

# Council Meeting

## April 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Donald Stansak at 6:30 pm on April 14, 2025. Roll call attendance, Mr. Matt Chronowski, Mr. Steve Eby, Mr. Mickey Siwula, Mrs. Charity Colebank, Mayor Chuck King, Mr. Donald Stansak, Mrs. Mary Yeager, Mrs. Stacey Coffman were all in attendance. Mr. Gary Falatovich and Mr. Andy Pinskey joined the meeting via phone. We have a quorum. Mr. Caden Coppetti, and Mrs. Mary Robson and Junior Council Member Isaac House did not attend the meeting.

**Correction or Addition to the Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Matt Chronowski to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Matt Chronowski made a motion to suspend the rules. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Charity Colebank, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Matt Chronowski wanted to add to his portion of the agenda the urgency to replace the old shotguns the police are currently using. The service weapons are around 30 years old and are a liability. There was a price quoted for 3 shotguns in the amount of \$2305 from the Meter Fund account. A motion was made by Mr. Matt Chronowski to purchase the guns. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Charity Colebank.

Roll call vote was taken, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Charity Colebank-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Donald Stansak-Yes, Mr. Matt Chronowski-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried.

Mr. Andy Pinskey joined the meeting via phone call.

**Public Comment Period:** Mrs. Stacey Coffman attended a training through PSAB and learned that the Public Comment Period number 1 must be limited to agenda items only and the 3-minute rule must be enforced. The second Public Comment Period can be about anything, still must adhere to the 3-minute speaking limit. This rule will be looked at in the May 2025 meeting.

**Sue Rice-Lampo** spoke about the cat problems on Pittsburgh St. Mr. Steve Eby stated he has cited the address mentioned. Sue stated the owner is deceased and there is no one to cite. Mr. Steve Eby will work on this issue.

**Adam Warburton** was approached by the owners of the Bad Rabbit about installing

a Claw machine and a Pinball machine for their back room. There is still an Ordinance in Scottdale that states any coin operated amusement device is not allowed within a certain distance of any school or church. This would make his machines and any others illegal in the Borough. He is asking Council to review that Ordinance and make amendments to clearly define where a claw or pinball machine would fall under. Mrs. Mary Yeager is working with Mr. Gary Falatovich to rewrite the Ordinance for the skilled gaming devices and will present something at the next General Government Meeting.

**First Assembly of God-Mrs. Pam Aigner** asking for a section of Jennings Ave. near the church to be put on a paving project. Several residents walk on this street and the road is extremely bad. There are no current paving projects on the list for this year. Mrs. Charity stated the Public Service Committee will investigate this and see what can be done.

**Stephanie Schropp** spoke about a recent fire on Market Street. There is a GoFundMe in place for donations. Several community members and businesses have already begun to help.

**Angelo Pallone** was originally going to speak to Council about some concerns. However, he has spoken with his Ward 2 Representative Mrs. Mary Yeager, and she will handle some of his questions and find the answers.

**Shakyrá Riley** wanted to thank the Police Department for their transparency and that they are doing a fantastic job. She, a member of the Parks Commission, is asking that attendance play a role in term limits. If there are members of a Committee or Commission that do not attend meetings in several months they should be replaced with members that are able to attend and help with events. Lastly, after watching a few meetings she would like to see the meetings and residents remain professional and respectful when speaking.

**Approval of Payroll:** A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to approve the payroll. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

**Approval of Bills/Late Bills:** A motion was made by Mr. Matt Chronowski to approve the bills and late bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Action Items: Old Business-** Nothing to report

**General Government: SCCIA Lease-** Executive Session

**Police Lighting Grant-** The Borough was awarded a \$1000 grant through Scott Electric to replace old lighting in the Police Department. This only covers the cost of the lighting, not the labor. We will get estimates for those costs for the next meeting.

**Public Services: ADA Crosswalks Pads-** There were two residents that reached out stating that they are repairing their sidewalks and wanted to know if the Borough will pay for the pads to make the sidewalks ADA compliant. This will save the Borough around \$6500, and will cost approximately \$300 per pad, with 10 pads needed. This will be paid for out of the Liquid Fuels funds. A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to buy these pads for the sidewalks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Recycling Truck-** The recycling truck has broken down again and will cost approximately \$2689.80 to repair it. Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to pay the bill, so the recycling truck is operational again. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Yeager, all those in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Vac Truck-** For MS4 requirements we have to clean streets in certain areas in town. It is budgeted for \$1800. Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to rent the Vac truck. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Protection: Civil Service Update (informational only)-** There have been two letters of interest, Mr. James Williams and Mr. Andy Pinskey. These letters will be discussed at the next Protection meeting. Mr. Matt Chronowski asked Mrs. Dora Packowski is, as an alternate, if she'd be interested in being a member. She has no interest in staying on the committee currently, even as an alternate.

**Blight Update-Wellspring's Church** Mr. Steve Eby has quotes available for the fence and will discuss this under the Engineers report. Mr. Gary Falatovich has been in touch with a company that will remove any chemicals or materials from the building according to the DEP guidelines.

**102 Mt. Pleasant Road** There was a hearing in front of Judge Smail regarding noncompliance of the consent order. He is issuing an order to find her in contempt and a hearing should be scheduled within a few weeks.

Sheetz- Nothing to report

Feed Mill- Nothing to report

Fink Building- Nothing to report

104 Newman Street-Since the last Council Meeting, there has been development with ownership of the Fink building. The property has been sold through a tax sale to Mr. Durstine. Mr. Gary Falatovich stated we were able to enter into an agreement to clear up any issues with this property. He has agreed to pay the Borough \$3500 for any citations that are against his property and will clean up the property as well. He will have the interior and exterior cleaned up within the next 65 days. Mr. Gary Falatovich is recommending a motion be made to approve this agreement. The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula, seconded by Mr. Charity Colebank. All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Parks and Recreation:** Mulch- Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to pay for the mulch, not to exceed the \$6000 budgeted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

5th Grade Olympics- Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to allow the 5th graders to hold their annual Olympics at Loucks Park on May 9th, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. Mayor Chuck King was asked if he would be in attendance to which he stated "Yes, I am every year".

Port A Johns- These are ordered yearly for the Gazebo, Kendi Park and Garfield Park, with Chestnut St. Park being as needed. This is budgeted at \$3600 and is an estimated \$2400 cost. Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to order Port A Johns for the parks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Summer Lunch Program- Every year Southmoreland provides free lunch for any child 18 and younger. Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to allow them to have the summer lunch program at Loucks Park. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Southmoreland use of the Park- The school district has recently reached out

asking to use Loucks Park for different days and events. Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to allow the school to use Loucks Park as needed, providing they reach out to the Parks Commission and let them know when they want to use it. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Jacobs Creek Watershed Association:** Nothing to report

**Jacobs Creek Flood Control Project:** Nothing to report

**Westmoreland-Fayette Municipal Sewage Authority:**

Certification/Resolution-A Resolution was made, and a dissolving certificate was sent around for approval. Each Authority had to have a Resolution passed. We met on March 27, 2025, and passed to dissolve the Authority. Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to pass the Resolution 2025-04. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Community Development:** Nothing to report

**New Business:** Nothing to report

**Junior Council Report:** Nothing to report, Mr. Isaac House is on an educational trip overseas.

**Correspondence:** Rotary Club- Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to allow the Rotary Club to install the Peace Pole in front of their digital sign located in Veterans Park according to the pictures in the meeting packets. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Scottdale Chamber-** A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to all the Chamber to hold their Block Party on Saturday July 5th, 2025. They will need to block off Pittsburgh Street from 9 a.m. until approximately midnight. Food vendors will open at noon, and the remaining festivities will start at 2 p.m. with a car show and fireworks to conclude the party. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor no one opposed, motion carried.

**Moose Riders-** A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to allow the Moose Riders to reserve 6 parking spaces on Pittsburgh Street for their annual ride in June 7<sup>th</sup> from 8a.m. to 6 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no

one opposed, motion carried.

**Cub Scout Pack 160-** The motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to allow the Cub Scouts to close Stoner Street from Market Street to Pittsburgh Street for their Cub Mobile Race on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 9am-5pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

**Seminars:** Your role as a Municipal Secretary/Administrator (PSAB) Mrs. Stacey Coffman attended a Two-day seminar the previous week for training purposes.

**Engineer's Report: Fence-** The rest of the fence will be installed and Mr. Steve Eby has 4 quotes. The 1<sup>st</sup> quote is \$14,580.00, with a choice of a black fence for \$13,780.00, a quote for \$16,880.00, and a quote for \$22,125.00. It was voted on previously to take the funds out of the Capital account. The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula, seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, all in favor, no one opposed. Roll call vote Mrs. Charity Colebank- Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-yes, Mr. Donald Stansak-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula, Mr. Matt Chronowski-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes. 6 Yes votes, motion carried.

### **Solicitor's Report: Gracestone Liquor License Transfer Approval**

After Council passed a Resolution for a liquor license transfer to Mrs. Pat Hill for the Greystone Manor. The license that was supposed to be transferred was unable to transfer due to LCB requirements. Therefore, another Liquor License is being secured for this location. The LCB requires a new Resolution for this license however a second public hearing is unnecessary. The new Resolution, number 2025-05, reflects the changes. A motion was made by Mr. Matt Chronowski, seconded by Mrs. Charity Colebank, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

**Assistant Chief Appointment** Mr. Gary Falatovich stated that at last month's meeting there were a lot of questions regarding the appointment of the Assistant Chief position and the Civil Service test results. The examination scores that were originally looked at were the results of a written test that scored Officer Donor higher than Officer Zelenak. After a follow up, Mr. Gary Falatovich was informed that there was a 2<sup>nd</sup> part to the test that included an oral examination that changed the rankings of the Officers. Officer Matt Zelenak had the highest score. This will be discussed in the Executive Session as it is a personal issue.



**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Chuck King attended the Protection Committee meeting. He also stated he signed over 150 proclamations last year for the school's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Olympics.

**Public Comment Period** Mrs. Dee Petonic spoke about the debris falling from the Wellspring's Church building and brought in pieces of the building.

**Executive Session** was entered into at 8 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 8:26. After discussing with Council, Officer Zelenak will be the next Assistant Chief. He was sworn in by Mayor Chuck King.

**Adjourn** The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:41.

