

Borough Council Meeting

December 30th, 2025

The Borough Council Meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Council President Mickey Siwula. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, roll call attendance was taken. Mr. Andy Pinsky, Mrs. Charity Colebank, Mrs. Mary Yeager, Mr. Mickey Siwula and Mrs. Mary Robson are in attendance. Mr. Matt Chronowski, Mr. Caden Coppetti, Mr. Steve Eby and Mayor Chuck King were absent from the meeting. Mr. Gary Falatovich attended by phone.

Corrections or Additions to the Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Mary Robson made the motion to accept the minutes. Mrs. Charity Colebank seconded the motion, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

Public Comment Period (3-minute limit per Person)

Public Comment Period was held during the non-quorum meeting on December 15, 2025.

Approval of the Recurring and Non-recurring bills

Mr. Andy Pinsky made a motion to accept the recurring and non-recurring bills Mrs. Charity Colebank asked for more clarification on the Widmer invoice #22510597 for Storm Water Broadway and Bridge Street. Mr. Andy Pinsky amended the motion to nonpayment of Widmer invoice #22510597 and payment to the other bills. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Robson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

1. Old Business

a. Auditor Report

The Auditor has all the recently requested information and has almost completed the audit. The Borough Manager stated that it was not communicated with her at the time of the last meeting, that the Engineer had turned in the paperwork for the Auditor, he had in fact submitted his paperwork.

b. Resignation Letter of Councilman Stansak

After 45 days the resignation is automatic, no need to vote on it. Council has 30 days to appoint a new Representative for the 3rd ward.

2. General Government

a. CD Proposals

CD Proposals were in the December 15th Meeting Packet for a CD that was due on December 17th. An email was sent out to all Council Members with the rates from MidPenn and Somerset Trust Banks. The rates were as follow: **Somerset Trust** 3-month at 4.14% APY, 6-month 4.09% APY and 12-month 3.79%APY . **MidPenn** 3 month 4.10% APY, 6-month 4.05% APY and 12-month 3.85%. The votes were, Mr. Andy Pinskey 3-month CD at Somerset Trust, Mr. Mickey Siwula 3-month CD at Somerset Trust , Mrs. Mary Yeager 12-month CD at MidPenn, Mrs. Charity Colebank 3-month CD Somerset Trust, Mrs. Mary Robson 12-month CD at MidPenn Bank. The vote is for Somerset Trust 3 month CD. Mrs. Charity Colebank made a motion to accept the email votes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Pinskey. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Andy Pinskey- Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Charity Colebank- Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-No, Mrs. Mary Robson-No. With 3 Yes and 2 No the motion carried. The next CD will be due in February. Mrs. Mary Robson asked that the proposals be sent in a sealed envelope to be opened at the meetings.

b. Resignation Letter Janitor

The current Janitor has given a resignation letter, and her last day was November 26th, 2025. Mrs. Charity Colebank made the motion to accept the resignation letter and move forward with advertising for the position on our Website and Facebook page. The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Pinskey, with regret, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

c. Tax Collector FYI

The newly elected Tax Collector gave Council a chart with the prices for outsourcing the current Per Capita and Tax bills. It is being looked into to see if outsourcing would be a cheaper cost for the Borough.

d. Tax Collector Resolution

A motion was made to accept Resolution 2025-08 naming Kristen Savanick as the new Tax Collector of Scottdale and to remove the Current Tax Collector Kathleen Zaffina from the checking accounts. Mr. Andy Pinskey asked Mr. Gary Falatovich if he should abstain from voting due to the nature of their relationship. Mr. Gary Falatovich stated he is allowed to vote. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Robson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

e. NEMO Training

This will be tabled until the new Council members are sworn in.

f. Proposals for Solicitor

Mr. Gary Falatovich would like to stay on as the current Solicitor until the Borough gets a new Solicitor hired to allow a smooth transition in handing over any Borough information necessary. A motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to keep Mr. Gary Falatovich until the appointment of a new Solicitor and to move forward with the advertising for position. The motion was second by Mrs. Mary Robson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

g. Proposals for Engineer

Mrs. Charity Colebank made the motion to move forward with advertising for a new Engineer and retain the current Engineer until a new one is hired. The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Pinskey, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

3. Public Services Nothing to report

4. Protection

a. Blight Update

i. WellSpring Church The County is trying to put together a walk through with Environmental authorities. Mr. Gary Falatovich will be reaching out to Diamond to get the money for the Borough once the County is involved.

ii. 102 Mt. Pleasant Rd The owner of 102 Mt. Pleasant Rd. was served and there is a lien on the **property** now.

iii. Sheetz The parking lot is now being leased by Carson's Tavern. We will need to find out the status of the Sheetz building.

iv. Feed Mill

v. Fink Building Code Enforcement officer Mr. Frank Howard has been in touch with Mr. John Chain in regards to the current state of the Feed Mill and the Fink Building. The 2nd floor window has a shard of glass that is ready to fall and poses a danger to a passersby on the sidewalk below. Mr. John Chain has expressed his interest in getting rid of these buildings and is working with the land bank. The motion was made to allow the Street Crew and Mr. Frank Howard to enter the building and board up the window. Mr. Andy Pinskey expressed concern, if we take on the responsibility of fixing the window are when as a Borough then responsible for the continuous maintenance. Mr. Gary Falatovich stated no, the Borough has the ability to go into the building to fix a hazard and put a lien on the

property for that amount. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Yeager, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

5. Parks and Recreation The Parks and Recreation Commission will meet in January and reappoint a new Chair.

6. Jacobs Creek Watershed Association Nothing to report

7. Jacobs Creek Flood Control Project Bids for brush and creek cleanup are in. There was only one bid, the same company we have used in the past. A vote will be taken after the new year.

8. MS4 Report Nothing to report

9. Community Development

10. New Business

a. 2026 Budget Mrs. Charity Colebank and Mrs. Mary Yeager voiced concern about the current budget and changes that need to be made before the budget can be voted on. Mr. Gary Falatovich stated Council can vote to accept this budget as is and reopen it when the new Council is sworn in. Mrs. Charity Colebank and Mrs. Mary Yeager showed Mrs. Stacey Coffman their concerns and the changes will be made. The motion was made by Mr. Andy Pinskey to accept the budget with the changes brought forth. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Charity Colebank. Roll call vote was taken to accept the budget: Mr. Andy Pinskey- Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mrs. Mary Robson-Yes, Mrs. Charity Colebank-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes. Five yes votes, motion carried.

I. Engineer's Report Nothing reported, Engineer was not in attendance

a. Paper Alley Mr. Jack Davis has requested a utility easement be allowed in the paper alley through Euclid Alley by Wish Wash and Tan. This easement is so West Penn Power can put lines into his new building. The motion was made by Mrs. Charity Colebank to allow this easement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Pinskey, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. Paving

J. Solicitor's Report A motion was made for the County and Borough to enter into the Wellsprings Building. The motion was made by Mr. Andy Pinskey. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Charity Colebank, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

K. Mayor's Report Mayor Chuck King was not in attendance

L. Public Comment Period No. Two- 3 Minute Limit Per Person Nothing to Report

M. Executive Session The Executive Session was entered into at 12:07 p.m. and ended at 12:37 p.m.

N. Adjourn Mrs. Charity Colebank made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.