

Borough of Scottdale
Council Meeting Minutes

June 3rd 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on June 3rd 2026 by President Andy Pinskey. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent meditation was observed, roll call was taken. Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, Mr. Andy Pinskey, Mr. Richie Clawson, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks, Mr. Mickey Siwula, Mrs. Emily Seaman, Mayor Lindy House, Mr. Jim Magda, Mrs. Mary Yeager, Mr. Timothy Witt Esq., Mrs. Stacey Coffman and Mrs. Amy Baker were all in attendance.

E. Corrections or Additions to the Minutes- A motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

F. Public Comment Period -5 Minute Limit Per Person-

Mrs. Rhonda Hamrock stated that several years back, it was common for Committees to give the Borough a financial report and a copy of all of the information regarding vendors that were used, contacts, etc. She is asking Council to reinstate and enforce this again with the Committees. This is to make sure no one Committee member walks off with the information and it disappears when they resign.

Mrs. Stephanie Schropp spoke on conduct from previous “leaders”. She is asking that the new leaders be allowed to do their job with the interference from previous employees.

Mrs. Joy Stuart wanted to thank Council for voting to allow 5 minutes for the residents to speak during the Public Comment Period. She spoke on how her personal experience with the meter situation as a business owner. She noticed many times that other business owners would park out front when the meters were not being enforced by a Meter person. Once, A potential customer told her she wanted to stop in to shop but there was no where to park. The meters also being in revenue for the Borough.

G. Approval of Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills- A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries. Mrs. Mary Yeager stated she would like to see a monthly list of the bills that have been paid, in the meeting packets moving forward. Mrs. Mary Yeager made a motion

to include this information in the monthly meeting packets. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor no one opposed, motion carries.

H. Engineer's Report- Mr. Andy Pinskey stated that moving forward, the Engineer will only be at meetings when necessary. Gibson Thomas submitted a report and will be available to read if anyone wants to look at it. A motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

Mrs. Stephanie Schropp is asking where is the previous Engineer's documentation from the Borough projects and Code Enforcements paperwork. Has it all been handed over to the new Engineer yet? It was met with a no, it has not been turned over as of today. She is urging Council as a whole to keep on this.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mary Yeager to suspend the rules and go into the Executive Session now. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman. Roll call vote: Mr. Richie Clawson, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks, and Mr. Mickey Siwula were a no vote. Mrs. Mary Yeager, Mr. Andy Pinskey, Mrs. Emily Seaman and Mr. Jim Magda were a yes vote, there is a tie. Mayor Lindy House voted No for the tiebreaking vote. She stated she wanted to respect the public's time and save the Executive Session for the end of the meeting as usual.

Mrs. Mary Yeager asked to read a letter aloud. In her letter she gave her resignation from Council and stated that a lack of support for her was one of the many reasons she was leaving.

A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to amend the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carries. A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to accept Mrs. Mary Yeager's resignation. The motion was seconded by Jim Magda, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mr. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Mickey Siwula-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carries.

Mr. Andy Pinskey asked if anyone in the audience had a question or comment. He stated that there is now a vacancy for 2nd Ward, any resident interested in the seat should submit a letter of interest to the Borough. He asked anyone one thinking of holding a position in a public office to please not have any personal agendas.

I. Action Items

1. Old Business-

a. Audit Status The audit has been completed and submitted to DCED and they have accepted it. It will be available to view on the website soon. The auditor is working with us to answer any questions we may have moving forward.

b. 4th Ward Fire station Mrs. Emily Seaman was told by Mrs. Mary Yeager that the previous Engineer will put into writing that they are done with any Borough projects and they would like the new Engineer to take over.

c. Pittsburgh St. Fire Station This will project will also be taken over by the new Engineer.

2. General Government-

a. IT Recommendation- Mr. Richie Clawson recommended the Borough Office use L.L.Mazur for its IT needs. The motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to hire L.L.Mazur as IT for the Borough Office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. Ordinance 15-313 (Solicitor-) The Manager had a request from a nearby resident, to use the Borough's parking lot to park his tractor trailer when he's not using it. Ordinance 15-313 does not allow this.

c. Generator Maintenance Supplies- The Solicitor stated that this falls under specific items for General Government and would not require a vote be taken.

d. Retirement Plan for Borough Manager an Office Staff This has been established. The catch up part will be figured out later.

e. Lead Paint Borough Vault Mr. Frank Howard stated he would be able to remove the lead paint in the vault and repaint it for \$200. A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to a proceed with Mr. Frank Howard. This will fall under the Emergency Spending Ordinance for the manager, no vote is needed. Mrs. Emily Seaman rescinded her motion.

3. Public Services-

a. Pearl Street Parking- Mr. Mickey Siwula spoke with the Westmoreland Housing Authority, the owner of the building. They are asking to utilize the alley that goes around McCune Ave. Mr. Jack Scott spoke about the history of this parking lot issue as he has dealt with it for years, and is against it. Some of the residents from McCune Ave were in

the audience to speak out against this as well. The area is too congested and would take away parking for the people that live there.

b. Paving Plan- Council will need to approve the new Engineer to do a study on what streets are in need of paving.

i. Approval for Engineer Study -

4. Protection- President Andy Pinskey is stepping back from the Protection Committee now that new Council is in place. Mr. Richie Clawson will be the Chair for this committee.

a. Meters at the Library - The Committee is asking that the meters at the Library be removed to allow free parking for the Library. Mr. Richie Clawson made a motion, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp seconded that motion, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. Empty Meters (bees) - The Committee is asking that the empty meters be removed from Market St. as they are filling up with bee and wasp nests. The motion was made by Mr., Richie Clawson to remove the meters. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. Mr. Andy Pinskey suggested a list be made of all of the meters in the Borough for future reference.

c. Gravel Lot (Solicitor) - Council is requesting the Solicitor to draft a letter concerning the Jameson's gravel lot. A motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson, seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

d. Blight Update- Mrs. Stephanie Schropp asked if the previous Engineer had given all of the Borough's information to the new Engineer yet and that if not, Council needs to keep on this and make sure it is done sooner than later.

i. Wellsprings Church- The antennas are to all be removed by August 2026.

ii. 102 Mt. Pleasant- Nothing to report

iii. Sheetz-Nothing to report

iv. Feed Mill -Nothing to report

v. Fink Building- Nothing to report

5. Parks and Recreation-

a. Appoint PC Member

i. Rebecca Blahovec- Mr. Jim Magda made a motion to accept Mrs. Rebecca Blahovec's onto the Parks Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickey Siwula, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. Parks Color Run- The Parks Commission is asking Council's permission to hold a Color run on August 8th. The course will run from Loucks Park to Chestnut Street Park then to Pittsburgh Street Park and back to Loucks Park. The motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to allow the Color Run. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

c. Summer Concert Series-The Summer Series at the Gazebo is starting Saturday June 13 and will feature the Scottdale Band.

i. Westmoreland County Local Arts Grant- Mrs. Stacey Coffman wrote a Grant for the Parks Commission Summer Concert Series. A Grant for \$1420 was awarded to the Parks Commission to aid with their Summer Concert Series.

6. Jacobs Creek Watershed Association- Nothing to report Mrs. Stephanie Schropp suggested that a member of Jacob's Creek watershed be present at meetings to update Council.

7. Jacobs Creek Flood Control Project-

a. Working on Act 13 Grant – The PMEA Grant is now open and Mrs. Stacey Coffman will be applying for it.

8. MS4 Report- Nothing to report

9. Community Development-

a. Manager Update- Mrs. Stacey Coffman had sent out Landlord Occupancy reports to all of the Landlords in the Borough. This updated information will give the Borough the Landlords information and will be updated in the Tax Collector's office for Per Capita purposes. This is the first time in over 6 years that a report has been done.

The Borough Office has been assisting Republic with collecting residents' information for senior discounts and any special arrangements that may need to be made for pick up. She has set up two days, June 8th and 9th, for a representative Republic to be at the Borough Office to answer any questions and sign residents up for the senior discount.

There is a new business moving into the previous Bad Rabbit store. This will be a coffee shop with soups and sandwiches. They are currently working in the shop so stay tuned for updates.

Mo's Bites has been working inside of their building and are hoping to open by the end of June. This will be a pizza and sandwich shop.

The Mexican/American restaurant are working to open as soon as possible, look for an update at the next Council meeting.

Mrs. Stacey Coffman has been working on a 6-year budget for the Borough. This year is a contract year for the Street Crew and Police Officers.

Mrs. Stacey Coffman is currently working on a 10-year Comprehensive Plan for the Borough.

Mrs. Stacey Coffman and several of the Council members attended the annual PSAB Conference at the Hershey Lodge. The conference was filled with classes, networking,

b. CDBG 2026 Preparation- Each committee will need to start working on a list for this. As of now, 2nd Ward is the only one eligible.

c. CDBG 2026 Resolution- Tabled

10. New Business-

a. Appoint Mickey Siwula Reconciling- Mr. Ay Pinskey appointed Mr. Mickey Siwula sign off on the reconciliation of the monthly bank statements.

b. Emails-Mr. Richie Clawson explained that the Borough's emails will have a new format through L.L. Mazur. He will use a domain email.

c. Record Transfer- Solicitor Timothy Witt was asked if he preferred paper or digital copies of the Borough's information from the previous Solicitor. Solicitor Timothy Witt asked files be sent to him digitally.

11. Correspondence-

a. Scottdale Elk Riders - The Scottdale Elk's Riders are asking for permission to block off parking spaces for their motorcycles, from O'Neil Alley to Pittsburgh St, along Stoner Street. The motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to give the Elks permission. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

12. Seminars-

a. Safety Day-Street Crew There is a Safety Day scheduled for June 25 from 7:30-1:30. Mrs. Stacey Coffman is asking permission to send the Borough's Street Crew as it has been awhile since they have attended. A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to

send all 4 Street Crew members to the training. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. FEMA Elevation Workshop- Mrs. Stacey Coffman attended an online class for Flood Plains Managers.

J. Solicitors Report – Nothing to report as he is still receiving the information from the previous Solicitor.

K. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lindy House and the Historical Society are working on a display that shows the history of the Scottdale Police and Fire Department. The display will be located at the Original Scottdale Bank and Trust Building.

Mayor House wanted to thank everyone that helped with the annual Memorial Day parade and service. The turn out was great.

She attended the PSAB Conference at the Hershey Lodge and stated how educational and helpful the Conference was to her and the new Council members.

Mayor House and the Police Department will be holding an event on E-Bike safety and a ride through town with a Police Officer on June 13th from 12 to 2 p.m.

L. Public Comment Period No. Two-5 min Limit per Person

Mrs. Lori Jo Holchin spoke how upset she is with the speeding on 819 and asking for more of a Police presence on that road to help stop this issue. She is also upset that parking ticket that she was given out on 5/18 for her tire being on the sidewalk. She stated that the Borough should have given the residents more warning about the change in the garbage collection.

M. Executive Session- After a short break at 8:39, the motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to enter into the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor, no one opposed. The Executive Session was entered into at 8:39.

A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to end Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor, no one opposed. Executive Session concluded at 10:38 p.m.

1. Personnel

2. Legal

N. Adjourn A motion was made by Mr. Mickey Siwula to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 p.m.