Borough of Scottdale

Council Meeting Minutes

July 6th, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Andy Pinskey. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, roll call was taken. Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks, Mr. Richie Clawson, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, Mr. Andy Pinskey, Mrs. Emily Seaman, Mayor Lindy House, Mr. Jim Magda, Solicitor Timothy Witt, Mrs. Amy Baker, and Mrs. Stacey Coffman were all in attendance. Mr. Mickey Siwula and Gibson Thomas Engineering were not in attendance.

E. Corrections or Additions to the Minutes- A motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to accept the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

F. Public Comment Period -5 Minute Limit Per Person- Hector Casey spoke about the monopoly that Armstrong holds in this area. He is upset with the amount he pays for his internet. Solicitor Tim Witt stated Scottdale isn't exclusive internet through Armstrong, only cable. Mr. Hector Casey suggested that the Borough call other internet providers to try and get them to service Scottdale.

G. Approval of Recurring and Non- Recurring 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. 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.

H. Engineer Report Gibson Thomas sent a report that was added into Council's packet and is available for the public to read.

I. Action Items

1. <u>Old Business</u>

a. Resolution on Housing Consortium 2026-15 A motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to accept the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

2. General Government

a. Appoint council to attend JCWS Meeting- Mrs. Emily Seaman stated that the JCWA meets quarterly and she would like to have a representative from Council attend these meetings. Mrs. Stephanie Schropp volunteered. President Andy Pinskey appointed Mrs. Stephanie Schropp to attend and Mrs. Emily Seaman as an alternate.

b. Grant Portal Membership- Mrs. Emily Seaman made a motion to sign up for a 1-year membership on the grant portal at a cost of $200. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried.

c. Generator Recycling Building- Council was made aware that the Recycling building is in need of a generator. There are a few quotes and Mrs. Emily Seaman would like to have these come to her committee before Council votes on it. Mr. Andy Pinskey thinks we need to act quickly on this matter. He is stating his fear is another storm hits Scottdale and the Street Crew cannot get to their equipment. Mr. Andy Pinskey made a motion to move forward with the generator hook up from Ritenour Electric at $10,444.60 with gas hook up charge of $1500.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda. Mr. Richie Clawson voiced concern that if Council rushes on this without proper research, the generator could be hooked up improperly and we will end up with another unsafe situation.

A resident in the audience stated his concerns that 1 company would be doing all of the work. He has worked with generators and hooking them up, and stated it usually takes an electrician and a plumber to handle the work properly. Another resident spoke up and said Ritenour was qualified in both areas.

The suggestion was made to get a new door that could be manually opened when the power is out. Mr. Jim Magda asked if a portable generator would work? Mr. Andy Pinskey withdrew his motion. Mr. Jim Magda withdrew his 2nd for this motion. Mrs. Emily Seaman and the Street Crew will look at all of the options and do some more research. Council will have a meeting towards the end of the week to finalize this decision. Mrs. Stephanie Schropp stated that this has been an issue for a while and she feels the Street Crew works very hard and that Council needs to consider what works best for them.

Mrs. Emily Seaman stated that the Street Crew can manually open the door at this time so if an emergency were to occur, they can get to their equipment out.

3. Public Services

a. Remove Speed Bump- Mr. Jim Magda made a motion to have the Street Crew remove the speedbumps at the entrance to the bike trail. Mrs. Emily Seaman seconded the motion, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. Paving Plan- Mr. Jim Magda said his committee is looking to pave Mulberry Street and Elm and Loucks Avenue to pave, with School Street and Courtland Street for alternative number 1. Alternative number 2 will be Collins Ave, Kline and Dubois.

i. Approval to Prepare requests for bids- A motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to advertise for bids to pave the above-mentioned streets. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

c. LSA Grant Application- A motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to approve paying the $100 application fee for the LSA Grant. This Grant will be for woodchippers and lawn mowers for the Street Crew. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried.

4. Protection

a. Amend Meter ordinance 15-401- Mr. Richie Clawson made a motion to amend the Parking Meter Ordinance 15-401 to allow the removal of the empty parking meters in the Borough. The Borough will need to advertise this amendment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. Resolution for Radar Signs 2026-16-Mrs. Andy Pinskey stated that the Borough has several radar signs and where they are to be set up is spelled out in Resolution 16-2026. The motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to approve this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

c. Adopt Ordinance

i. Purchase IPMC 2024 Code Book- Mr. Richie Clawson made the motion to adopt the IPMC 2024 Code and to purchase up to 3 copies of the 2024 code book. Solicitor Tim Witt stated the Borough is required to have 3 copies on hand. The cost will be $55 per copy and will come out of line item 401.420. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor. Mr. Andy Pinskey asked if a digital copy is available, could we get that as well. He also asked if some of these codes could be amended if necessary, and the Solicitor stated yes, there are some you have to adhere by but can amend others to your Borough Code. Roll call vote: Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr.

Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes. The vote is unanimous, the motion carried.

d. Vacant Abandoned Property Ordinance- This Ordinance will help with blight and vacated, abandoned or dangerous properties, which will be clearly marked for the first responders. A motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to adopt this Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, the motion carried.

e. Rat Kits- These kits are designed to show where the rats' pathways and nests are. Mr. Richie Clawson made a motion to purchase one of the kits with a cost of around $145 and will be taken out of line item 413.010. He would like to see how it works before purchasing anymore. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, 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, the motion carried.

f. Firearms- Mr. Jason Frye explained that the Police guns were evaluated and need to be replaced. The recommendation is to purchase 3 new AR's and to take the old new and send them out to be update to use as backups. They also need a new optic. The total purchase will cost $1509 and will come out of line item 410.269. A resident spoke up and offered to donate $500 to help with the purchase. A motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to purchase two guns and a optic. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr., Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes. The vote is unanimous, the motion carried. Mr. Robert Close offered to donate $500 to purchase one of the guns. The Borough will pay the remaining $509.

g. Ebike Ordinance- The Ordinance was amended to include Ebikes in with bike and skateboards. Mr. Richie Clawson made a motion to accept the amended Ordinance and to advertise it. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

h. Blight Update -Solicitor Tim Witt is currently reviewing all of the files on the below listed properties and will have a report at the next meeting.

i. Wellsprings Church

ii. 102 Mt. Pleasant Rd

iii. Sheetz

iv. Feed Mill

v. Fink Building

i. Garbage Pick-up 600 Block of Walnut- Mrs. Stephanie Schropp is asking Republic to move the garbage pick up into the alley way of the 600 block of Walnut due to the safety risk of the Wellsprings building. Republic will work with her on a solution but are staying with front pick up for now.

j. Quality of Life Ordinance Update (informational only) This Ordinance will be reviewed by the Solicitor.

k. Easement Issues

5. Parks and Recreation

a. Personnel (Executive)

6. Jacobs Creek Watershed- Mrs. Stephanie Schropp will start attending their meetings to get the information and report back to Council.

7. Jacobs Creek Flood Control Project (Informational Only) -The Creek is supposed to be dredged every 7 years and Stauffer Run needs dredged as soon as possible.

8. MS4 Report- Mrs. Stacey Coffman will meet with the Engineer and Mrs. Stephanie Schropp on July 23rd at 9 to discuss the MS4 report.

9. Community Development

a. Manager Update –

Mrs. Stacey Coffman stated there are several businesses that will be opening soon. Mo's Bites will open on July 11th at 10:45.

The Dollar Tree is looking to open on July 23rd.

The Borough will hold a $250th Celebration on August 8th. The celebration will include a color run, car show, historical figures, and many more fun activities.

There is another new business that will be coming into Scottdale. Local Bids will move into the old Myers Cabinet building, more updates will be available at the next meeting.

b. Night Market- Mrs. Stacey Coffman is looking into starting a night market. She would like to have one in the fall and then establish a permanent one in the spring.

c. Community Garden Resolution 17-2026- This Resolution establishes the Community Garden Committee as part of the Borough. The motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to accept the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

d. CDBG 2026 Preparation-Mrs. Stacey Coffman asked all of the Committees to please have all information to her at the August meeting.

10. New Business

a. Shirts-Mr. Andy Pinskey commented on how nice everyone looked at the Conference with their Borough and names on polo shirts. He would like Council to consider all purchasing polo shirts at their own cost.

b. Elected Officials Insurance- Mr. Andy Pinskey wanted to let the Council members know that they are all eligible for a life insurance policy through PSAB, if interested.

c. Appoint 2nd Ward Representative-There were 3 residents that were interested in being the 2nd Ward Representative, Mr. Larry Hill, Mrs. Amy Stewart & Mr. Brian Rock. Mr. Brian Rock was in attendance and spoke about being a resident for nearly 45 years and how he will work to represent all of his ward's residents. A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to accept Mr. Brian Rock as the 2nd Ward Representative. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried. Mr. Brian Rock will fill out his Affidavit of residency and statement of financial interest and can be sworn in after these forms are turned into the Borough Manager.

d. Banner for Cancer Foundation- Cody works with the Rhodes Cancer Foundation and has seen the amazing impact this foundation has had. Mr. Corey Rhodes, has passed away recently after a 4-year battle with cancer. Corey was instrumental in raising funds for the foundation in order to help those around the community effected by cancer. Corey was a part of the soft ball leagues at Loucks Park for years and Cody would like to hang a banner on the fence at the Loucks Park Ball Field. This banner will have ethe Rhodes Cancer Foundation information on it along with a QR code is anyone would like to donate to the foundation. The motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to allow the hanging of the banner. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

e. Resolution 2026-18 Dispose of Records- Resolution 2026-18 was made for the disposal of records. The records that need to be shredded are listed in the

Resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to accept the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

f. Accept Council Seat Resignation- Mr. Andy Pinskey read a resignation letter from Mr. Mickey Siwula. In his letter he stated he was no longer living at his 4th ward address and was not in the Borough. A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to accept his resignation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. This starts the clock on the 30 days Council has to reappoint someone to this seat.

11. Correspondence- Mr. James Carson has written letters and is asking Council to send letters to the Congressman regarding the changes in Social Security.

12. Seminars

a. Flood Seminar & Expense- There is a Flood seminar that Mrs. Stacey Coffman is interested in attending. Mrs. Emily Seaman would like to attend as well if she has available time to take off of work. The motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to allow Mrs. Coffman to attend and herself is her schedule allows. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. Tax Seminar for Tax Collector- Mrs. Kristen Savanick is asking Council for permission to attend a Tax Seminar with a cost of $210. This will come out of line item 403.420. The motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson and seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor. Mr. Andy Pinskey will abstain from voting since this is his daughter. Roll call vote: Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, the motion carried.

J. Solicitor's Report- Mr. Tim Witt has recently received all of Mr. Gary Falatovich's files and will have a report at the next meeting.

K. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lindy House wanted to thank the Fire and Police departments and the Street Crew for all of their help during the storm.

The Borough will hold its first ever Porch Fest on July 29th from 12-8. Mrs. Sarah Sue McClain is helping set up musicians and porches for them to play on. If anyone is interested in hosting or playing, please reach out on Facebook.

National Night Out is scheduled for August 2nd from 2-6 and will feature food trucks, demonstrations, a dunk tank and many more fun activities. She is looking forward to seeing everyone out for this event.

Mayor Lindy House introduced the Borough's new part-time police officer, Mr. Jacen Huss. He has many years of experience, a wonderful reputation and will be a great asset.

L. Public Comment Period No. Two- 5 Minute Limit Per Person- Mr. Rodney Guffey asked how long the Borough was going to allow garbage bags to be stacked up outside of residents. He lives on Market Street and this is causing a huge rat issue. He is asking the Borough to do something about this. Mr. Frank Howard will discuss this with Mr. Rodney Guffey after the meeting.

He also stated as he sat on his porch the other day, he saw a kid, that couldn't be any older that 14, riding an Ebike. The kid rode right into traffic without looking and almost was hit. He is under the impression that you have to be 16 or older to ride an Ebike and would like the police to look into this more.

M. Executive Session

1. **Personnel**
2. **Legal**
3. **Contracts**

N. Adjourn- A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to end the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor, no one opposed motion carried. The Executive Session ended at 9:35 pm.

A motion was made by r. 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 9:36 p.m.