

**Borough of Scottdale**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by President Andy Pinskey at 6:31 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent meditation was observed, roll call vote was taken. Mr. Jim Magda, Mr. Mickey Siwula, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, Mrs. Emily Seaman, Mrs. Mary Yeager, Mr. Richie Clawson, Mr. Andy Pinskey, Mr. Steve Eby, Mr. Gary Falatovich, Mrs. Stacey Coffman and Mrs. Amy Baker were all in attendance.

**E. Corrections or Additions to minutes-**A motion was made by Mr. Richey Clawson to accept the monthly meeting minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

**F. Public Comment Period 5 Minute Limit Per Person-**Mr. Lincoln Jameson is asking that Council not hire Widmer Engineering as Borough Engineer. He listed several reasons for his request, which included the gravel lot behind his house.

**G. Approval of Recurring and Non-Recuring Bills-** A motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson 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. Police Cruiser Purchase Update- The Cruiser is currently being outfitted and should be done by next week.

b. Response to Water Letter (Executive) This will be discussed during the Executive Session

c. Ordinance Discussion- Currently, each Committee is looking at their Ordinances to see which ones are in need of updating.

d. Borough Generator-The Generator will be moved and reinstalled this week.

e. Computers for Office- Mr. Richie Clawson has taken a look at the computers the office staff is currently using and feels everything is up to date and in good shape. Mrs. Mary Yeager had an issue with the bill being paid without Council approval. The Borough Manager said it was in last month's meeting packet under General

Government section. Mrs. Mary Yeager said she did understand context and rescinded her concern.

## **2. General Government**

a. List of Grants- A list of Grants will be given to Council quarterly.

b. Audit Status-The Auditor has started working on our 2024 audit again and is hoping to have it completed by the end of April

c. General Government Goals-The goals of the General Government Committee at this time are to work on updating the Borough Ordinances.

d. 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Fire Station-The General Government Committee is looking into the resources at the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Fire Station. The brick needs to be repointed and concrete repaired. It will need new windows and a new door. Widmer Engineering has received 1 bid only, and that is from Nevaeh at \$7,950. Because it is below the threshold, no bid will be needed. Mrs. Stacey Coffman and President Andy Pinskey stated that \$5000 from line item 426.400 in the 2026 budget, can be moved into the building repair line to cover the majority of the project. \$500 can also be moved from line item 409.746 to line item 409.737. A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to approve the \$5000 to be moved from line item 426.400 to line item 409.373 to pay for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Station repairs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed. Roll call Vote: Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman -Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to move \$500 from line item 409.746 to line item 409.373, building repairs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carries.

Mr. Mary Yeager made a motion to move forward with the work on the brick at the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Fire Station. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed. Roll call vote: Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, the motion carries.

e. Pittsburgh Street Fire Station-The brick has cracked at the Pittsburgh Street Station and will need work done on it as well. Mr. Steve Eby will take a closer look at this project.

f. Work Comp Policy- A meeting was held with Mr. Nathan Savanick and no changes will be made at this time, they will look into it again in October.

g. IT Provider – Mrs. Mary Yeager stated she has sent a list of question to the possible IT providers and is still waiting for these to be answered.

h. Resolution for Emergency Spending – A Resolution to allow the Borough Manager to spend up to \$5000 in an emergency without Council’s approval first, was brought to Council several months ago but never made it to vote. Mrs. Mary Yeager has written a Resolution that allows up to \$2000 in emergency spending instead. This Resolution will be looked over and voted on at the May meeting.

i. Borough Office space- There is a resident that currently works from home for Mobility Works and is looking to rent office space. The Borough building has an office that has been used to store the Fall Festival equipment that can be used. The Fall Festival Committee is looking into the purchase of a trailer to hold their equipment which would free up the office space to rent out. She is looking to move into the space in June. Mrs. Mary Yeager made a motion to rent the space for \$425. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed. 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 Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carries.

Mrs. Mary Yeager made a motion to allow Mr. Frank Howard and the Borough Street Crew to fix the office and to spend no more than \$500. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carries.

j. Maintenance Plan for Borough Assets- The Fire Department has 3 generators and 1 is in a building that it doesn’t belong in. Mrs. Mary Yeager is working on getting some quotes and this will be tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Bud Santimyer stated that the deck in the back of the Borough building needs to be fixed.

k. Cat Control Problem- Mrs. Mary Yeager stated that you cannot have cats running loose. The current Ordinance will be given to the Protection Committee to work on some changes.

### **3. Public Services**

a. Garbage Contract- The contract has been approved and we are waiting for the final draft. Mrs. Stephanie Schropp asked to change her previous vote for the Garbage

contract, to a NO vote. She had questioned an online pole that was put on the Borough's Facebook page. She asked if that information was correct. Mr. Gary Falatovich stated that the information provided from him and Council was correct. The poll that went out was NOT accurate and was not approved by Council, an individual Council member posted the survey.

b. Chapter 20 Borough Code Ordinance-2123 Mr. Gary Falatovich gave an explanation of this Ordinance.

c. Resolution for Waste Services Agreement 2026-10 Mr. Mickey Siwula made the motion to accept the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp opposed. Roll call vote: Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-No, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes. 6 yes votes, 1 no vote, motion carries.

d. Street Crew Truck-Mrs. Stacey Coffman received a quote from Meeghan ford for a 2026 Ford F550 in the amount of \$85,270 minus the trade in amount of \$11,700 which equals out to \$73,570. The LSA Grant will cover \$60,000 and the remaining amount will be taken from the Meter account. This is tabled until allocations are checked.

e. Recycling- The committee discussed the option to park the recycling truck at the Borough building and have the residents bring their recycling to us as they did during Covid. This will save a lot of money in repairs spent on the truck annually. The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to stop picking up the recycling and park the truck at the Borough office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda. Mr. Andy Pinskey and Mrs. Stephanie Schropp opposed, all others in favor, 5-2, motion carries.

#### **4. Protection**

a. Hazard Mitigation Resolution 2026-11- The motion was made by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp to accept the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. Police Pension Annual Resolution 206-12- The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to accept this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

c. Quality of Life Update- The Protection Committee is still working on this and will have it ready to be voted on at the next meeting.

d. Emergency Plan for WellSpring & Traffic Study-Mrs. Stephanie Schropp stated the item is tabled at this time.

e. Blight Update

i. WellSpring Church-We are still waiting for all of the antennas to be taken off of the building. They are all supposed to be off by the end of May.

ii. 102 Mt. Pleasant Rd-The judgement is waiting to be executed. Mr. Gary Falatovich will forward the information to the new Solicitor to handle.

iii. Sheetz-Nothing to report

iv. Feed Mill-We are still waiting on word from the Land Bank.

v. Fink Building- The Central Hotel owners are interested in looking at the building.

Mr. Frank Howard stated that the Blight Committee meeting will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 with the Protection Committee following at 7:00.

**4. Parks and Recreation**

a. Accept Resignations of PC member

i. Shakyra Riley- A motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to accept her resignation from the Parks Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

ii. Amanda Stone-Henderson-A motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to accept her resignation from the Parks Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

iii. Charity Colebank-A motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to accept her resignation from the Parks Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

b. Appoint PC Member

i. Tris McLaughlin-A motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to accept Mrs. McLaughlin onto the Parks Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

c. Amend Organization of PC-President Andy Pinskey is proposing an amendment to reduce the number of Parks Commission member to 5. This will help ensure a quorum at the meetings. He is also asking that a resident Chair the Commission, not a Council Member, as they should only be on to assist. No action will be taken at this time.

d. Letter for Car Show-President Andy Pinskey is requesting permission from Council to allow the Parks Commission hold their annual Car show. A motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson, seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

e. Shade Tree Planting- Mrs. Stacey Coffman reported that 22 new trees were planted on Saturday by 54 volunteers, at Loucks Park. She would like to thank all of the volunteers that showed up to help make the planting easier.

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

**7. Jacobs Creek Flood Control Project**-Nothing to report

**8. MS4 Report**-Nothing to report

**9. Community Development**

a. Community Garden-There will be a survey put on the Borough's Facebook page to see the resident's response.

**10. New Business**

a. Accept Resignation of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Council member- A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to accept Mrs. Charity Colebank's resignation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp opposed. She asked that no vote be taken until the Borough makes sure it has received all information she may have. 6 Council members in favor, 1 opposed, motion carries.

b. Accept Resignation Letter of Library Board Member- Mr. Robert Claro has submitted his resignation letter from the Library Board. The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to accept his resignation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

c. Appoint New Library Board Member- A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to appoint Mrs. Vikki Ridenour as a Library Board Member. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

d. Appoint Engineer-A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to re-appoint Widmer as the Borough Engineer. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Yeager. Roll call vote: Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-No, Mr. Jim Magda-No, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-No, Mr. Richie Clawson-No, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-No. 5 No votes, 2 Yes, motion fails.

A motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to accept Gibson Thomas as the Borough Engineer. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman. Roll call vote: Ms. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-No, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes. 5 yes votes, 2 no votes motion carries. The Borough Engineer will be Gibson Thomas. Mrs. Mary Yeager asked that Widmer stay on until the current Loucks Park project and Ward 4 Fire Station are completed. Mr. Steve Eby agreed.

e. Appoint Solicitor-A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to appoint Mr. Tim Witt as the Borough Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson. Roll call vote: Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-No, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-No. 5 Yes and 2 No votes, motion carries. Mr. Tim Witt will be the Borough's new Solicitor. Mr. Gary Falatovich is retiring and would like to thank the Borough, Council and Residents for his time as Council Solicitor and wishes all the best. He will start sending things over to the new Solicitor and is hoping the transition will be completed by June.

f. Post for 2nd Ward Letters of Interest- A motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to post for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Council seat. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

## **11. Correspondence**

a. Chamber of Commerce- The Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce is requesting permission to hold Fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30. A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to allow the fireworks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

b. Scottsdale Moose Riders- The Moose Rider's are requesting that 6 parking spaces be blocked off adjacent to the Lodge, on June 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to allow their request. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

c. Cub Scout Pack 160- They are requesting that Stoner Street be shut down on May 16<sup>th</sup> for their Cub mobile races, with the rain date being May 30<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to allow the closure. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

d. Fireman's Fair & Parade- The Firemen are asking permission to hold their annual Fireman's Fair from June 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and the parade on Wednesday, June the 3<sup>rd</sup>. A motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to grant the Firemen permission. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

## **12. Seminars**

a. Conference Voting Delegate- Council will need to nominate and approve a voting delegate to vote on behalf of the Borough at the PSAB Conference. A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman for Mr. Andy Pinskey to be that delegate. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

### **I. Engineer's Report**

1. Bid Opening for Stormwater Separation- The Borough advertised for Stormwater bids and received 4. The first bid was from D&M for \$198,000. Piccolomini Contracting bid for \$205,501, Piccolomini Development for \$207,000 and Verardi Landscape for \$244,018.80.

2. Award Stormwater Bid-A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to award the bid to D&M. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carries.

### **J. Solicitor's Report**

1. 104 Newman St- This property was bought by Mr. Milton Durstin and had originally agreed to repairs being completed by May. He is asking that Council give him an extension until July. A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to allow the extension. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

**L. Mayor's report-**Mayor Lindy House stated she and Mrs. Stacey Coffman had been invited to attend Armstrong's 60 years of service event at the Aaron Building in Connellsville.

On March 13<sup>th</sup> the Borough hosted 120 6<sup>th</sup> graders from Southmoreland Middle School. The students were able to learn about what happens at the Borough Office and how the Police, Street Crew and Fire Department work. Officers, Firemen, Street Crew members, Kelly Imel, office staff, Borough Manager, Code Enforcement and the Mayor all participated.

On March 27<sup>th</sup> Officer Woderak and Mayor Lindy House attended the Middle School Financial Fair.

The Mayor thanked the Scottdale Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting this year's Easter Egg Hunt at the Gazebo. They handed out over 150 treat bags with a turn out of over 300 people.

The Shade tree Commission planted 22 trees at Loucks Park this past Saturday and had over 50 volunteers on hand to help. The trees were planted within 2 hours. The Mayor wanted to thank everyone that volunteered that day.

Mayor House stated that the Fire Department was very busy this month as usual. They show up to everything from an alarm being triggered to flooded basements to car accidents. This month alone they have been called out to help 43 times.

The Police Department was equally busy this past month. They fielded 296 complaints and traveled over 1,700 miles. They have assisted Mt. Pleasant 6 times and State Police twice this month.

The Mayor wanted to let Council and Residents know that planning for National Night Out is underway and she has already received several generous donations. There are a few new activities planned and is looking forward to celebrating our first responders with the Community.

**M. Public Comment Period No. Two 5 Minute Time Limit Per Person**- Mr. Jan Kiefer wanted to publicly acknowledge how important he feels Mrs. Charity Colebank was to Borough and how much he will miss her.

**N. Executive Session**

1. Employee Life Insurance
2. Park Incident (legal)
3. Contract
4. Office Staff
5. Staff Certs

**O. Adjourn** The Executive Session was concluded at 10:22 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:23p.m.