

## **Borough Council Meeting**

**November 10, 2025**

The Borough Council Meeting was called to order by Mr. Mickey Siwula at 6:35 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, roll call was taken. Mr. Andy Pinsky, Mr. Steve Eby, Mrs. Charity Colebank, Mr. Mickey Siwula, Mrs. Mary Robson, Mrs. Mary Yeager, Mr. Gary Falatovich and Mrs. Stacey Coffman were all in attendance. Mr. Caden Coppetti, Mr. Matt Chronowski, Mr. Don Stansak, Mrs. Amy Baker, and Mayor Chuck King were not in attendance.

### **Corrections or Additions to Minutes**

Mrs. Mary Robson made a motion to accept the October meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Pinsky, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

### **Public Comment Period (3 Minute Limit Per Person)**

**a. Lincoln Jamison-Conduct:** Mr. Jamison spoke on behalf of his mother, the Gretz Lot, Code Enforcement, and the engineer conflicts of interest.

**b. Joy Stuart-Old Business:** Ms. Stuart spoke about the employee handbook and that it only covered one employee, and that the removal of days was like a punishment for that employee who works hard, is good for the community and council.

**c. James Williams-Code Enforcement/Blight -** Mr. Williams thanked the Borough and Council for bringing the County Landbank/ Redevelopment Authority in to speak to everyone prior to the meeting and providing everyone with information on the resources they offer. Mr. Williams told the council that the "do it on our own" concept that has been done for the last decade plus, does not work and is hurting our community. The ordinances need updating. Code enforcement needs to be active and thorough. He stated that it is time that the council needs to consider utilizing outside help.

**d. Andy Pinsky-Old Business-** Mr. Pinsky thanked the residents for being active and explained to them that the wheels of local government tend to move slowly. He explained that some items can be addressed quickly, and other items may take longer.

**Approval of Overtime Report –** It's been determined that the report does not need voted on and is approved in the budget and collective bargaining agreements. It will be provided in the financial reports for information only. If there is a large amount of overtime

being paid out, the appropriate council committee chair and the Mayor will address it. This line does not need to be on the agenda moving forward.

**Approval of Recurring Bills and Non-Recurring Bills-** The motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to pay the recurring and non-recurring bills. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Robson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

## **Action Items**

### **1. Old Business**

**a. Auditor's Report** – The report will be completed in December.

**b. Employee Handbook** – Mr. Pinskey made a motion to rescind the vote on the handbook and add the 4 holidays back to handbook. Mrs. Yeager seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- Mrs. Yeager- Yes, Mrs. Colebank- No, Mr. Pinskey- Yes, Mrs. Robson-Yes, Mr. Siwula- No. Three yes, two no, motion carries.

Mrs. Robson made a motion to take 2 personal days away. Seconded by Mrs. Colebank. Ms. Joy Stuart spoke up on behalf of the employee, losing the personal days. Mrs. Seaman spoke up questioning the removal of personal days too. Mrs. Coffman spoke up and stated that when the employee was hired, she was promised the same benefits as and the previous secretary/ treasurer. Mrs. Williams spoke up about the amount of time it took to go over the employee handbook and that it seemed that council did not look at the previous handbook.

Roll call vote- Mrs. Colebank- No, Mr. Siwula- No, Mrs. Yeager- No, Mrs. Robson- Yes, Mr. Pinskey- No. Four No, 1 yes, Motion failed.

To summarize: an employee was promised the same benefits/ days off upon being hired as the previous secretary/treasurer. The handbook was redone and initially removed 4 holidays. After the discussions were completed, the holidays that were removed were returned.

### **2. General Government**

**a. CD Request for Proposals** A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to send out requests for rates from the banks. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Robson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

**b. Ford IT Service** We have ended our contract with Ford and need to send out proposals for a new IT company. The motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to

move forward with asking for proposals for IT support. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Robson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

**c. Resignation Letter-** President Donald Stansek submitted his resignation letter for Council, due to his work schedule. Mrs. Colebank made a motion to hold the acceptance letter until the December meeting, so that the new council can vote in January on letters of interest that are collected after the December meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Yeager. The decision was made to not accept his resignation. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

### **3. Public Services**

**a. Garbage Contract-** The garbage contract was re-advertised after adjustments were made to the contract verbiage. The bids will be due in December 12th and will be opened in January at the re-org meeting.

### **4. Protection**

**a. ARs Police-** The police ARs will need to be replaced within the next two years. Informational only, to get it on the council's radar. The budget line for the firearms was increased from \$5000 to \$15000. It is tabled.

**b. Civil Service Advertisement-** The Civil Service is seeking permission to advertise for taking applications and testing to build a list for the police and hire part time officers. The motion was made by Mr. Pinsky, Seconded by Mrs. Colebank. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**c. Code Enforcement-** There were three people brought forward to the council. Mr. Adams, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Lewis were the options. Two were interested in the position as temporary. Mr. Pinsky made a motion to appoint Mr. Adams, Seconded by Mrs. Robson. Questions about if Mr. Adams, submitted information, and if he even wanted the position. Discussions arose about this role. Mr. Pinsky rescinded his motion. Mrs. Robson rescinded her second. Mr. Pinsky asked Mr. Howard if he would be interested in holding the position temporarily until January to handle the hearings and other duties of code enforcement officer. Mr. Howard said yes. Mr. Pinsky made the motion to have Mr. Howard fill the role until January. Mrs. Robson seconded the motion. Four in favor, one opposed. Motion carried.

### **d. Blight Update**

**i. WellSpring Church-** The county has had discussions with the solicitor and Mrs. Coffman and is interested in looking into the building. Diamond is committed to \$30,000 to put into an escrow that will be utilized for clean-up. Discussion

with residents, council, and the solicitor talking about the electricity at the building, people entering the building, lead in the water, and radiation coming from the building. Information on testing is to be turned into Mrs. Coffman to get it to the solicitor. Mr. Pinskey asked the police about how many calls there were to this building. There were 35 police calls for people trespassing.

**ii. 102 Mt. Pleasant Rd.:** Court order will be sent to the property owner, and they will have 15 days to respond. The next step is the execution process, and it will get brought up for sheriff's sale, at which time, the Borough and County can work on getting this property demolished.

**iii. Sheetz:** Carson's has a lease for the parking lot. Norfolk Southern is the owner of the building. The building still needs a lot of work.

**iv. Feed Mill:** Has been released from bankruptcy and the title is back in the owner's hand. The code enforcement officer will need to work on next steps with the citations. Mr. Falatovich will assist Mr. Howard in handling these.

**v. Fink Building:** Has been released from bankruptcy and the title is back in the owner's hand. The code enforcement officer will need to work on next steps with the citations. Mr. Falatovich will assist Mr. Howard in handling these.

#### **5. Parks and Recreation**

**a. Budget-** Not meeting in November and December. The new proposed budget will be \$67000 from \$61000.

#### **6. Jacobs Creek Watershed Association-** Nothing to report

#### **7. Jacobs Creek Flood Control Project**

**a. Bid for Brush and Creek Cleanup-** One bid came in for this project. Questions came up about the chemicals used for the spraying. Bid acceptance will be held until council reviews the bid specs.

#### **8. MS4 Report** – Nothing to report.

**9. Community Development-** 2025 FY application fee is \$4,000. This comes out of CDBG funds. Mrs. Colebank made the motion to pay the \$4,000 out of CDBG funds. Seconded by Mr. Pinskey. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

**10. New Business** – Preliminary Budget: Discussions going through the budget line items and adjustments were made. Mrs. Coffman brought up doing away with the per capita tax and increasing the millage by .75 to offset that difference. The per capita is hard

to track and collect. Mr. Pinsky motioned to accept the proposed 2026 budget with the changes. Seconded by Mrs. Colebank. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Robson- Yes, Mr. Siwula- Yes, Mr. Pinsky- Yes, Mrs. Yeager- Yes, and Mrs. Colebank- Yes. Motion carries.

**11. Correspondence** – Historical Society requested permission to hold their annual meter decorating contest. Motion to approve the Historical Society meter contest made by Mrs. Colebank. Seconded, by Mrs. Robson. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

## **12. Seminars**

### **J. Engineer's Report**

**a. Stormwater Separation Project**- Mr. Eby is working on the stormwater separation with MAWC at Bridge Street and Mount Pleasant Road. It will be approximately \$75,000 and \$75,000 for each project, coming from the stormwater accounts.

**K. Solicitor's Report** – Mr. Falatovich covered everything through the meeting.

**L. Mayor's Report** - Nothing to report, Mayor King was not in attendance.

### **M. Public Comment Period No. Two-3 Minute Limit Per Person-**

**a. Mrs. Colebank**- Spoke about working together, taking frustrations out on social media, and putting differences aside to come together and move Scottsdale forward.

**b. Mrs. Seaman**- Commended the council on working through difficult situations and keeping things moving along when possible.

**c. Mrs. Destefano**- Spoke on taking care of neighbors, getting the youth involved, and seeking out volunteers to help the community.

**d. Mr. Williams**- Spoke to council about not heading in the right direction. The amount of people who want to help and head things in the right direction, but do not want to come forward because of the discontent of the local government. The town needs to start utilizing outside help and get things moving forward. He asked that the council open up meetings with the county so that the community can be involved. He suggested that Mr. Clawson head up the blight committee and take the blight issue to the community because they would get more help and people willing to assist with their services.

**N. Executive Session** - The Executive Session was entered into at 9:51 p.m. and ended at 10:28 p.m.

**O. Adjourn-** The motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Pinskey, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.