

Borough of Scottdale

July 9th 2026

Special Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Andy Pinskey. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent meditation was observed, roll call attendance was taken. Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, Mr. Andy Pinskey, Mr. Richie Clawson, Gibson Thomas Engineer, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks, Mrs. Emily Seaman, Mayor Lindy House, Mr. Jim Magda, Mrs. Amy baker and Mr. Mike Barrick and Mrs. Stacey Coffman were all in attendance. We have a quorum.

Public Comment Period No. One- 5 Minute Limit Per Person No one wished to speak at this time.

Action Items

1. New Business

a. Garage Door to Recycling Building – A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to move \$5000.00 from line item 401.421 to 409.373 and to move \$2000 from line item 407.458 to 409.373 to cover the cost of the garage door. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, the vote is unanimous, motion carried. A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to purchase and install the garage door operator from R.E. Gouker in the amount of \$4750. This will allow the Street Department to open the door manually when the power goes out. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor. Roll call vote; Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried.

b. Sump Pump on Generator- This is being looked at to install on the Police side.

c. 2nd Ward Seat- At the previous meeting on July 6th, Mr. Brian Rock was voted in by Council for the seat of Ward 2 Representative. He accepted at the time but was not sworn in. He decided to decline the position on July 8th. A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to accept his declinment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp,

all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. There were two interested Residents for the seat on 2nd Ward Representative, Mr. Larry Hill and Mrs. Amy Stewart. Mr. Larry Hill was present at the meeting and was asked to speak on why he would like to be voted in for this position. Mr. Hill has been a resident in the Borough for over 3 years and would love to be able to support the town. Mrs. Amy Stewart was not in attendance of the meeting. The motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to appoint Mr. Larry Hill as the 2nd Ward Representative. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Banks, all in favor. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried.

d. Storm Damage in the Borough- Mrs. Emily Seaman made a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to allow Public Comment Period No Two now. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Hill, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

President Andy Pinskey asked Council Members if anyone would like to speak?

Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks spoke first. She stated she had reached out on Facebook, after the storm, to any residents in the 2nd Ward that were affected by the storm. She had over 22 emails. Most of the residents are still waiting to see what the final cost will be. This area in West Park has had issues for decades and it really needs looked at so a solution can be found.

Mrs. Stephanie Schropp stated that the businesses in town were also hit hard by drain back ups and water in their store's basements and in some of the stores. She is concerned that some of the businesses will close as a result.

Mr. Jim Magda had some one from West Park message him about water backups.

Public Comment Period no. Two

Mrs. Carolyn Hernandez lives at the corner of Chestnut St and 819, across from Jacob's Creek. She is asking that the creek be dredged to stop the flooding of the streets at that intersection. After the last rain she saw the water was over the railroad tracts.

Mr. Ralph Horandt lives at 1909 West Park Road and his house has had water issues 7 times in 20 years from what he believes is run off from the rat farm. They have replaced the floors 4 times, hot water tanks, etc. and has lost a lot of money because of this issue. He is asking if there are any grants that could be applied for to help fix the sewage and storm water lines.

Mr. & Mrs. Bob and Roseanne Sanders have lived on Orchard Ave. since 1968 and have had water backups 6 times. They feel the run off is coming from East Huntington and comes down like a river. There was a study done several years ago and they were told not enough people were being affected. Mr. Sanders is also concerned the road is going to collapse from this issue. They are asking the Borough to use some of the money from the sale of the sewer lines to help fix this issue.

Mr. Eric Miller lives on Orchard Ave and said every year the roll curb by his property is washed out from the water and that is the only thing that keeps the water from running into his yard.

Mr. Mark King lives at 606 South Grant Street, in front of Anderson Run. The run off from Tintsmen estates and West Park leads into a pipe at the end of the street. He feels the creek needs to be dredged or this will happen again.

Mrs. Christine Emanuelson lives at 396 Orchard Ave and had to do several of her own improvements to keep the water out of her home.

Mr. Thomas Nevi lives at 1800 West Park Road and stated this has been an ongoing issue from the run off coming from the rat farm. He is asking that the Borough Engineer take a look at the sewer and storm water lines because he feels something is terribly wrong.

Mr. Richard Garsteck moved from Mt. Pleasant into the Scottdale Borough 7 years ago and reside at 404 Park Ave. His house has a finished basement and everything was lost during the storms on July 4th. Along with the loss of furniture, carpet and storage items he is waiting to hear if his furnace and hot water tank will need replaced. He stated that MAWC isn't taking responsibility for the issue. He doesn't want to move out of Scottdale but he can't afford another issue like this again. He is asking the Borough do something to stop the flooding and water backups.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ron & Pam Johnson live at 406 Park Ave and had sewage and water back up into their finished basement and lost a lot of the contents. They are asking that the Borough hold MAWC accountable since they are the owners of the sewer lines.

Mrs. Loretta Galloway own the store Abundant Blessings, a Non-Profit thrift store she opened a few years ago to help the residents of Scottdale. Her store had a water issue over a year ago and it took quite a bit of money and time to make the necessary repairs, which she did. Then she got water again after the storm on July 4th. She is asking the Borough for help; she doesn't know where else to turn or what else can be done. She is very uncertain she will be able to reopen.

Mr. Steve Matsey has lived in Scottdale for 71 years. He has seen the creek flood with up to 18 feet of water after hurricane Agnes hit Scottdale. He stated how important it is for the creek to be dredged on a regular basis to keep it from flooding. He said it is supposed to be done every 7 years but has not seen it done recently.

e. Backstop at Loucks Park- The backstop at the park was recently vandalized with some lewd graffiti. The canvas is not necessary and Mr. Andy Pinskey is asking that the it be removed if this happens again. The motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to allow the removal. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

Mayor's Report-Mayor Lindy House spoke directly to the residents in the audience with tears in her eyes stating how truly sorry she is that this has happened. She thanked all of the residents that came to the meeting and asked them their support and grace as she and Council navigate the best way to try to fix these issues. She said how much the residents support, input, and ideas are needed and wants to see everyone work together to help Scottdale flourish.

Adjourn- A motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson 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 7:52.