

Borough of Scottdale
Reorganization Meeting
January 5, 2026

The Borough of Scottdale Reorganization Meeting began at 6:30 p.m. on January 5, 2026 with Notary Ms. Kristy Smith swearing in the newly elected Mayor, Lindy House. The Borough's newly elected Council Members, Mr. Paul Magda, Mr. Richard Clawson, Mrs. Charity Colebank, and Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, along with Tax Collector Mrs. Kristen Savanick were sworn in by the Mayor.

Mayor Lindy House called the meeting to order at 6:42. After a call to order and the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed. Mayor Lindy House asked for nominations and elections of Officers.

Matters of Business

A. Nomination and Election of Officers

1. Council President: Mrs. Mary Yeager nominated Mr. Andy Pinskey for Council President. A roll call vote was taken, Mrs. Charity Colebank-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-No, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes. 6 Yes votes, 1 No Vote, motion carries, Mr Andy Pinskey will be the new Council President.
2. Council Vice President: Mrs. Mary Yeager nominated Mrs. Charity Colebank for Council Vice President. A roll call vote was taken, Mr. Richie Clawson-No, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-No. 5 Yes votes, 2 No votes, motion carries, Mrs. Charity Colebank be the new Council Vice-President.
3. Council Pro Tem: Mr. Andy Pinskey nominated Mrs. Mary Yeager for Council Pro Tem. A roll call vote: Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-No, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mrs. Charity Colebank-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-No. 5 Yes votes, 2 No votes, motion carries, Mrs. Mary Yeager is the new Council Pro Tem.

Mayor Lindy House handed over the gavel to Council President Andy Pinskey to continue the meeting.

Mr. Richie Clawson asked Council to suspend the rules to amend the agenda and move the vote for 3rd Ward appointments to the floor next. The Borough Office received two letters of interest in the position, Mrs. Breanne DeStefano and Mrs. Emily Seaman. Mrs. Breanne DeStefano withdrew her bid before the Council meeting. Mrs. Emily Seaman spoke on her goals for the Borough and why she was interested in becoming her Ward's Representative. All Council Members were in favor of her appointment, no one opposed. Mrs. Emily Seaman was sworn in by Mayor Lindy House and is the new 3rd Ward Representative to Council.

B. Appointment of Borough Officials

1. Secretary/Manager/Assistant Treasurer-Stacey Coffman: Mr. Andy Pinsky asked all in favor, only Mrs. Mary Yeager was opposed. 7 yes, 1 no
 2. Treasurer-Amy Baker: All in favor, no one opposed.
 3. Solicitor-Gary Falatovich, Esquire: All in favor, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp opposed. 7 Yes votes, 1 No votes, Mr. Gary Falatovich plans to retire but will remain the Borough's Solicitor until a new one is found to maintain a smooth transition.
 4. Engineer-Widmere Engineering: All in favor, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp opposed. 7 yes, 1 no.
 5. Zoning Officer-Stacey Coffman All in favor, Mrs. Mary Yeager opposed. 7 yes, 1 no.
 6. Code Enforcement Officer- Frank Howard: Mrs. Charity Colebank asked if the rate Mr. Howard was asking for is in the budget. Mr. Howard has proposed a salary amount for the position based on his work over the past 2 months as well as forming a Blight Committee. Mr. Andy Pinsky asked if he would be willing to wait for his appointment until after the budget is finalized. He agreed. Council is willing to appoint Mr. Howard until the budget is opened and will vote at the next meeting. All in favor, no one opposed.
 7. Building Official and Inspector; Merle Musick: All in favor, no one opposed.
 8. Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor- Timothy Witt, Esquire All in favor, no one opposed.
 9. Auditor- Singer Accounting, CPA: All in favor, no one opposed.
 10. Right to Know Officer-Stacey Coffman: All in favor, Mrs. Mary Yeager opposed 7 yes, 1 no.
- C. Consider the following appointments:
1. Council standing committee chairperson and members: President Andy Pinsky appointed the new Chairs of the committees. Mrs. Charity Colebank will continue to Chair the Public Service Committee. Mrs. Mary Yeager was appointed the Chair of General Government. President Andy Pinsky asked if Council would allow him to Chair the Protection Committee for a brief time to help mentor the new Council Members with the Police contract negotiations happening this year. All were in favor.
- The Committee Chairs were then asked for recommendations to have serve on their committees and if any Council Members had a preference to which committee they served on. Mrs. Charity Colebank asked Mr. Magda and Mr. Siwula if they would serve on the Public Service Committee, both agreed. President Pinsky asked Mrs. Stephanie Schropp and Mr. Richie Clawson to serve on the Protection Committee, both agreed. Chair Mrs. Mary Yeager and Mrs. Emily Seaman will serve on the General Government Committee. The Public Service Committee will meet the 1st Tuesday of the month. The General Government Committee will meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month. The Protection Committee will look at the calendar before deciding. President Andy Pinsky asked Council Members to work as a team, bring

Concerns to the proper committees and remember they are all working for the residents and to better Scottsdale.

President Pinskey then asked Council what they thought about moving the regular Council meeting to 7 p.m. to better serve the residents that work.

Council agreed to keep the meetings at 6:30 for now and see how the new Solicitor's availability is. The Committee meetings will be scheduled for 6 months and will re-evaluate meeting times then.

2. Vacancy Board chairperson- Brenne Destefano: All in favor, no one opposed
 3. Representative to WCBA: Mrs. Charity asked President Andy Pinskey to be the Representative. He agreed.
 4. Central Westmoreland County Borough's Association: We are no longer members of this association.
 5. WCTCC Representatives (Primary, first alternate, second alternate) Mr. Mickey will be the Primary, Mrs. Stacey Coffman will be first alternate, Mrs. Charity Colebank will be second alternate.
 6. Representative to Picnic in the Park: Mr. Mickey Siwula
 7. Representative to Fall Festival: Mr. Jim Magda.
- D.** Designate Borough Officials authorized to sign checks for all Borough Funds accounts (President, Vice President, Manager, Treasurer) The designated signers will be President Andy Pinskey, Vice President Charity Colebank, Mrs. Stacey Coffman and Mrs. Amy Baker.
- E.** Meeting Dates: Council will advertise 6 months of Council meetings for now. The dates will be February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, and June 8th.
- F.** Resolution to Obtain bond for Tax Collector: The Resolution will be put in an amended agenda for the regular Council meeting following the reorg meeting.
- G.** Banks for Depository: Council currently has accounts at MidPenn and Somerset Trust Banks. All of Council is in favor to continue with these banks for the Borough funds

President Pinskey thanked the residents and Council for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27.