



Scott Township Regular Meeting Minutes

Scott Township

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 7:30 PM EST to Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 8:11 PM EST

301 Lindsay Road, Carnegie, PA 15106 and Zoom

Public Hearing

A public hearing on the Condition Use Application for Old St. Luke’s Church, Burial Ground and Garden to install an electronic message sign at 320 Old Washington Pike was conducted at 7 PM

Call to Order, Moment of Prayer, and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Altman called the meeting to order with a prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Donald Guidici-Present	Samuel Dalfonso, Esq.-Present
Eileen Meyers-Present	Michelle Sedlak-Present
Thomas Castello, Esq.-Present	Kathleen Gazda-Present
Nick Seibel-Present via Zoom	Stacey Altman-Present
Jane Sorcan-Present	

Also Present: Denise Fitzgerald, Township Manager
 Karla McGill, Assistant Township Manager (Finance)
 John Bojarski, Assistant Township Manager (Operations)
 Marie Hartman, Engineer
 John Vogel, Esq., Solicitor
 Stephanie Wilshire, Assistant Zoning Officer
 Kevin Brett, Managing Principal LSSE
 Michael Rudolph, Interim Administrative Assistant

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated that she needed a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Ms. Meyers.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Public comments on agenda

No public comments were received.

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated that she needed a motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

December 23, 2025

January 5, 2026

January 13, 2026

Motioned by Ms. Sorcan, seconded by Ms. Gazda.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated that she needed a motion to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,772,173.84. Motioned by Ms. Sedlak, seconded by Mr. Castello.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated that she needed a motion to approve appointing Mark Mox to the planning commission for an additional term, expiring January 27, 2030. Motioned by Mr. Dalfonso, seconded by Ms. Sedlak.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated that she needed a motion to approve advertising an ordinance restating Ordinance 1179-82 to confirm the township's obligations with regard to animals running at large within the Township of Scott. Ms. Gazda stated to Mr. Vogel, "is this the ordinance that deals with feral cats?" Mr. Vogel stated yes. Motioned by Mr. Giudici, seconded by Ms. Sorcan.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated that she needed a motion to approve advertising the Ordinance to adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code. Motioned by Mr. Dalfonso, seconded by Ms. Meyers.

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All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated that she needed a motion to approve the Russman Plat Adjustment Subdivision Plan to consolidate parcels 101-P-65, 101-P-52, 101-P-60 and the vacated unopened alley and then create a new boundary line, creating two parcels 101-P-60 and 101-P-52, as recommended by the Planning Commission, subject to satisfying the comments of the Township Engineer Review letter dated Oct. 22, 2025 and the Allegheny County Economic Development Review letter dated Oct. 3, 2025. Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Ms. Sorcan.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to ratify

Ms. Altman stated that she needed a motion to ratify advertising a conditional use hearing on January 27th 2026 at 7 PM regarding the approval of the Conditional Use application for Old St. Luke's Church, Burial Ground and Garden to install an electronic sign at 320 Old Washington Pike. Motioned by Ms. Meyers, seconded by Mr. Dalfonso.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated that she needed a motion to motion to approve the Conditional Use application for Old St. Luke's Church, Burial Ground and Garden at 320 Old Washington Pike to install an electronic message sign onto the lower part of the existing sign situate at the Annex as recommended by the Planning Commission, subject to satisfying the comments of the Township Engineer Review letter dated November 28, 2025. Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Ms. Meyers.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated that she needed a motion to approve Ordinance 1704-26 accepting the dedication to public use of a sanitary sewer line as contained in the Cherry Meadows (Nixon School) Development Plan. Motioned by Ms. Sorcan, seconded by Ms. Sedlak.

1/27/26 AM

All in favor

Motion Carries (9-0)

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Vogel stated that he did not have any updates.

Engineer's Report

Motion to ratify

Ms. Hartman stated that she needed a motion to ratify approval of Bond Reduction Request No. 8 submitted by Flash Point Partners, LLC reducing the Site Improvement Bond from \$1,089,563.31 to \$871,996.34 for the Nixon School Residential Development Project. Motioned by Mr. Giudici, seconded by Mr. Castello.

All in favor

Motion Carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated that she needed a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 2 submitted by Grahamboys, LLC dba Graham Construction in the amount of \$18,505.02 for work completed between September 1, 2025 and October 1, 2025 for the Public Works Garage Roof Replacement Project (Contract No. 24-R1) (to be paid from the Bond Fund). Mr. Seibel stated, "what's the last legal pay date as we've asked for about 5 days now?" Mr. Vogel stated, "legal date on that is 45 days after the engineer has been able to review the application." Mr. Seibel stated, "what is that date?" Mr. Hartman stated, "45 days from December 11th would be January the 25th of 2026." Mr. Castello stated, "the next three are all Graham. So, I just want to finally clarify for the last time. Has everything been done that was supposed to be done in order for us to pay?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "there is one item we talked about today, and that is that they would be subject to receipt of all certified payrolls."

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "did we get the extended maintenance bond that we were asking for on the set panels?" Mr. Brett stated, "the extended maintenance bond, we have money held with the last payment for those. These are the three that's on your agenda that are appropriate for you."

Mr. Seibel stated, "I would be more comfortable if we amend the motion to pay it on the last legal payment date if possible." Mr. Vogel, Mr. Castello and Ms. Sedlak stated, "that was yesterday." Ms. Meyers stated, "that was Sunday." Mr. Castello stated, "or that was Sunday the 25th." Ms. Altman stated, "Is that the same for the other two?" Mr. Dalfonso stated, "It's the same for the next one. It's different for the one for \$33,000. That came January 12th." Ms. Hartman stated, "So, January 12th would be paid February 26th." Mr. Castello stated, "so we haven't done that one yet, but when we get to that one." Ms. Altman stated, "I'm establishing that while we're going, though."

Mr. Castello stated, "I just wanted to cover and make sure everything else was done." Ms. Altman stated, "did you need me to amend something Nick?" Mr. Seibel stated, "I'm good." Motioned by Mr. Dalfonso, seconded by Ms. Sedlak.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated that she needed a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 3 submitted by Grahamboys, LLC dba Graham Construction in the amount of \$55,464.01 for work completed between October 2, 2025 and October 31, 2025 for the Public Works Garage Roof Replacement Project (Contract No. 24-R1) (to be paid from the Bond Fund) Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Mr. Seibel.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated that she needed a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 4 submitted by Grahamboys, LLC dba Graham Construction in the amount of \$33,127.19 for work completed between November 1, 2025 and December 1, 2025 for the Public Works Garage Roof Replacement Project (Contract No. 24-R1) (to be paid from the Bond Fund) Mr. Castello motioned to table. Seconded by Mr. Seibel.

All in favor

Motion tabled (9-0)

Ms. Altman stated, "we'll put that back on for February."

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated that she needed a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 submitted by M and B Services, LLC in the amount of \$16,236.81, adjusting mast arm sizes per PennDOT request following project field review for the Bower Hill Road / Painters Run Road and Bower Hill Road / Rockhill Road Green Light Go Project. Ms. Hartman stated, "so just as a quick update, the contractor had made a mathematical error on the initial change order he submitted. I believe that was in the amount of \$13,000 or so. We corrected it, that amended, corrected change order, went out in the amount of \$16,236.81. That's why the number is different from what you saw at the agenda meeting." Motioned by Ms. Sorcan, seconded by Mr. Seibel.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated that she needed a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 (Final) submitted by State Pipe Services, Inc. in the **deduct** amount of \$112,304.04 based upon final in-place quantities and work completed for the C-48 Phase II COA Source Flow Reduction and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project (Contract No. 24-S3). Motioned by Ms. Sedlak, seconded by Ms. Gazda.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated that she needed a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 4 (Final) submitted by State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$27,283.86 for work completed on the C-48 Phase II COA Source Flow Reduction and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project (Contract No. 24-S3) (to be paid from the Bond Fund). Motioned by Ms. Meyers, seconded by Mr. Castello.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated that she needed a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 submitted by LM&R Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$31,127.42 for work scope adjustments resulting from unforeseen utility locations identified during construction of the Phase 1 PRP Project (Hope Street Pond; Spinner Field Pond; Green Commons Pond) Contract No. 24-ST01. Motioned by Ms. Sorcan, seconded by Ms. Gazda.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Altman stated that at Spinner Field, "there are kids heading back towards that with sleds. Can we just make a note to make sure that that's blocked off so nobody's getting down in there?" Ms. Hartman stated yes. Mr. Dalfonso stated, "wasn't there an orange cyclone fence there for the longest time?" Ms. Altman stated "I'm pretty sure it's still there." Ms. Hartman stated she would notify the contractor.

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated that she needed a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 3 submitted by LM&R Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$105,366.30 for work completed between November 1,

2025 and November 24, 2025 on the Phase 1 PRP Project (Hope Street Pond; Spinner Field Pond; Green Commons Pond) Contract No. 24-ST-01 (to be paid from the Bond Fund). Mr. Castello motioned, seconded by Ms. Sorcan.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated that she needed a motion to approve (ratify) Columbia Gas / Lindsay Road Street Opening Permit No. 1 providing restoration requirements for Lindsay Road (South) from the Greentree Road Stop Bar to Old Greentree Road; and Lindsay Road (North) from the Greentree Road Stop Bar to the Pavement Joint Adjacent House No. 262 Lindsay Road. Motioned by Ms. Sedlak, seconded by Mr. Seibel.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to ratify

Ms. Hartman stated that she needed a motion to ratify approval Columbia Gas / Lindsay Road Street Opening Permit No. 2 providing restoration requirements for Lindsay Road from the Pavement Joint Adjacent House No. 262 Lindsay Road to the St. Peter and St. Paul Cemetery Entrance. Mr. Castello stated, "is this the project we were talking about last meeting that they agreed to go all the way over?" Ms. Hartman stated, "yes. There will be a third street opening permit that we'll entertain at the next meeting. I'll just give a brief and then Kevin can give you specifics. The first one that you approved, motion 9J, that deals with the asphalt section. The next motion, 9k, is the concrete section."

Mr. Brett stated, "we met with the gas company. I went back and forth a little with them. And they're going to put the line from the new pavement joint to about 140 feet shy of the cemetery driveway in the center of the concrete lane. If you're standing in your driveway, looking up the hill lane, it'll be about halfway out into the lane. Roughly, it'll replace either in concrete, or asphalt. Either way we are okay with that. And then we'll match up to it down the road."

Mr. Brett stated, "The third permit, which will be at your work session. There's just a couple holes beyond that, that they have to do some work on the laterals, because when they increase the pressure, you have to put a different fitting to reduce the pressure in the laterals for side correction. So we have that permit now, we're reviewing it, and we're attaching conditions for each one of these permits so that they're paying for the paving, and they'll reimburse for our fees, solicitor fees, all those things, so this would be at no cost." - Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Mr. Seibel.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Standing Committee Report - Finance

Motion to approve

Mr. Castello motioned to approve appointing Jordan Tax Service as the real estate tax collector with the agreement subject to solicitor review. Seconded by Mr. Dalfonso. Mr. Castello stated to Mr. Vogel, "do we have any other options?" Mr. Vogel stated, "we have to appoint somebody privately, nobody got sufficient votes, nobody accepted. We have to appoint somebody private. The person who ran did not choose to accept the election certificate."

Roll call, motion carried, (8-1) with Mr. Seibel voting in the negative

Mr. Castello stated he was planning a finance committee meeting for Monday, April 6, 2026. Mr. Dalfonso stated, "any particular topic?" Mr. Castello stated, "we're going to look at the review of the first quarter, especially in light of overtime for the public works department. It's gotta be hitting us hard."

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Motion to ratify

Ms. Gazda motioned to ratify authorizing the Chief of Police to advertise for the newly created position of Social Services Coordinator in the police department. Seconded by Ms. Sedlak.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to ratify

Ms. Gazda motioned to ratify approving Resolution 1115-26 or the police services contract signed with Rosslyn Farms Borough. Seconded by Ms. Sorcan.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Mr. Seibel stated that he did not have any updates.

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

Ms. Sorcan stated, "I did go to the meeting last month, and the EAC is still working on trying to put together a stormwater program for the community, hoping to help the township with the MS4 requirements, if they can get that together, and they've been working on trying to do some AMD remediation with some of the streams, and they've been involved with, or been

contacted, or contacting, the Department of Mines, hopefully to work with them, and there may be some grant money out there, or actually pay for some of the work from their budget if our steams qualify.

Ms. Sedlak stated, "that property on Spreading Oak, is any of the runoff thing that they're looking at for this, would that be the same topic, or no?" Ms. Sorcan stated no. Ms. Hartman stated, "That's the area that we're doing the stormwater project in, is just the oaks in general. So it's that whole area there. We were looking at, people that have had complaints of stormwater, complaints of sump pumps pumping onto the road and so forth."

Ms. Sorcan stated, "the EAC is really trying to find ways to keep the water from going into the mines, which then goes out as outbreaks, and then going into the stream and I guess we're responsible for some of that. They're trying to mitigate it anyways."

Parks, Recreation and Public Relations

Motion to approve

Ms. Meyers motioned to approve the request from Ave Maria Academy for the use of Scott Park and The Community Room on Sunday, March 22, 2026, to host their 2026 Shamrock Shuffle 5k race Seconded by Mr. Castello.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Meyers motioned to approve the renewal The Pittsburgh Lighthouse Cafe's contract at the pool concession stand for the 2026-2027 season. Seconded by Mr. Castello. Mr. Dalfonso stated, "is this for just one season or is this for both 2026 and 2027?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated that it would be a two year contract. Ms. Sorcan stated, "are we doing anything more with the fryer?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated that they were seeking pricing.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Meyers motioned to approve re-hiring of Benon Brewer as the Pool Manager for the 2026 pool season at an annual rate of \$35,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Dalfonso.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

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Ms. Meyers motioned to approve hiring two (2) Assistant Pool Managers for the 2026 pool season at an hourly rate of \$20.00/hour. Seconded by Mr. Castello.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Meyers motioned to award the 2026 recreation program to Jumpstart Sports. Ms. Sedlak seconded the motion.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Meyers stated that they were looking to have a sled riding event that Saturday but, “the weather's gonna be very, very frigid, and I don't think it's a good idea to encourage the kids to come out and do that, so if the snow's still there the following week, maybe. If it's not too icy.”

Library Liaison Report

Mr. Giudici stated, “I’ve been in contact with Gina Leone. She’s the Scott Township Public Library Librarian. I’ve been in contact through phone calls and email. I guess they’re going to have their library next board meeting on February 9, which I plan to attend, and I’ll give you a report at our next workshop meeting. They’re now accepting used books for Friends of The Library used book sale. It’s coming up, May 1st through May 3rd. They’re having many programs planned for the month of February including the winter book reading challenge, something for all ages. If anybody needs anymore information on the library, or to register for any of the programs, to visit our website, www.scotttlibrary.org. That’s all.”

SHACOG

Mr. Seibel stated that he did not have any updates.

Standing Committee Report – Administration

Ms. Altman stated, “we have nothing for tonight.”

Conferences and Workshops

Ms. Altman stated, “we have nothing for tonight.”

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

There were no public comments on the agenda.

Commissioner’s Request

Mr. Giudici stated that he did not have anything to add.

Ms. Meyers stated, "stay safe and warm on the streets."

Mr. Castello stated, "I just want to thank Public Works for doing an excellent job in my neighborhood. I don't know about anywhere else, but my neighborhood, they did an excellent job with my streets. My neighbors were very pleased with what they did, and with my comment about having a public finance committee meeting, partly to review the overtime, was not derogatory towards Public Works. Just want to check and see where the numbers are after the first quarter."

Ms. Sorcan stated that she did not have anything to add.

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "I'd like to echo Tom's statements. Thanks to those guys. It was a long day, Saturday and into Sunday, and then back at it again, and then back at it again this week. One thing for Chief, I'm not sure if he's on. Can we start to enforce the overnight parking? It was a disaster in a couple of areas in my ward with, you know, not being able to plow, and not being able to make a pretty good way through because of the cars parked overnight there. It's long-standing, I'm talking weeks at a time that these cars are out there, especially on the portion of Somerville between Berkwood and Pembroke. Makes it very hard to get past there."

Ms. Meyers stated, "I agree with that Sam, and we also gotta start maybe fining people for throwing their snow back onto the street." Mr. Castello stated that he disagrees. Mr. Castello stated, "You can't shovel snow in my neighborhood and not put it on the street. You just can't. Because they're plowing the snow up into the yards. I have a 6-foot mountain on both sides of my driveway. If I throw that snow up there as my neighbors will attest to, it just rolls right back down again where it came from, so I just want to put on record, I'm opposed to that."

Ms. Meyers stated, "that's actually an ordinance though." Mr. Castello stated, "I probably didn't favor the ordinance when it came out. I think it's a dumb ordinance. It's different when you have 2 inches of snow. But when you have these guys did an excellent job over the weekend, because I was out there and talked to them several times, and told them where they could push the snow to, to neighbors that weren't in town. Otherwise, they've got... I'm telling you, I don't know what they're going to do with it. And I checked the other road, Hope Street and Robin, and they did an excellent job there, but people have put the snow to get out of their driveways, because they pile it right into the driveway."

Mr. Seibel stated, "I disagree. Show me that sometime, please." Mr. Castello stated, "what, my 6-foot-high mound?" Mr. Seibel stated yes. Mr. Castello stated, "come over tomorrow Nick." Mr. Seibel stated, "we're closer together on our side and there's no issue putting the snow into yards, and not into the street. I mean, the roads were completely clear, and people are putting snow in the street, and now it's freezing into blocks of ice."

Mr. Castello stated, "where it's going is not hurting the street. Come over to my house, I'll show you." Mr. Seibel stated, "yes, please. What I'm seeing is people pushing it directly into the street and blocking streets that are already cleared with mounds of snow." Mr. Castello stated,

"I don't see that." Ms. Altman stated, "I think there's a difference between getting some snow because you're shoveling, or people who are purposefully, like I've seen..." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "I've seen people doing it at the end of my street and it's just ridiculous." Mr. Castello stated, "that's not what's going on in my neighborhood, and that's where they shouldn't be citing people. Last time they cited someone, I got a call, it was over on Meadow Lane, it's over in the 8th ward, and all it was is she brushed snow from there, and she got \$15 citation."

Ms. Meyers stated, "Yeah, but in our neighborhood, they're putting it out in the middle, and it's out there after it's plowed and it creates another hazard." Mr. Castello stated, "that's different. Don't put everyone on the same boat."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "they still only have one lane of Greentree Road headed towards Giant Eagle going from St. Simon Jude plowed and on the way here I watched somebody push the snow out into Greentree Road, but it didn't matter because you couldn't ride on that lane. It's really dangerous right now." Mr. Seibel stated, "yep, it is." Ms. Sedlak stated, "personally, I wouldn't even fine that person because it's a state road, and if we can't control the road, we shouldn't be fining people on it either."

Mr. Seibel stated, "here's the problem though Michelle, if you plow that back in, if you clear that lane, you're gonna plow everybody that has taken so much effort to dig themselves out, they're gonna be buried back in." Ms. Sedlak stated, "sure, and I watched somebody who relies on public transportation try to get to work at the assisted living facility and could not make it over the amount of snow that they plowed. By the way they were walking over the part of Greentree Road that was supposed to be plowed. It's very dangerous." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "we have notified the state and they are aware of it, and I believe our state representative has made contact with them as well." Mr. Seibel stated, "he told me it was gonna be dealt with."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "I know it's not our guys that can take care of it or do anything, I just want to make people aware that they also have policies about it." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "I know Bower Hill is a county road, is there any chance though, like, when we drive down it, can we touch it? Because they did a terrible job on it." Mr. Castello stated, "they always do." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "Both sides, up and down. It was just bad." Mr. Castello stated, "I lived on Bower Hill 40 years ago, it was horrible, and they haven't improved it since." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "I don't doubt that Tom."

Ms. Gazda stated that she did not have anything to add.

Mr. Seibel stated, "in addition to Public Works, obviously, I wanted to thank the EMA directors for staffing the EOC throughout the snow event. Luckily it wasn't really necessary, there wasn't too much going on. But in the event we got hit with ice or anything more severe, it was great to have them there so thank you." Ms. Altman stated, "I agree with that statement, I think I felt fairly confident going into this that we were going to be well taken care of, no matter how it turned out. I'm grateful that this isn't something that we have to deal with on a regular basis, because the amount of snow that we're still dealing with, and you know, me driving through

different communities, parkway, 22, 30, there are lots and lots of communities that are still covered in snow.”

Mr. Dalfonso stated, “I want to give some credit to our residents, too. I was talking to a member of Bower Hill, and I asked how busy they were, and if we had any spots or anything. They said it was extremely quiet, so that means everybody stayed home and there were no accidents or anything like that, so thank everybody for that.” Ms. Sorcan stated, “I want to thank the residents for helping each other. I was pretty happy whenever my garbage cans were on my porch. I don't know who did it. Somebody did, but I know that other people are having the same experience, where they're watching out for each other, and I think that's wonderful. Great community.”

Adjournment

Ms. Altman stated that she needed a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Ms. Meyers.

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

An executive session regarding personnel was conducted after the meeting.

Attest:

