

## **Borough Of Scottdale**

### **Council Meeting**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Andy Pinskey. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, roll call was taken. Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, Mr. Andy Pinskey, Mr. Richie Clawson, Gibson-Thomas Engineering, Mrs. Jennifer Banks, Mrs. Emily Seaman, Mayor Lindy House, Mr. Jim Magda, Mr. Larry Hill, Mrs. Amy Baker, Solicitor Timothy Witt and Mrs. Stacey Coffman were all in attendance.

**E. Correction or Additions to the Minutes-** A motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

**F. Public Comment Period No. Two-5 Minute Limit Per Person-** Mr. Michael Remington stated that he lives at 13 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and has submitted his letter of interest as the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Representative. He showed Council his letter of Support and listed his qualifications for this seat. Along with being a Navy Veteran and an Engineer and is in Seminary School. He spoke about his 17% of the votes he received in the last election.

**G. Approving of Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills-** A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to approve the Bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Hill, all in favor except Mrs. Stephanie Schropp. She would like the motion to read, approve all of the recurring and non-recurring bills except for the Sandzimier, Shoemaker & Company bill. Mrs. Emily Seaman amended her motion to approve all of the bills except the Sandzimier, Shoemaker & Company. Mr. Larry Hill amended his second to reflect. Roll call vote: Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mr. Larry Hill-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes and Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried.

**H. Engineer's Report-** The Gibson Thomas Engineer was in attendance. He is getting oriented with 317 Pittsburgh St Fire Station and 819 Broadway Street Fire Station. He said there are concerns over the brick at the Pittsburgh Street and Broadway Street Stations, as well as needing a new front door and glass block windows at the Broadway Station. They are working on getting quotes.

They are looking at the logistics in regards to the West Park flood project. They have met with the owners of Baker's Farm and they are willing to work with Council on this project.

Gibson Thomas has received the binder for MS4.

They are looking into a dredging project along Stauffer Run. The Borough of Scottdale, East Huntington and Fayette County all pay into a combined pot to cover these costs. Once the project is fully designed it will be easier to get grant funding as well.

They are currently waiting for Widmer's information regarding the sidewalk inlets.

Anderson Run will be a MS4 project for the Borough and Engineer.

The 2026 Liquid Fuels paving project is currently being worked on.

They have met for the 2024-2026 CDBG project at Barclay Park will include handicap parking and pickle ball courts.

CFA 2026 program is open, the information is due by September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026. They are requesting Council put together a wish list to put into the request for funds.

CFA 2026 statewide program opens September 1, 2026 and closes on November 11, 2026.

Mr. Andy Pinskey is asking that the inlets be looked at in West Park and on Orchard Ave.

Mrs. Cynthia Horandt asked the drain with the big piece of metal over it that is next to the Borough Building. Mr. Andy Pinskey stated that is on Railroad owned property and the Borough is not allowed to trespass onto Railroad property.

Mrs. Stephanie Schropp asked that Oak & Grant also be looked at.

Mr. Andy Pinskey suggested that a piece of paper be passed around for residents to write the areas they would like to see looked at. Residents voiced their concerns that they would just be ignored as in years past. Mr. Andy Pinskey stated he would personally go to their properties and report back to the Engineer.

Mrs. Emily Seaman wanted the residents to know she is actively working on this project but to be aware, it will take time to fix the issues.

## **I. Action Items-**

### **1. Old Business**

a. Storm Water Mitigation- Mrs. Emily Seaman had a meeting with the Engineer and the Owner of the farm the butts up against West Park. There will be a planning

phase but at this time they had received an estimate of around \$1 Million. Mrs. Heather Smeltz from the DEP is also involved in the project.

b. Lititz Stormwater Project – The town of Lititz had the same issue that Scottdale is having. The town of Lititz worked with Land studies to receive a grant to offset the cost aspect.

Mr. Jim Magda made a motion to amend the agenda to talk about the Storm Project. Mrs. Emily Seaman seconded the motion. The previous Engineer was working on a project on Bridge St. to reroute the stormwater. When starting on the project they hit an aqueduct, at which time the Railroad stopped the project. Mr. Steve Eby and Mr. Andy Pinskey will be on site tomorrow.

c. Shirts for Council- Mr. Andy Pinskey stressed that this will NOT come from tax payer dollars. Council will pay out of their own pocket for shirts, if they wish to purchase them. A paper was passed around to Council with options on it and Council members may order how every many they would like. Mrs. Emily Seaman will embroider the shirts.

Mrs. Sara Sue McClain thanked the Council members and feels this Council has gone above and beyond for the residents and they deserve some credit.

## **2. General Government**

a. QuickBooks Training -The Auditor had suggested that the Borough use Sandzimier, Shoemaker and Company to help get our QuickBooks cleaned up for the 2025 audit. There is an outline of their costs and a time line in the packet. The motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to hire this company to move forward with the preparation of 2025 audit, with cost not to \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda. Roll call vote: Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Larry Hill-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-No. There are 6 Yes votes and 1 No vote, motion carried.

b. Upstairs Plumbing Borough Building - Mayor Lindy House is asking for a shower to be installed upstairs using her salary to pay for it. A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to give Mayor House permission to install a shower. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

## **3. Public Services**

a. Trees in Streams- There are trees that will need to be removed from Anderson Run with a cost of \$2800. Mr. Jim Magda made a motion to move line items 436.245 for \$1500 and 429.252 for \$1300.00 to shade tree line item 445.450 to pay for this. Mrs. Emily Seaman seconded the motion, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. Signs- Republic is asking that the Borough install signs on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave that not allow residents to park in front of their house on collection day. Mr. Jim Magda wants to table this until he can meet with Republic and discuss this further. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Hill, all in favor except Mr. Richie Clawson, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks and Mrs. Stephanie Schropp who were not in favor. The motion is 4 to one, so carried.

i. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Garbage Signs Resolution- Mr. Jim Magda and Mr. Larry Hill would like this to be tabled

The residents stated, they are happy with the smaller truck that Republic has been sending and would like to keep things the way they are. They do not want the signs put in and think it is unfair they should have park in the back to accommodate Republic. They feel that Republic works for the Borough and should accommodate the residents.

Mr. Robert Close asked if the Solicitor could go over the contract because they work for us.

The question was asked if Republic has to acknowledge ADA compliance? The Solicitor replied that they do not.

c. Traffic Study Letter to PennDOT- Mr. Jim Magda is asking that a letter be sent to PennDot asking that a traffic study be done at North Broadway and North Chestnut St. and at Stauffer and Water Street. The Public Service Committee is looking to put a sign stating No Left Turn be installed at the intersection Spring & Pittsburgh Street.

#### **4. Protection**

a. Firearms-The Police are in need of new hand guns; their current guns are 14 years old and it is getting harder to get the parts and have them repaired. Mr. Jason Frye quoted a price of around \$6067 for 7 new 9mm. Glocks. The cost of these guns will come out of line item 410.269, which has a balance of \$6500.00. The motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to purchase these guns. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks. Roll call vote: Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Larry Hill-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried.

b. Emergency Operations Plan Resolution 2026-18- Mr. Richie Clawson made a motion to accept this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. A copy of the Resolution will be sent to Emergency Management.

c. Police Pension Resolution 2026-19- Mr. Richie Clawson made a motion to accept this Resolution. This will mandate a cost of living raise for retirees and will be retroactive. The Borough funds this originally and gets reimbursed from the state. The

motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

d. Quality of Life Ordinance 2127 Advertise – The Ordinance has been completed and will need to be advertised. The motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to advertise this Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

e. Ordinance 2124 (Amend)- The Ordinance has been amended to include E-Bikes and has been advertised. Mr. Richie Clawson made a motion to accept this Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

f. Vacant Abandoned Property Ordinance 2125- Mr. Richie Clawson made a motion to accept this Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

g. Adopt Ordinance 2126 (IMPC 2024)- Mr. Richie Clawson made a motion to accept this Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

h. Inspection of Wellsprings Building- the Protection Committee is requesting a structural engineer from Gibson-Thomas evaluate if the antennas are safe or in violation of the Property Maintenance Code and to give Council a detailed report.

i. 104 Newman St. Agreement- Council has given the owner of this property multiple extensions and is now requesting a hard deadline of December 1<sup>st</sup> for the requirements specified in this agreement. The motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

j. Blight Update-Solicitor Tim Witt is still working on through the files sent over by the previous solicitor.

i. Wellsprings Building

ii. 102 Mt. Pleasant Rd

iii. Sheetz

iv. Feed Mill

v. Fink Building

## **5. Parks and Recreation-**

a. Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat- Mr. Jim Magda is asking permission to close Chestnut and Pittsburgh Streets for the Halloween parade starting at 5 p.m. with Trick or Treat immediately following from 6-8.

b. Remove Tennis Nets at Loucks Park for Picnic in the Park- Mr. Jim Magda made a motion for permission to take down the tennis court nets during Picnic in the Park. They will be doing a human checkers game at the courts. The nets will be off from August 12-19<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

**6. Jacobs Creek Watershed Association-** Their annual Headwaters Party will be held on the August 29<sup>th</sup>. Jacobs Creek has recently lost a lot of their funding due to the majority of their grants being dissolved by the government.

Mrs. Emily Seaman said that the Watershed Authority is confused as to why and what they need to report to the Borough at the meetings.

**7. Jacobs Creek Flood Control Project-** Info Only: Anderson Run, the infrastructure and the Bakers farm, are all being looked at and many of the pieces are starting to fall into place. This will take time though and Council is asking for the residents to be patient.

**8. MS4 Report-** The new Engineer has just received our MS4 binder from the previous Engineer and will have an update at the next meeting.

## **9. Community Development**

a. Manager Update- Mrs. Stacey Coffman informed the residents that the Scottdale Chocolate Company is hoping to open in time for the Fall Festival.

Ana's Kitchen is ready for their inspection and will open after that.

Mrs. Stacey Coffman stated that she is working with Mr. Mike Barrick and Gibson-Thomas to find grant money to help offset the costs of maintaining the Creek.

The 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30 a.m.

She is working daily to find new businesses for the town.

b. CDBG 2026 Preparation- CDBG will hold a meeting soon for any projects Council would like to see done. Mrs. Coffman is asking the Committee members to get their project wish lists ready for this meeting.

## **10. New Business**

### **a. Appoint 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Representative**

i. Michael Garlowich- Mr. Garlowich has lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward for 54 years. He is involved in the Community through the Elks and multiple other organizations. He currently works for Boroughs of California and Brownsfield as code enforcement and has been a police officer for many years. He feels he has many qualifications that would benefit the Borough if appointed.

ii. Michael Remington- Mr. Michael Remington showed the metals he received during his time in the Service, such as his National Defense metal and Humanitarian Metal. He also worked for an aeronautics company. A resident asked him for examples of how he has helped the residents in Scottdale. He answered that he offers to help his neighbors. He likes Scottdale because it is a small, laid-back town.

iii. Daniel Tompkins- Mr. Tompkins moved to Scottdale in 2018. He owns several properties in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward. He has a masters in IT and owns a business that renovates homes and rents them out. He likes the small-town field and would be happy to serve Scottdale as the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Representative.

### **iv. Mitchell Stewart – was not in attendance**

Mr. Jim Magda made a motion to appoint Mr. Daniel Tompkins. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Hill. Roll call vote: Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Larry Hill-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. 6 Yes votes and 1 No vote, motion carried. Mr. Daniel Tompkins is the new 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Representative and was sworn in by Mayor Lindy House.

b. Accept Planning Committee Resignation- Mrs. Mary Robson has sent in a letter of resignation. The motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to accept this resignation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor no one opposed, motion carried. The position will be open for 30 days.

**11. Correspondence** – National Night Out was canceled on August 3<sup>rd</sup> due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-6. Mayor House is asking for permission to close Pittsburgh, Stoner and Spring Streets from 9a.m. to 8 p.m. The motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to allow the closures. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

**12. Seminars**- The 27<sup>th</sup> annual 3 Rivers Wet Weather event will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration for early birds closes on September 30<sup>th</sup> and will cost \$130. This will be voted on at the September meeting.

The PSAB Fall Conference will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration deadline will be September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**J. Solicitor's Report-** Items on his report have been discussed during the meeting. Nothing new to report at this time.

**K. Mayor's Report-** Mayor Lindy House was part of the ribbon cutting for Westmoreland County Community Action. They opened their new location on Pittsburgh Street and will be a great resource for the community.

Mayor House attended the LSA Grant awards along with Borough Manager Stacey Coffman, at Live Casino.

She has met with and will be working with Mrs. Barb Rola, the new manager of the Geyer Theater.

Mayor House was invited to join in the festivities for Community Day in the Everson Borough.

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

Mrs. Sara Sue McClain asked why there are lines spray painted on the roads. It was explained that the lines are to make sure the paving is ADA compliant for one calls made for the curb cuts.

Mr. Larry Keslar wanted to let everyone know that the new coffee shop opening in town is veteran owned. He would like to see the community support the business when it opens.

Mr. Steve Matsey asked that the Borough start putting dumpsters in the Borough's parking lot so they can be monitored.

Mr. Andy Pinskey would like to see a Spring and Fall clean up days for the community.

Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks has been working with MAWC to have a representative at the next Council meeting.

**M. Executive Session** A 5-minute break was taken at 9:10. The Executive Session was entered into at 9:18 and ended at 9:52 p.m.

**N. Adjourn** A motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.