

Borough of Scottdale

Meeting Minutes

February 9th, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Council President Andy Pinsky at 6:40. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed, roll call was taken. Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, Mr. Andy Pinsky, Mr. Richie Clawson, Mrs. Emily Seaman, Mr. Mickey Siwula, Mrs. Mary Yeager, Mr. Jim Magda, Mayor Lindy House, Mr. Gary Falatovich, Mr. Steve Eby, Mrs. Amy Baker and Mrs. Stacey Coffman were all in attendance, we have a quorum. Mrs. Charity Colebank was not in attendance.

E. Corrections or Additions to the Minutes No additions or corrections to the minutes were needed. A motion was made by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

F. Public Comment Period-3 Min Limit Per Person No one wished to speak

G. Approval of Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to pay the recurring and non-recurring bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

a. Recap Executive Session January 25th President Andy Pinsky explained that during last month's Executive Session, Council met with the Auditor to talk about the progress on the 2024 Audit.

b. Recap Special Meeting A special meeting was held on January 27th 2026 to pass the revised budget.

c. 2026 Budget The budget was discussed at the January meeting and advertised for 10 days. A motion was made by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula. Roll call vote: Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinsky-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried, the budget is passed.

President Andy Pinsky is asking the committees to start working on the 2027 budget in September.

2. General Government

a. Borough CD Rates -RFPs for CD rates were sent to the local banks and opened at the Council meeting. The suggestion was made to take a 1-month CD option with the highest interest rate, which is at Somerset trust, at a 3.85% APY. The other Cd, also at Somerset, will mature in March and this will allow us to combine the two CD amounts in March and reinvest. Mr. Mickey Siwula made a motion to open a one-month Cd at Somerset. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor, no one opposed. Roll call vote: Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinsky-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried.

b. Fees Resolution 2026-4 A motion was made by Mrs. Mary Yeager to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

c. Westmoreland County Transit Contract - A motion was made by Mrs. Mary Yeager to accept and sign the Westmoreland County Transit contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson. Roll call vote: Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinsky-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried.

d. Dates for Committee Meetings - General Government Committee dates for 2026 were set for the first 6 months of the year. The meetings will be held at 6 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3.

e. Janitor Position- There were 3 candidates applying for the Janitor's position and were interviewed by Mrs. Stacey Coffman. Mrs. Eileen Hoffer was the recommendation given by Mrs. Coffman. Mrs. Mary Yeager was shown the applicants information and agreed with the recommendation. The motion was made by Mrs. Mary Yeager to hire Mrs. Eileen Hoffer for the Borough's janitor position. The position is for 8 hours a week at a rate of \$15 per hour The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinsky-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried.

3. Public Services

a. Garbage Contract -The Chair of the Public Services Committee was not in attendance at the meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to hold the garbage contract bids. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. Paving- A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to table this item until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

4. Protection

a. Report-Definition of Blight Mr. Frank Howard spoke on the definition of Blight that he and Mrs. Stacey Coffman wrote specifically for the Borough.

b. Blight Plan - Mr. Howard is suggesting that the Borough form a Blight Committee. This committee will consist of Mr. Howard and possibly 1 Council member from each ward along with a few people from each ward as well. Mrs. Stephanie Schropp and Mr. Richie Clawson will be on this committee as part of Protection. A Resolution defining blight was put in the Council members packets. A motion was made by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp to pass Resolution 2026-09. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

c. Appointing Blight Committee- President Andy Pinskey will appoint the committee and Mr. Frank Howard will be the chair.

i. Close Mr. Close will represent the 1st Ward

ii. Howard Mr. Howard will head this committee

iii. Schropp Mrs. Schropp will represent the 3rd Ward

iv. Siwula Mr. Siwula will represent the 4th Ward

Second Ward will need to find a representative for this committee.

d. Blight Update

i. Wellspring Church- We are working to get the County involved. The County is currently in line to receive a grant to aid in the cost to demo the property. We are trying to get them to do an environmental walk through.

ii. 102 Mount Pleasant- Mr. Falatovich stated he needs to enter the judgement, which will be done by weeks end.

iii. Sheetz - This building is currently vacant but structurally sound. Therefore, nothing can be done at the moment, and the Borough is unable to cite this property.

iv. Feed Mill (Mr. Howard)- The Land Bank is currently looking into the back tax amounts owed on this property as well as the Fink Building.

v. Fink Building (Mr. Howard)- The two investors are still interested in these properties. They are looking to rehab the Feed Mill and renovate the Fink Building.

e. JNET Conference-This is a conference for Police Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs to attend at State College, Assistant Chief Matt Zelenak would like to attend. The motion was made by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp to allow Assistant Chief Zelenak to attend and reimburse him for any costs the training may accrue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

f. Taser Trainer Certification 4/29-4/30- The Taser training will cost \$895.00 and Assistant Chief Zelenak would like to attend. The motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to allow Assistant Chief Zelenak to attend with the Borough paying the cost. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman. Roll call vote: Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes and Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried.

g. Cruiser Update- This is informational only. The SUV has a blown motor in it.

h. Cruiser Need- Jim Shorkey's will have a vehicle in April under the CoStar's contract and will outfit the vehicle and will hold it for Officer Zelenak. Mr. Pinskey stated the Borough is looking at a cost around \$60,000.00 and the funds will need to be allocated and said the Meter Fund, Police Car Fund, and the Intoxilyzer account funds may be used.

i. Finger Printing Device-The Police are asking for a portable finger printing machine at the cost of \$1025.00 to use in the cars. There are times a person doesn't have any ID on them and this machine will aid in identifying them. Currently they are utilizing the State Police Barracks to fingerprint. A motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to purchase this item for the Police. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

j. Gun Slings- The Police are in need of slings for the AR guns. These slings will cost around \$230 for 3 slings. A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to purchase the slings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

k. Trunk Organizers- At the current time the Police have all of their supplies in the back of the trucks in the police cars. Mayor Lindy House is asking to purchase trunk organizers for the cars to help keep the supplies organized. These organizers will cost approximately \$34 each. The motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to purchase the organizers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. A resident spoke up, wishing to remain anonymous, and said he would like to donate the money for the gun slings and the organizers.

l. Civil Service Alternate Resignation -Mr. Andy Pinskey gave his resignation as the Civil Service alternate, Mr. Pinskey is not able to serve as an alternate, and Council President. Mrs. Emily Seaman made the motion to accept his resignation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. Mr. James Williams is the Chair of the Civil Service Commission. He is asking Council to vote in Mr. Robert Close as the third member of the Civil Service Commission.

He stated that he is also looking for an alternate for the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Williams stated he will put together a report by the Commission to fulfill their annual requirements.

Mr. Williams asked Council for a locked file cabinet to store the Civil Service information, such as test scores. The Commission members will be the only ones with the keys.

Mr. Williams also wanted Council to know that 2 potential officers were tested this past Saturday.

n. Contact for Code Enforcement-Mr. Gary Falatovich will work on drafting a contract for the Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Howard.

o. MAWC Letter- Mrs. Stephanie Schropp has drafted a letter to MAWC, requesting that they test the water in town for contaminants which Mr. Falatovich is looking over. Mrs. Schropp is asking Council's approval to send the letter to MAWC and the DEP. The motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to send the letter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in, no one opposed, motion carried.

Mr. James Williams asked that MAWC include what the max numbers should be in their report.