

**Borough Of Scottdale
Council Meeting
May 12, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 on May 12, 2025, by Mr. Mickey Siwula. Mr. Andy Pinskey, Mr. Matt Chronowski, Mr. Steve Eby, Mr. Mickey Siwula, Mayor Chuck King, Mrs. Mary Yeager, Mrs. Mary Robson, Mrs. Charity Colebank, Mrs. Stacey Coffman and Junior Council Member Isaac House were all in attendance, with Mr. Gary Falatovich calling in to the meeting. Mr. Caden Coppetti and Mr. Donald Stansak were not in attendance. We have a quorum.

Correction or Additions to the Minutes: Mr. Matt Chronowski made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Robson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

Public Comment Period- 3-minute limit per person: Mrs. Joy Stewart requested to speak at the second public comment section at the end of the meeting.

Approval of Payrolls: Mr. Matt Chronowski made a motion to approve payroll. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Charity Colebank, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Late Bills: Mr. Matt Chronowski made a motion to pay the bills and late bills. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Robson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

Action Items:

1. **Old Business-** Nothing to discuss
2. **General Government**
 - a. **Police Lighting Install-** Tabled until we get confirmation from ARPA on whether we are still allowed to spend the money.
 - b. **Change Locks-** SCCIA has vacated the building, and the locks need to be changed. The Street Crew will change a total of three locks, no vote needed.
 - c. **Glass Door-** Tabled until we get confirmation from ARPA on whether we are still allowed to spend the money. Mrs. Stacey Coffman will follow up on this.
 - d. **Sending Out CD Proposals-** There are two CD's that are maturing in June. Mrs. Stacey Coffman will send out a Request for Proposals to the local banks and will have those back for the next meeting.
 - e. **Skilled Game Ordinance-** Mrs. Mary Yeager highlighted changes in the existing Ordinance. Mr. Andy Pinskey is asking that a minimum fine of

\$300 maximum of \$600, be amended into the Ordinance. After some discussion on other changes that need to be made, Mrs. Mary Yeager will send the Ordinance to Mr. Gary Falatovich to have that ready for the next meeting.

- f. Employee Handbook-** Council will review the handbook, make any changes they would like, and email them to the General Government Committee for their next committee meeting.
- g. Credit Card-** There was a phone vote to approve a credit card for office use. Mrs. Stacey Coffman has applied at both Somerset Trust and MidPenn Bank and is waiting on bank approval.
- h. Public Comment Period-** Changes being made to the rules of the Public Comment period will be discussed at the General Government Committee meeting. The recommendation is to start this practice in the new year.

3. Public Services

- a. MAWC Letter Request-** MAWC sent a letter stating they are putting in a sanitary receptor line in at Pittsburgh St. and Chestnut St. They are applying for a Water Grant and need a Municipality Support Letter. A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to provide this letter, which she will write. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.
- b. Speed Signs-** The Protection Committee suggested a sign be put on Chestnut Street, opposite the school entrance on the park side, with the other sign placed at the 700 block of Loucks Avenue. Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to move forward with the placement of the signs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.
- c. New Hope Planters-** A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to allow New Hope to add two new planters with trees, which the church is responsible for maintaining. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

4. Protection

- a. Civil Service Update-** Informational only, the committee received a new applicant, Mr. Caden Coppetti. Mr. Andy Pinsky and Mr. James Williams have previously shown interest. The Protection Committee will reach out to them shortly for interviews.
- b. Body Cams-** Mr. Matt Chronowski made a motion to use the ARPA Funds, if available, to pay for the body cams for the Police. If the funds are not available then Council will revisit this at the next meeting to determine where they will get the funds. The motion was seconded by

Mrs. Charity Colebank, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

c. Finger Printing Device- This will be tabled until Assistant Chief Zelenak receives the information on the system.

d. Blight Update

I. Well Springs Church- Mr. Steve Eby has toured the building again and will report on the removal of the hazardous materials in his portion of the meeting. After the removal is complete, Council will need to work out some details with Diamond Communication.

II. 102 Mt. Pleasant- There is a hearing date set for June 18th and the owner has been served. We are waiting for the results of that hearing.

III. Sheetz- It was discovered that Norfolk Southern Railroad owns the property. Mr. Andy Pinskey has reached out to their Atlanta Office and is waiting for a response.

IV. Feed Mill- No Update

V. Fink Building- No Update

5. Parks and Recreation:

a. Parks Commission Term Renewal- Lincoln Jamison: A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to renew Mr. Lincoln Jamison to the Parks Commission for a 4-year term. The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Pinskey, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. Ordinance amending Chapter 16 of the code with Scottdale Borough-

I. Exhibit A - There has been some additional language added to the Ordinance, outlined in exhibit A of the packet. A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to accept Ordinance 2121.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Pinskey, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried, roll call vote. Mr. Andy Pinskey- Yes, Mrs. Mary Robson-Yes, Mr. Matt Chronowski- Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Charity Colebank- Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager- Yes. The vote is unanimous, the motion is carried.

c. Resolution for standard Event and Pavilion Rental Agreements:

I. Exhibit A- Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to accept the Resolution 2025-05. The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Pinskey, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries Roll call vote: Mr. Mickey Siwula- Yes, Mr. Matt Chronowski-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Charity Colebank-Yes, Mr. Mary Yeager- Yes, Mrs. Mary Robson-Yes. The vote is unanimous, the motion is carried.

II. Fee Schedule with the Parks Exhibit A- This was covered in the Resolution.

III. Rules for Parks- This was covered in the Resolution.

Mrs. Mary Yeager added that the Johnson Family had donated Money for repairs and painting of the Gazebo and the work has since been completed.

6. Jacobs Creek Watershed Association: Nothing to report

7. Jacobs Creek Flood Control Project: Nothing to report

8. Westmoreland-Fayette municipal Sewage Authority:

a. WFMSA Fund Distribution- A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to approve the withdrawal of the remaining funds and put these funds temporarily into the General Fund Money Market account. the motion was seconded by seconded by Mrs. Mary Yeager, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

9. Community Development: Nothing to report

10. New Business

a. Empty Office Space- SCCIA has moved out of our building and there is an empty office now available.

11. Junior Council Report- Junior Council member Mr. Isaac House reported that the High School students participated in a mock car crash involving drunk drivers. The Police, Firemen, and EMT's were all on site to help with this demonstration. The prom took place on Saturday May 10th and went very well.

12. Correspondence:

a. Picnic in the Park- The committee has reached out for permission to have their annual Picnic in the Park Event on Sunday August 17th, and access the park from Friday August 15th-August 18th. A motion was made by Charity Colebank to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Robson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. Southmoreland Summer Lunch Program- A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to allow the Summer Lunch Program to add a second location for this program at Barclay Park. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Robson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

c. Southmoreland Senior Day of Caring- Southmoreland High School has asked Council's permission to have a Day of Caring around the Town. They will be doing minor maintenance, picking up trash, from 8-11 on May 20th. The motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to allow this. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Yeager,

all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

13. Seminars:

- a. Blight Seminar-** Mrs. Stacey Coffman recently attended the Blight seminar. There were a few interested parties in the Well springs building. Land Bank topics were also covered.
- b. Traffic Calming-** This seminar talked about adding speed bumps into the streets and parking lots.

Engineer's Report:

- a. Fence-** The fence materials will be delivered on Monday and the Contractor is scheduled to install the fence on Tuesday. A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to approve the down payment amount of \$6842.89. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.
- b. Pay App-** Nothing to report
- c. McCutcheon Enterprises-**
 - I. Waste Removal** Mr. Steve Eby is asking for a motion to be made to allow the Street Crew to bring the barrels to the loading dock. Motion made by Mrs. Charity Colebank, seconded by Mr. Matt Chronowski, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

Solicitor's Report:

- a. Diamond Communications Colocation Acknowledgement-** Mr. Gary Falatovich is recommending that Council approves the co-location of the AT&T and the T-Mobile antennas from the WellSprings roof and sign off on the acknowledgement. A motion was made by Mr. Matt Chronowski. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Robson, all in Favor, no one opposed, motion carried.
 - I. A&T- Once** AT&T locates their equipment, they will need access to the roof of the WellSprings building to remove their equipment.
 - II. T Mobile-** The Borough will receive an additional \$250 a month for the T-Mobile lease.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Chuck King attended the Protection Committee and it went well. He also attended the 5th grade Olympics with Mr. Andy Pinskey. He has spoken with a similar business to take over the Rite Aid building and is meeting with them soon to possibly locating to Scottdale.

Public Comment Period No. Two:

Mrs. Joy Stewart asked a few questions about the sewage sale. She also asked that the Public Comment period be changed from 3 minutes to 5 minutes. She is urging the Council to help local businesses to keep them

in Scottdale. She thanked Mrs. Stacey Coffman for the positive impact she is making in the community.

Mr. Mike Cross spoke on the product he has purchased from Brillhart's to help keep the rats away. This product sends out sound waves and has rid his property from rats. The sound is considered a medium noise, and he is asking Council to allow the use of this product.

Executive Session: Council took a break at 9:05 and the Executive session was entered at 9:12 p.m.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mr. Matt Chronowski to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Charity Colebank, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.