{TH} DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 AND SHALL BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024.

ATTEST:

Angelo W. Pallone, Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE

Donald Stansak, President of Council

Blight Update - Solicitor Falatovich reported that he didn't having any updates.

<u>Hiring of Police Personnel</u> – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the hiring of Brady Sherback contingent upon him passing the background check, physical examination and a psychological examination. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve the hiring of Haley Walek contingent upon him passing the background check, physical examination and a psychological examination. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

PARKS AND RECREATION

<u>Open and Award Grass Cutting and Landscaping Bids</u> – Borough Manager Pallone opened and read bids from D. L. Muellerleile and David Lilley.

Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Siwula to award the 2024-2026 grass cutting and landscaping contract to D. L. Muellerleile. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

GRASS CUTTING BID SHEET SCOTTDALE BOROUGH

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Bidder Name and Address		Public Areas		Fifth Avenue			Sherrick Run			O&M Roads		
David Lilley 390 Breakneck Road Connellsville, PA 15425	2024 - 2025 - 2026 - Total:	45,8.00 48,800 53,400 148,000	/yr /yr /yr	2024 - 2025 - 2026 - Total: -	3,500 3,500 9,250	lyr lyr lyr	2024 - 2025 - 2026 -		/cutting /cutting /cutting	2024 - 2025 - 2026 -	1,450 1,550 1,650	/cutting /cutting /cutting
David & Leslie Müellerlelle 160 Brook Hollow Road Mount Pleasant, PA 15666	2024 - 2025 - 2026 - Total:	23625 24500 25375 73,500	/yr /yr /yr	2024 - 2025 - 2026 - Total:	915 915 915 9745	/yr /yr /yr	2024 - 2025 - 2026 -	175.00 175.00 175.00	/cutting	2024 - 2025 - 2026 -	925	≥ /cutting ≥ /cutting ≥ /cutting
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JACOBS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION - Nothing to report.

JACOBS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT - Nothing to report.

WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY

<u>Certificates of Deposit</u> – Borough Manager Pallone reported that he opened CD's at Mid Penn Bank for six months, twelve months, and 18 months at a rate of 5.2%.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Approve Resolution No. 2023-19 Modifications to the 2020 and 2021 CDBG Programs – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve Resolution No. 2023-19 modifications to the 2020 and 2021 CDBG programs. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-19

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY 2020 & FY 2021 CDBG PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Scottdale is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the State Act 179; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED) has provided a grant to the Borough of Scottdale under the FY 2020 and FY 2021 CDBG Programs to address the housing, community and economic development needs in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Scottdale has been administering its FY 2020 and FY 2021 CDBG Program Year Grants in accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania CDBG Program Guidelines issued by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED); and

WHEREAS, the Borough has recently transferred ownership of its Sanitary Sewer system to the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County (MAWC). As part of the transfer agreement, the Borough needs to improve its storm sewer separation system throughout the Borough.

WHEREAS, a notice of a public hearing was properly advertised and held, to give residents the opportunity to comment on the proposed modifications; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's staff and Consultant have prepared a FY 2020 CDBG and FY 2021 CDBG Program Modification which consists of the following:

FY 2020 CDBG Program Year

- 1. Delete the Borough-Wide Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Project activity in the amount of \$55,231.00.
- 2. Delete the Fire Station Improvements Project activity in the amount of \$23,663.00.
- 3. Add a new activity to fund improvements to a Borough-Wide Storm Sewer Improvements Project in the amount of \$78,894.00.

FY 2021 CDBG Program Year

- 1. Delete the Borough-Wide Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Project activity in the amount of \$41,667.00.
- 2. Reduce the amount for the completed Park Avenue Street Improvements Project from \$38,250.00 to a revised budget amount of \$34,909.39.
- 3. Add a new activity to fund improvements to a Borough-Wide Storm Sewer Improvements Project in the amount of \$45,007.61.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottdale, Pennsylvania hereby approves the proposed program modifications to the FY 2020 and FY 2021 CDBG Program Years and authorizes the filing of said modifications with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Borough Council is designated as the Chief Executive Officer authorized to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Borough of Scottdale in regard to the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program; and furthermore, is authorized and made responsible for performing the overall coordination and administration of the Borough's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottdale at their regular meeting on December 11, 2023.

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 regular meeting held the 11th day of December 2023.

Angelo M. Pallone, Borough Secretary

<u>Approve Resolution No. 2023-20 Program Revision to the 2019 CDBG Program</u> – Moved by Mrs.Colebank, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve Resolution No. 2023-20 program revision to the 2019 CDBG program. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING A PROGRAM REVISION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Scottdale is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the State Act 179; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED) has provided a grant to the Borough of Scottdale under the FY 2019 CDBG Program to address the housing, community and economic development needs in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, there are funds remaining in the "Borough Wide Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Project" line item of the FY 2019 CDBG Program Year Budget and there is no longer a need to utilize those funds for their intended purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has prepared a Program Revision to include a reduction in funds from the "Borough Wide Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Project" line item and add the funds to the "Fire Station Improvements" line item.

WHEREAS, the scope and beneficiaries of the projects remain the same through FY 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottdale, hereby approves the proposed revisions to the FY 2019 CDBG Program Year and authorizes the filing of said revision with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Borough Council is designated as the Chief Executive Officer authorized to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Borough of Scottdale in regard to the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program; and furthermore, is authorized and made responsible for performing the overall coordination and administration of the Borough's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Scottdale at their regular meeting on December 11, 2023.

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 regular meeting held the 11th day of December 2023.

Angelo M. Pallone, Borough Secretary

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Approve Resolution No. 2023-17 Approve Auditor</u> – Moved by Mrs. Colebank, second by Mr. Bell to approve Resolution No. 2023-17 Approve Auditor. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1文(p

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPOINTING AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO AUDIT THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF SCOTTDALE BOROUGH FOR 2023

WHEREAS, the Council of Scottdale Borough has replaced the position of elected auditor within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Scottdale Borough, consistent with Section 1005(7) of the Borough Code, is thereby vested with the authority to appoint an independent auditor to make an independent examination of the accounting records of the borough for fiscal year 2022, and perform those other duties, and exercise those powers conferred upon the independent auditor under such Section and other applicable the provisions of the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Scottdale Borough approves and adopts this Resolution to appoint an independent auditor consistent with the applicable provisions of the Borough Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, WITH THE FOREGOING RECITALS BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO, THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. THAT, **Opst & Associates** be and is hereby appointed as the independent auditor to make an independent examination of the accounting records of the Borough for fiscal year 2023, and perform the other duties, and exercise those other powers as conferred upon the independent auditor under the aforesaid provisions of the Borough Code.
- 2. THAT, **Opst & Associates** be paid the sum of **\$7,316.40** for services rendered in the performance of such Audit.

THIS RESOLUTION IS APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE AT A PUBLIC MEETING HELD THE 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 AND SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

ATTEST:

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SCOTTDALE

Angelo Mallone, Borough Manager

Donald Stansak, President of Council

<u>Approve Resolution No. 2023-16 Waive PMRS Contributions</u> – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Chronowski to approve Resolution No. 2023-16 waive PMRS contributions. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26

WHEREAS, the Scottdale Borough, by Ordinance No. 1104, entered into an agreement, dated April 9, 2001 with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board to provide a police pension plan; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 11 of said Agreement allows for the Borough to annually waive or reduce the required employee contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Scottdale Borough now desires to waive the required member contributions for calendar year 2023 only,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 11th day of December, 2023 that in accordance with Ordinance No. 1104 and the Agreement, dated April 9, 2001, the Borough agrees to waive the required member contribution to the police pension plan for calendar year 2023 only; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be filed with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board to so indicate the Borough's intent.

DULY ADOPTED this 11th day of December, 2023 by Scottdale Borough.

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ATTEST:

Angelo M. Pallone, Borough Manager

Donald Stansak, Council President

<u>Approval of Westmoreland County Transit Authority Agreement</u> – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Bell to approve the 2024 Westmoreland County Transit Authority agreement to be paid in February. Motion passed.

<u>Appoint Planning Commission Member</u> – Borough Manager Pallone reported that Sydney Hovis' term has expired. A new member has to be found and appointed.

CORRESPONDENCE 5 %

<u>PSAB Membership Directory</u> – Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Bell to approve the invoice to be included in the PSAB membership directory. Motion passed.

SEMINARS – Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor King reported the following:

- Did the welcome at the Veterans' Day service.
- Participated in an Armstrong segment.
- Delivered \$130,000.00 in Kiefer Foundation donations.

<u>DISCUSSION PERIOD</u> – The company with the lease rights for the towers on the roof of the old Publishing House spoke about the condition of the building. AT&T is subleasing the towers. If the building is not working for the towers, then they would like to move the towers to another location in the Borough.

Joy Stuart, owner of the Stepping Stone believes that the crosswalk project caused the cracking of her sidewalk.

Council took a break at 8:25 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council went into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.

<u>ADJOURN</u> - Moved by Mr. Siwula, second by Mr. Bell to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary	