Borough Of Scottdale

Council Meeting

September 2 -3 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Andy Pinskey. After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Andy Pinskey asked us all to take a moment of silence for Tom Zwierzelewski and his family. Tom was a huge asset to the Scottdale Community and will be incredibly missed. Roll call: Mr. Andy Pinskey, Mr. Richie Clawson, Gibson-Thomas Engineering, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks, Mr. Daniel Tompkins, Mrs. Emily Seaman, Mayor House, Mr. Jim Magda, Solicitor Tim Witt, Mr. Larry Hill, Mrs. Amy Baker 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. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

F. Public Comment Period No. One – 5 Minute Limit Per Person- President Andy Pinskey passed the gavel to Vice President Emily Seaman. Mr. Pinskey wanted to take a moment and thank the residents for supporting our most recent community events. Picnic in the Park had to pivot last minute and move the picnic indoors due to the storms. They still had a great turn out thanks to the community. National Night Out and Porch Fest were both a huge success.

Mrs. Pam Aigner spoke about the paving that needs done on Jennings Ave around First Assembly of God Church. She provided pictures of the state the road is in and is asking Council to please put this road on the list to be paved. She has been asking for over two years and still nothing has been done. Mr. Larry Hill stated that Public Service Committee is planning on doing a repair job on that road to hold it over until the spring when the paving can start. There is also a part of that road that MAWC never repaired correctly several years ago. Mr. Andy Pinskey said he will get in touch with MAWC about rectifying this issue.

G. Approval of Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills- Mrs. Stephanie Schropp questioned why the bill that was tabled last month was paid. Mr. Andy Pinskey explained that during the General Government portion of the meeting, a motion was made to hire Sandizimier, Shoemaker & Associates and not to exceed $10,000 in total costs. Mrs. Stephanie Schropp then requested that the monthly register of bills be expanded to show exactly what the bill was for. She and Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks didn't know who some of

the vendors were that the checks were made out to. There were no current bills that needed voted on.

H. Engineer's Report-

a. Bids for Paving – Mr. Aaron Coffman explained that bids went out for 2026 paving project. Only one company that bid. As of August 26th, that company withdrew their bid. There is no paving project scheduled for 2026. Council asked Mr. Coffman to put together a cost for paving Jennings Ave.

Mrs. Emily Seaman asked for an update on the water issue and eventual dredging of Stauffer Run, Jacobs Creek and Anderson Run. He has a meeting with the DEP on September 29th to set up an application and get an idea of costs. Anderson Run is still ongoing, as he is waiting for the USDA to respond.

b. Inspection of Wellspring Building- Mr. Aaron Coffman did a visual inspection of the Wellsprings building to see if the cell tower is a risk. Due to the state of the roof, it was not feasible to access. He stated that the roof is leaking, the structure is unsafe and he feels the cell tower is a safety risk. This information was provided to Borough Solicitor Mr. Tim Witt to assist Council in moving forward with the building. Mrs. Stephanie Schropp stated that the alarm is still going off. Mr. Tim Witt stated that the Borough is ready, documentation wise, to move forward with the seizure of this property but we still need funding. Mrs. Stacey Coffman is looking into an LSA Grant to help offset the cost of the eventual demolition of this building.

I. Action Items

1. Old Business

a. Storm Water Mitigation- Mrs. Emily Seaman gave an update on the progress with the storm water mitigation. She listed a few options that PMEA had given to help with the water issue. Residents stated that it's been decades of the same issues with no results. Mrs. Seaman asked for the resident's patience and apologized that they had been let down in the past. They are currently working to fix the water problems and that she was sorry the had felt let down in the past. The residents agreed this would not be an easy or overnight fix but thanked Mrs. Seaman and Council for listening and acting on their concerns.

Mr. Andy Pinskey spoke with Mr. Michael Barrick to see what can be done to hopefully fix the flooding issues on Orchard Avenue. The stream needs dredged from Orchard Ave and down, and to put up Rip Rap. He is working on a cost estimate for this. The second

suggestion from Mr. Barrick was to see the Fireman's Club off of Porter Ave would be willing to put in a retention pond.

Mrs. Stacey Coffman spoke with the town of Lititz, which referred her to the town of Lancaster. They had a similar problem as Scottdale is having with water. They had installed a 60-inch pipe but that is not holding the water amounts either. Scottdale currently has a 60-inch pipe running through the middle of town.

b. Quality of Life Ordinance 2127 Adopt on September 3rd- Due to an error in the advertising dates, this meeting will not adjourn. Council will reconvene on September to vote on this Ordinance.

2. <u>General Government</u>

a. Sump Pump- A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman too move $3000 from line item 471.400 to 409.373. This will help to cover the costs of installing a sump pump in the Borough Building basement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Hill, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Daniel Thompkins-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mr. Larry Hill-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, the motion is carried.

Mrs. Emily Seaman made a motion to use $1200 to pay for the installation of the sump pump. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Daniel Thompkins-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Larry Hill-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes. The vote is unanimous, the motion is carried.

b. Manager Contract (Executive)

c. CD Due- The current CD will mature on September 24th and RFPs for new CD rates were sent to the Borough. MidPenn Bank: 3-month 3.80%, 6-month 3.92%, 12-month 4.01%. Somerset Bank:1-month 3.85%, 3-month 3.85%, 6-month 3.85%, 12-month 3.85%. The amount of the current CD is for $3,667,184.00 and General Government would like to reinvest $1,667,184 into a CD and to deposit the remaining $2 million into the Capital Projects account for upcoming projects. Mr. Richie Clawson suggested that the money also be invested into a CD instead of the Capital Funds account. He stated that until we have an idea of the costs for these projects, we invest into a 6-month Cd. A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to move $2 million of the money into a 6-month CD at MidPenn's rate of 3.92% and to invest the remaining amount into a 12-month CD at MidPenn's rate of 4.01%. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor. Roll call vote: Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mr. Larry Hill-Yes, Mr. Andy

Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Daniel Tompkins-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried.

d. Authorize Borough Manager to Attend Upset Sale with intent to purchase a Borough Property- There is a property in the Borough that is listed for the Westmoreland County upset sale. The motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to allow Borough Manager Stacey Coffman to attend the sale and purchase the property with costs not to exceed $5000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

3. <u>Public Services</u>

a. Appointment of Public Service Chair- President Andy Pinskey would like to appoint Mr. Jim Magda for the Chair of the Public Service Committee.

b. Trailer for Mowers – the Street Crew are asking to purchase a trailer to transport the riding mowers. The cost of a new on is $14,659. Several residents asked if they still have the trailer purchased several years ago and if not, would it cheaper to purchase a used one. This vote will be tabled until the September 3rd continuation meeting. This will allow the Manager to get the answers to these questions.

4. <u>Protection</u>

a. GPS Equipment-There is currently GPS tracking devices on two of the Police vehicles. They are asking that these be removed as they pose a safety risk. The motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to remove these provided no active contract exists. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. Blight Update -Solicitor Tim Witt said a number of these properties were discussed already. He is working on the other properties. Mr. Frank Howard said the original owner of the Fink Building and the Feed Mill will be cited.

i. Wellspring Building

ii. 102 Mt. Pleasant Rd

iii. Sheetz

iv. Feed Mill

v. Fink Building

5. Parks and Recreation

a. Fall Ball Team usage- The Westmoreland Sports League will start on September 8th, 2026. They are asking to use the field at Loucks Park on Tuesday's & Thursday's. The motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to allow the field usage. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

6. Jacobs Creek Flood Control Project –Nothing to report

7. MS4 Report-Nothing to report

8. Community Development

a. Manager Update – Reveille Coffee Company will be opening soon, still no exact date.

Ana's Kitchen is just waiting for their state inspection and are hopeful to open very soon to be able to open.

The Scottdale Chocolate is also waiting for their state inspection and are still hopeful to open before the Fall Festival. They will also have booth set up outside of the store.

b. CDBG 2026- There was a hearing held at the Borough office on August 31st for the 2026 CDBG funds. These funds will be used to make an ADA ramp and side walk at Barclay Park.

9. New Business

a. Police Pension Resolution 2026-20- Mrs. Stephanie Schropp made a motion to accept Resolution 2026-20. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Hill, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. The deadline is Sept 24th to submit to the state.

b. Accept Resignation of Planning Committee Member -Mr. Andy Pinskey is resigning from the Planning Committee to allow a resident to take his place. The motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to accept his resignation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

c. Accept Planning Committee Member

i. Jack Davis – Mr. Jack Davis expressed interest in becoming a member of the Planning Committee. He was on the Committee several years ago and is eager to serve again.

ii. Lincoln Jamison- Mr. Lincoln Jamison has also expressed interest in becoming a member of the Planning Committee. Mr. Jamison is eager to serve his community.

A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to accept Mr. Jack Davis onto the Committee to replace Mrs. Mary Robson and for Mr. Lincoln Jamison to replace Mr. Andy Pinskey. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Banks, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried

d. Elect Pro Tem- With the resignation of Mrs. Mary Yeager, the position of Pro Tem needs to be filled. Pro Tem is essentially 3rd in line, if the President and Vice President are not available, the Pro Tem will take over. The motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to appoint Mr. Richie Clawson. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

10. Correspondence

a. Mongell Tire (Fall Festival) -Jim Mongell is asking Council for permission to close down Pioneer and Centennial Way for the Fall festival Monster Truck event. The motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to allow the street closure for this event. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

b. 250th Committee (date change) The Committee had to postpone the 250th Celebration due to weather. The Committee is asking permission to hold the event on October 10th from 2-4. A motion was made by Mr. Jim Magda to allow the event to be on the new date. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

11. Seminars

a. 3 Rivers Wet Weather Sewer Conference- Mrs. Stacey Coffman is asking for permission to attend the conference held on November 4th-5th, 2026. This conference is to give ideas on how to handle storm water issues. Mrs. Emily Seaman, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks, Mr. Larry Hill are also interested in attending. There is $5677 left in the budget for classes. The total cost will be $520. Mrs. Emily Seaman made a motion register for 4 to attend the conference. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor. Roll call vote; Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Larry Hill-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Ye, Mr. Daniel Tompkins-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous, motion carried.

b. Leadership Conference Erie PA – The PSAB Leadership Conference will be held on October 9-11th in Erie, Pa. with a cost of $200 per person if registered by September 24th. Mr. Andy Pinskey would like to attend along with Mrs. Emily Seaman and Mr. Daniel

Tompkins. Mrs. Emily Seaman made a motion to register Mrs. Stacey Coffman, Mr. Larry Hill, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks and herself for the conference by September 24th for early registration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor. Roll call vote; Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes, Mr. Larry Hill-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes, Mr. Daniel Tompkins-Yes, Mr. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Jim Magda-yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes. The vote is unanimous motion carried.

J. Solicitor's Report -The Solicitor's report were covered previously during the meeting

K. Mayor's Report – Mayor Lindy House had to excuse herself unexpectedly from the meeting but asked Mrs. Emily Seaman to please read her report. She read the Police report for the month.

Picnic in the Park had to pivot very quickly due to looming weather. The committee members managed to change venues in l ess than 24 hours. The Everson Firehall was available and for the first time ever, the Picnic was held indoors. She wanted to thank the Committee for all of their hard work and dedication.

This years National Night out had around 300 people that attended. Thank you to all that participated and helped with and supported this event.

Scottdale's 1st Porch Fest was a huge success. There was an estimated 500 people that attended. Thank you to all who helped with this event.

Fall Festival is right around the corner. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at that weekend.

L. Public Comment Period No. Two-5 Min Limit Per Person- No one was interested in speaking. Mr. Andy Pinskey wanted to inform the residents of the Senior Expo being held at the Penn State Campus on September 25th, from 10 am to noon.

M. Executive Session- Council took a 5-minute break at 8:55 pm, before entering into the Executive Session at 9:00 pm. Mr. Richie Clawson made a motion to end the Executive Session at 9:38 pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs., Emily Seaman. All in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

1. **Contract**

N. Adjourn- Mrs. Emily Seaman made a motion not to adjourn but to take a recess until 6:30 on September 3rd. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richie Clawson, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

A motion to resume out of recess was made by Mrs. Stephanie Schropp at 6:30 p.m. on September 3rd, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor no one opposed, motion carried.

Roll call: Mr. Daniel Tompkins, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp, Mr. Jim Magda, Mr. Richie Clawson, Mr. Larry Hill, Mrs. Emily Seaman, Mr. Andy Pinskey and Mrs. Stacey Coffman were all in attendance. Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks attended by phone.

Mr. Jim Magda made a motion was made to suspend the rules to answer the questions from the previous night. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daniel Tompkins, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. Mrs. Stacey Coffman informed Council that there is no contract with Linxup and could be cancelled at no additional cost. The motion made on the previous night to remove the GPS on Police vehicles was carried.

Mr. Larry Hill made a motion to move the funds for the trailer as per the motion made on the previous night. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daniel Tompkins, all in favor. Mr. Andy Pinskey, with concerns to its safety, asked where the trailer would be housed. Mrs. Stacey Coffman stated it would be stored securely behind the Recycling Building in a fenced area. No one opposed, the motion is carried.

Amendments that need to be made in Ordinance 2127 will be, to add the definition of a Food Cart to Section 3, strike out Dandelions as they are not weeds, and remove the sentence for trash can location. A motion was made by Mr. Richie Clawson to accept Ordinance 2127 with amendments listed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Emily Seaman, all in favor, no one opposed. Roll call vote: Mrs. Andy Pinskey-Yes, Mr. Richie Clawson-Yes, Mr. Larry Hill-Yes, Mr. Daniel Tompkins-Yes, Mrs. Jennifer Ross Banks-Yes Mr. Jim Magda-Yes, Mrs. Stephanie Schropp-Yes, Mrs. Emily Seaman-Yes. The vote is unanimous, the motion is carried. An Appeals Board for this Ordinance will be set up by a Resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Emily Seaman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Magda, all in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. President Andy Pinskey adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.