

Borough of Scottdale
Council Meeting Minutes
May 11th 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 on May 11th, 2026 by President Andy Pinskey. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed. Roll call: Mr. Richie Clawson, Mr. Andy Pinskey, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, Mr. Mickey Siwula, Mrs. Emily Seaman, Mr. Jim Magda, Mrs. Mary Yeager, Mrs. Amy Baker. Solicitor David Tamasy and Engineer Dan Schmidt were all in attendance. Mayor Lindy House arrived at 7 p.m. due to a prior engagement.

E. Corrections or Addition to the Minutes- Mr. Richie Clawson pointed out two corrections. The vote to keep Widmer Engineering needs to reflect that Mrs. Mary Yeager voted Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey voted No and Mr. Mickey Siwula voted Yes. The second correction is the motion for hiring Gibson Thomas as the Borough Engineer was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman. The motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to accept the meeting minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

F. Public Comment Period-5 Minute Limit Per Person- Dennis Joiner lives at the Pearl Street Apartments. He talked about the lack of parking for the residents in the apartments and on the street. He asked management at his apartment building about the possibility of turning an unused parcel into parking and was told the Borough would not allow it in years past. He is coming before Council today to ask if that is true and if it is not, could Borough Council consider allowing an unused parcel for a parking lot if possible. The parcel is owned by the County. The Borough will reach out to the County about this.

G. Approval of Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills- A motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to approve the recurring and non-recurring bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

a. Police Cruiser Update- The new Police Cruiser is all finished and in use. This new vehicle will be the unmarked Police car.

b. Audit Status- The Auditor has finally received the information needed from County Hauling and will finish and submit it.

c. 4th Ward Fire Station- The new Engineer will need to look at this building and the decide what work needs done. We will need to start over with the bids now as Mr. Steve Eby will not be finishing this project. Mrs. Mary Yeager will work with Gibson-Thomas on this project.

d. Pittsburgh Street Fire Station- The new Engineer will need to look at this building and the decide what work needs done. We will need to start over with the bids now as Mr. Steve Eby will not be finishing this project. Mrs. Mary Yeager will work with Gibson-Thomas on this project.

e. Resolution for Emergency Spending 2026-13- The emergency spending limit allowed by Council was changed from \$1000 to \$2000. The motion was made by Mrs. Mary Yeager to accept the Resolution with the above amendment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries,

2. General Government

a. Borough Office Space Mobility Works Lease- The lease is complete and in need of approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Mary Yeager to approve the lease. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carries.

b. Borough Owned Property-Mrs. Stacey Coffman recently discovered that the Borough owned 19.7 acres in East Huntington Township. She is asking permission to have an appraisal done on the property and to spend up to \$500 on the cost of the appraisal. The motion was made by Mrs. Mary Yeager to approve this request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carries.

c. Emergency Generator for St. Crew Building-This item will be tabled; Mrs. Mary Yeager is waiting for a quote.

d. Scanner Use- Mrs. Mary Yeager is asking permission to use the small office scanner to scan documents onto a flash drive to help with a community question.

e. Office Staff Raises-Mrs. Mary Yeager wants a roll call vote done on the office staff's raises that were given in January. She stated that the raises should have been

voted on individually even though they were reflected in the budget that was approved in the November 2025 and again in February 2026.

i. Manager-Mrs. Mary Yeager stated that the Manager was given a 3% increase in salary. A motion was made by Mrs. Mary Yeager to approve the increase. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda. Roll call vote: Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-No, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes. Yes votes, 1 No vote, motion carries.

ii. Secretary/Treasurer-Mrs. Mary Yeager stated that the Secretary/Treasurer was given a 18% increase in salary. The motion was made by Mrs. Mary Yeager to approve the increase. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda. Roll call vote: Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-No, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes. 6 Yes votes, 1 no, motion carries.

iii. Clerk-Mrs. Mary Yeager stated that the Clerk was given a 3% increase in salary. A motion was made by Mrs. Mary Yeager to approve this increase. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda. Roll call vote: Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The motion is unanimous, motion carries.

3. Public Services

a. Garbage Contract- The garbage contract is completed and needs signed tonight. This contract will go into effect on June 1st 2026. The garbage cans are supposed to arrive the last week in May.

b. Recycling Information-As of June 1st there will no longer be recycling pickup. Those wishing to recycle may bring their recyclables to the Borough Building where the truck will be parked. The Borough is asking that residents put their recycling in clear trash bags so we are able to place the bags into the correct bins.

c. Street Crew Truck- A motion was made to reallocate the remaining money in the Meter Fund checking account, from the Police to the Street Crew for the purchase of a new truck. The street Crew has always maintained and emptied the meters and should be allowed to utilize some funds as well. The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to allow the reallocation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes.

Mr. Steve Matsey asked why the entire Meter Fund was being used. Mrs. Stacey Coffman suggested taking \$18,525 from the Capital Projects account and \$13,570.00 from the Meter Fund account to pay for the St. Crew truck. The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to approve the funds for the truck. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman. 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 was unanimous, motion carries.

d. Paper Alley- Mr. Andy Karfelt wants to absorb the paper alley located between his property. He is asking Council to approve this. The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to allow Mr. Karfelt to absorb the paper alley. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman. Roll vote: Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carries.

4. Protection

a. Ebike Ordinance- Mayor Lindy House and Mrs. Stephanie Schropp worked with Police Chief Whipkey and Assistant Chief Zelenak about writing an Ebike Ordinance due to all of the current issues the Borough is having with the bikes. The Chiefs suggested amending the Skate Board Ordinance to include Ebikes. The Solicitor will look over this and make any necessary corrections before Council will vote. This will allow the Police to impound an Ebike for 30 days. The suggestion was made to possibly work with Mt. Pleasant on this issue.

b. Curfew Enforcement-The Borough is still seeing kids after curfew. There used to be a siren that sounded when it was curfew time, but no longer does. The Ordinance speaks about using the siren to enforce this, so that will need to be looked at. The suggestion was also made to turn the Wi-Fi to password protected. The motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson, seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

c. Ordinance Enforcement 2116-We currently have an Ordinance that prohibits the residents from feeding stray animals outside. There is a fine of no less than \$100 and up to \$300 for every offense. The Borough would like to make residents aware that they will be actively enforcing this Ordinance due to the Borough being over run with stray cats.

d. Quality of Life Ordinance Draft-This will be sent over to the Solicitor to look over. The Borough would like to start a ticketing process to put in place before citations are sent to the Magistrate. The Borough would like to work with the residents as much as

possible before taking legal action. A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to approve the draft and send it to our Solicitor. The motion as seconded by Mr. Jim Magda. Roll call vote: Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carries.

e. Legal Issue (Executive)

f. MAWC Letter-A letter was sent to MAWC from Council asking that they test the Borough's water. They responded that they did not feel there was a need to test, so no testing will be done on their part.

g. Civil Service PT Hiring

i. Jacen Huss- The Civil Service Committee has brought the candidate Mr. Jacen Huss to be hired as a Part Time Police Officer. The motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to hire Mr. Huss. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes. The vote is unanimous, the motion carries.

ii. Max Wilson-The Civil Service Committee has brought forward the candidate Mr. Max Wilson to be hired as a Part Time Police Officer. The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to hire Mr. Max Wilson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda. Roll call Vote: Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, the motion carries.

h. Meter Enforcement-Mrs. Stephanie Schropp is working on a solution to the Meters in town. The Borough currently has a Meter Ordinance and has had the meters in place since 1986. The Ordinance will need to be looked over and amendments made.

i. Request for Scrap Pickup-The Borough Code Enforcement Officer Frank Howard has seen a lot of properties in the Borough with junk in the yards, old lawn mowers, air conditioners, wood, metal, etc. He would like to see a monthly scrap pick up with each ward being picked up on a different day. Mr. Howard has someone that is willing to pick up the scrap, he is asking Council for permission to start this program. Mr. Mickey Siwula suggested the pick-up days be on the weekends and be picked up in the alley where available and in the front if no alley access. The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula, seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

j. Blight Update-

i. WellSprings Church-Mrs. Stephanie Schropp stated that the tower was only allowed to be there if the building is occupied. She also asked if the contract with Diamond was still included the \$30,000 to help clean up any hazardous material. Mr. Gary Falatovich is in possession of the contract and needs to finish any loose ends up Mrs. Schropp is asking that Council look at the contract.

ii. 102 Mt. Pleasant Rd- The rest of the blight report will be given after the new Solicitor has had a chance to look over he information.

iii. Sheetz

iv. Feed Mill

v. Fink Building

5. Parks and Recreation

a. Appoint PC Member

i. Aaron Hollis-Mr. Aaron Hollis submitted a letter of interest in joining the Parks & Recreation Commission. The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to accept Mr. Hollis as a Park & Recreation member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, motion carries.

ii. Rachel Morley-Ms. Rachel Morley submitted a letter of interest in joining the Parks & Recreation Commission. The motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to accept Mrs. Morley as a Park & Recreation Commission. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in flavor, not one opposed motion carries.

iii. Stanley Chapman-Mr. Stanley Chapman submitted a letter of interest in joining the Parks & Recreation Commission. The motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to accept Mr. Stanley Chapman as a Park & Recreation member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, motion carries.

b. Amend Organization of PC-The Parks & Recreation Commission needs to have their Resolution amended. The amendment needs to change the number of members from 9 members to a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 7 members. This will make it easier for the Commission to have a quorum for their meetings. Council will need to write an amended Resolution.

c. Grass Cutting-The contract is up this year with the Borough's grass cutter. The Borough is looking into the cost of the St. Crew cutting the grass and not bidding for another grass cutter. There is no need to vote on this, informational only.

d. Car Show Info-The Parks & Recreation Commission had decided to hold the annual Car Show on August 8th and not June 21st. Mr. Andy Pinskey stated that the Car Show was already voted on by Council and advertised for the original date. Mr. Jim Magda stated that the Parks Commission has just appointed 3 new members to the Commission and the last meeting did not have a quorum to vote on anything. He stated that the lack of members and time wouldn't allow the Commission to prepare properly. Mr. Andy Pinskey stated that a car club is willing to help with this event.

6. Jacobs Creek Watershed Authority- Nothing to report

7. Jacobs Creek Flood Control Project

a. Working on Act 13 Grant- Mrs. Stacey Coffman is still working on a grant to pay for the dredging of Jacobs Creek.

8. MS4 Report- Gibson Thomas has not received any of the information from Widmer Engineering regarding MS4 report.

9. Community Development

a. Community Garden May 17th meeting- There will be a meeting for anyone interest in helping with the Community Garden on May 17th at 3p.m. at the Borough Building.

10. New Business

a. Accept 2nd Ward Representative- Currently there is a vacancy on Council for Ward 2. There were two residents of the 2nd Ward that submitted a letter of interest in this position.

i. Jennifer Banks-A motion was made by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp to appoint Mrs. Jennifer Banks as Ward 2 Council Member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson. Roll call vote: Mrs. Mary Yeager-No, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-No, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. 5 Yes vote 2 No votes, motion carries, Mrs. Jennifer Banks will be the new Ward 2 Council Member. Mayor Lindy House swore in Mrs. Jennifer Bank at this time.

ii. Amy Stewart – Ms. Amy Stewart was not in attendance at the meeting.

b. Banking Access-Mrs. Mary Yeager wanted to let all of Council know that they are allowed to go to any bank that holds Borough funds if they have any questions or want information. Mrs. Mary Yeager made a motion asking that Council write a letter on Borough letterhead, with the Borough Manager and Council President's signatures, to give

to the bank that currently houses all of the Borough funds. She is stating that any Council Member can access the bank information at the bank. The Solicitor stated that this would not be legal. The entire Council would have to become signers on the accounts to have access to information directly from the bank. He stated that this information can be accessed through the Manager or Treasurer/Secretary.

c. VP Appointment-Mrs. Stephanie Schropp made a motion to appoint Mrs. Emily Seaman to Council Vice President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda. Roll call: Mr. Mickey Siwula-No. Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Banks-No, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Mrs. Yeager-No, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes. 5 Yes votes and 3 No votes, motion carries, Mrs. Emily Seaman is the Borough of Scottsdale's Vice President.

d. Check Signer- A motion by Mr. Mickey Siwula was made to make Mrs. Emily Seaman a signatory on the Borough's bank accounts. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Yeager, all in favor no one opposed, motion carries.

e. Zoning Hearing Board Resignation-A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to accept Solicitor Tim Witt's resignation as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

f. Zoning Hearing Board Appointment-A motion was made by M. Mickey Siwula to appoint Solicitor Christopher Skivora as the new Zoning Hearing Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

g. Meeting Dates-Due to the changes in Solicitor and Engineer the Council's and Committee's meeting will be as follows:

Council Meetings will be held at 6:30 on the following dates 6/3 (Wednesday), 7/6, 8/3, 9/2(Wednesday), 10/5,11/2,12/7.

General Government meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on 5/20 and then at 5 p.m. on (Mon) 6/22, 7/20, 8/17,9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/16.

Protection Committee meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. on (Tues) 6/22, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/16.

Parks Commission meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on (Tues) 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, with no meetings held in November or December.

Public Service meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on (Tues) 6/23, 7/28, 8/25, 9/22, 10/27, 11/24, 12/17.

11. Correspondence

a. WCBA Meeting Notice-The meeting will be held on May 28th with Mr. Robert Regola as the speaker. The meeting will be held at The Barn on Donohoe Center with the doors opening at 5:30.

b. 250th Celebration-There are several volunteers working on a 250th Celebration to be held on August 9th 2026. They are asking Council's permission to close Stoner Street and Pittsburgh Streets for the event. The motion was made by Mrs. Mary Yeager to allow the street closures. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

12. Seminars

a. Parks Seminar-There is a Parks Workshop for playground equipment repairs and the cost will be \$110. Mr. Mickey Siwula made a motion to send someone from the Street Crew. Mr. Zack Patton is the Street Crew Supervisor and Council would like to send him. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mary Yeager. Roll call vote: Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Banks-Yes, Mrs. Mary Yeager-Yes.

I. Engineer's Report

1. Loucks Park- A pay app was submitted by Widmer Engineering in the amount of \$22,095.00, for the Loucks Park CDBG project. A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to pay this. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

2. Stormwater Bridge St. Contract-The paperwork is being signed to start the project.

Gibson-Thomas asked that Council put together a list of all of the things they would like to see done in the Borough so they can start looking for Grants.

J. Solicitor's Report-The new Solicitor Tim Witt is waiting for Mr. Gary Falatovich to hand over all of the information pertaining to the Borough.

K. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lindy House would like to congratulate Officer Jeremy Woderak for earning the First Responder Service of Excellence award for going above and beyond in helping people that are in an extreme mental health crisis.

Mayor House is working on Project LifeSaver. This is a free program through Westmoreland County Emergency Management. They provide a radio transmitter in the form of a bracelet

that is given to anyone with a cognitive disorder that may be a flight risk. Mayor House will be coordinating a training class for the officers and herself and residents are welcome to sign up for the program now. She will distribute the information on social media and the Borough website this week.

In April, Chief Whipkey, Officer Woderak and Mayor House represented the Borough at the Senior Expo at the Fountain Mills Center. The officers were able to share information on how to stay safe from internet scams.

Mayor House stated she had the privilege of being a judge at the Geyers signing contest. There were around 23 kids that participated and a lot of people showed up to support the Geyer in their fundraising.

Mayor House was invited to speak on May 1st with the Cub Scout Pack and give a lesson on voting. The participants had their very own election and in case anyone is wondering, the candidate chocolate chip cookie won the majority vote.

This past Friday, Mayor House attended the annual 5th Grade Olympics at Loucks Park. She gave the opening speech and cheered them all on.

The Fireman's Fair will be held June 1-6 this year. The Firemen are asking for help from Council to work the food tent. Please reach out to Chief Dave Wendell if you are interested in volunteering. Also, they are still on the hunt for a replacement engine and are meeting with another manufacturer to discuss pricing. She stated that they are doing a great job of looking for the most cost-effective truck.

The plans for National Night Out are going well and Mayor House stated she has received quite a few donations already and is planning some new activities.

The Fire Department donated 2 AED's for the Police to carry in their vehicles in the event they arrive at to a scene before EMS.

Ms. Breanna Carlton, a college student, has expressed desire to learn more about how our government works and is interested in helping out in the office. Mayor House spoke with Mrs. Stacey Coffman and feels that having her organize the file room would be very beneficial. There is a program that will fund internships called Experience Works that is run through the Westmoreland-Fayette Investment Board. The Borough would be responsible for contributing \$1000 which Mayor House said Breanna is willing to fundraise. Mayor House is asking permission for Breanna to do some fundraising to cover the \$1000. The motion was made by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

L. Public Comment Period No. Two-5 Minute Limit Per Person- No one

M. Executive Session

1. Legal- A 5-minute break was taken at 9:13. Mr. Mickey Siwula made a motion to enter into the Executive session at 9:18. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to end the Executive Session at 10:03. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

President Andy Pinskey appointed Mrs. Jennifer Banks to the Public Service Committee.

N. Adjourn-A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Mickey Siwula. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries. The Council meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.