



Scott Township Regular Meeting Minutes

Scott Township

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:30 PM EST to Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 8:09 PM EST

301 Lindsay Road, Carnegie, PA 15106 and Zoom

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-Absent

Thomas Castello, Esq.-Present

Kathleen Gazda-Present

Nick Seibel-Present via Zoom

Stacey Altman, President-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

Ashley Puchalski, Esq., Solicitor

Mark Mox, Planning, Zoning, and Enforcement Officer

Kevin Brett, Managing Principal, LSSE

Mathew Podsiadly, Chief of Police

Shawn Kosanovich, Police Captain

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:

January 27, 2026

February 10, 2026

Motioned by Ms. Sorcan, seconded by Mr. Giudici.

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 \$2,241,199.19. Motioned By Mr. Castello, seconded by Ms. Meyers.

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 Ordinance 1705-26 restating Ordinance 1179-82 and confirming the Township's obligations with regard to animals running at large within the Township of Scott. Motioned by Mr. Dalfonso, seconded by Ms. Sorcan.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated that she needed a motion to approve Ordinance 1706-26 adopting the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code. Motioned by Ms. Gazda, seconded by Ms. Meyers.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated she needed a motion to approve Resolution 1116-26 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of the vacant parcel 144-R-82, formerly 128 Klein Way, to be acquired by Harry and Joli Fichter through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program, in accordance with the comprehensive plan of the municipality. Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Ms. Gazda.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated she needed a motion to approve Resolution 1117-26 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of Lot & Block # 102-K-235, 340 Magazine Street, by Michael A. Pruss through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Program in accordance with the comprehensive plan of the municipality. Motioned by Ms. Meyers, seconded by Mr. Castello.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated she needed a motion to ratify the advertising of an ordinance for vacating the unopened alley bordering parcels 101-P-65, 101-P-52 and 101-P-60 with the intent that after the alley is vacated it would be part of the Russman Plat Adjustment Subdivision Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Mr. Giudici.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Solicitor's Report

Ms. Puchalski stated that she did not have any updates.

Engineer's Report

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated she needed a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 4 submitted by LM&R Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$228,559.83 for work completed between November 25, 2025 and January 30, 2026 for Contract No. 24-ST01 - 2024 Stormwater Improvements Project (to be paid from the Bond Fund). LSSE recommended for payment February 6, 2026; 45-day payment date is March 23, 2026. Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Ms. Gazda.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated she needed a motion to approve advertising The Oaks Stormwater Improvements Project - Phase 1. Ms. Hartman stated this project would be broken down into multiple phases, and, "what we're asking for this evening is approval to advertise Phase 1. So what you have in front of you is Phase 1. Phase 1 has been separated into a base bid and two

add alternates for storm work, and then some additional add alternates for paving. This project was funded by 2022 ARPA Money. That money has to be spent by September of this year. So it is important that we get this job out to bid. Grant funding is in the amount of \$400,000. You can see in front of you, Phase 1, the estimate is \$562,705. Add alternate 1 would be an additional \$421,000 or so, and add alternate 2 would be an additional \$370,000. Base bid would be what you would consider, and if the budget so provides for it, you can entertain any of the add alternates that are listed there.”

Mr. Castello stated, “so this whole sheet comes out to \$1.495 million?” Ms. Hartman stated yes. Mr. Castello stated, “and we have the grant of \$400,000 in it and we’ve already budgeted paying roughly a little over \$1 million. So we’re matching what we’re spending here.” Ms. Hartman stated yes.

Mr. Dalfonso stated, “I realize how fast money tends to go on these products. Are you gonna have enough time to spend down \$400,000” Ms. Hartman stated yes. Mr. Dalfonso stated, “I still don't know how much work they're actually able to get done and what they're gonna be billed for. I'm sure materials can be ordered and whatnot.” Ms. Hartman stated, “as soon as we get a pay request we’re going to start expensing.” Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Mr. Dalfonso.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated she needed a motion to ratify Bond Reduction Request No. 9 submitted by Flash Point Partners, LLC reducing the Site Improvement Bond from \$871,996.34 to \$829,791.45 for the Nixon School Residential Development Project. Motioned by Ms. Sorcan, seconded by Mr. Dalfonso.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated she needed a motion to approve Columbia Gas / Lindsay Road Street Opening Permit No. 3 providing restoration requirements for Lindsay Road from 60' North of Ursula Drive to Cynthia Drive. Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Ms. Meyers.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Altman stated, "is there any updates or anything on Columbia again?" Ms. Hartman stated, "As far as I know, they're behaving. They executed permit number 3, they've been cooperative the past few months. I think they're really pushing to get this job done by June 30. They haven't been difficult."

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of Geotechnical Engineering Investigation and Design of a Soldier Pile and Lagging Retaining Wall to Ackenheil Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$30,425.00 for the Duncan Way Roadway Stabilization project. Motioned by Ms. Gazda, seconded by Mr. Castello.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated, "regarding the roads, I believe Mr. Kelley sent you a list of roads. This is a listing of roads that came about from public works rankings as well as the Road AI program. These numbers are a little bit reclined from the original numbers that Mr. Kelley distributed. I believe that Tom had provided just basically taken from the Road AI program. This is a little bit more of a detailed estimate. Broken down into base bids, add alternates, so the upper portion is the base bid. The public works priorities, as you requested, Public Works had gone out, made a priority list. This is a refined estimate on the priority list, so the OPC for the base bid is \$1.123 million unless we take some length off of Woodridge, \$996,830. There are 11 roads in the base bid. Add alternate, the top two that aren't included in the upper part, they're the next worst two. Bartola and Old Greentree, and then from there is another grouping, provided your budget affords for it. So, typically, the intent is to award a base bid and then 2 separate add alternates to be selected if budget is there." Mr. Castello stated, "Bartola is third ward."

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "If I recall correctly, we had the park separated from this particular figure, what did we budget for the park again?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "\$100,000. The road program itself was \$666,000." Ms. Hartman stated, "I think we were working toward a total budget of \$1,000,000 which included both the park and the typical roads." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "that million dollars was also to include projects from last year that has not been closed out yet."

Ms. Hartman stated it would be appropriate to "authorize this to go to bid just so we can at least get it moving, and we can adjust based on Karla's final numbers because we did have a couple of bids come in late, and whether they got assigned to 2026 or 25 makes a difference, then we can decide if something needs to be removed or performed." Mr. Castello stated, "because typically, and I agree with it, you've estimated higher than when you come in." Motioned by Mr. Dalfonso. Seconded by Mr. Castello.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated 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). LSSE recommended for payment January 12, 2026; 45-day payment date is February 26, 2026. Motioned by Mr. Dalfonso, seconded by Ms. Sorcan.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated she needed a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 submitted by Grahamboys LLC dba Graham Construction in the deduct amount of \$1,500 for the the Public Works Garage Roof Replacement project (Contract No. 24-R1). Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Ms. Gazda.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of the Public Works Salt Storage Facility Replacement – Base Bid in the amount of \$728,450.00 to Cronin Enterprises Civil & Rail Division, LLC. Mr. Seibel stated, “just my continued question as to whether all the paving is necessary. I mean I would like to see that slimmed down a little bit if we can. There's a ton of asphalt paving heavy duty asphalt for heavy trucks. I mean, we run heavy trucks down there now. We don't have an issue. Why do we have to replace all that asphalt?” Ms. Hartman stated, “we can take a look at it Nick but it was designed that way because the trucks have to pull in, back up, back into the facility to get loaded, and it's just, you know, replacing that paving takes care of the undulation, it takes care of cleaning up the site. We're paving all the way around the building because that's part of the design requirements to lock the base in. We can take a look at, you know, minimizing as much as we can, but I think it's pretty much all needed.”

Ms. Meyers stated, “have you worked with them before, Cronin?” Ms. Hartman stated Cronin is doing the second phase of the ponds, been awarded C53, and low bid on North Wren. Ms. Hartman stated, “they've been fine to work with. They're a bigger company, they're kind of on the same order as JetJack. We've got them on other jobs with the company, and I mean, we've really had no issues with them.” Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Ms. Meyers.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Standing Committee Report – Finance

Motion to approve

Mr. Castello motioned to approve the payment request from Marquette Associates for investment consulting services from 10/01/2025 – 12/31/2025 for the Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$16,451.23, and the Non-Uniform Pension Fund in the amount of \$8,153.34 (to be paid from the respective pension trust accounts). Seconded by Mr. Giudici.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Ms. Gazda stated she did not have any updates.

Chief of Police Update

Chief Podsiadly stated he was present to give his January report since he was absent for the agenda meeting, and two address two high profile incidents that had occurred that month. Chief Podsiadly stated they had 775 calls for service, 448 reports, 9 arrests and 45 citations.

Chief Podsiadly stated, “so, one thing that garnered some social media attention was an HSI ICE incident that occurred on Cherrydell Drive. We came to discover that they were in the area on the 13th and 14th of February. We actually received calls from residents that someone was being kidnapped. We responded and we learned that they were arrests, both were criminal incidents. Like I said there was some social media attention, some videos surfaced on Instagram, and spread from there as they do on social media.”

Chief Podsiadly stated, “Sunday the 22nd, we had an officer involved shooting. We were assisting Heidelberg Police. They received a call for a male armed with a firearm and a knife, threatening to harm himself and others. Our officers arrived, they made contact with the male outside the residence. He was armed with a very large knife. They attempted to tase him to subdue the subject, and that was ineffective. The male then charged the officers and a Scott Township Officer fired his firearm and the male was pronounced deceased from that. This is currently under investigation by Allegheny County Police Homicide Division and we will not be releasing any additional information at this time. It’s a matter of potential litigation so I would like to discuss the matter in executive session, if at all possible.” Ms. Altman stated, “absolutely.”

Mr. Castello stated, “regarding the Cherrydale incident, aren’t they supposed to advise the local police departments when they come into your area to do something?” Chief Posdiatly stated no. Mr. Castello stated, “of course not.” Chief Podsiadly stated, “sometimes they do out of courtesy.” Mr. Castello stated, “I wouldn’t expect them to be courteous.”

Ms. Sorcan stated she would like an update regarding the Kerr Road and Greentree intersection. Chief Podsiadly stated, "officers were advised of that concern, and they have been sitting there. Captain Kosanovich actually put the order out to the traffic officer. We haven't received a report for that area but we are watching it." Ms. Sorcan stated she had seen debris from vehicles at the intersection. Chief Podsiadly stated it could be an engineering matter.

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Mr. Seibel stated he did not have any updates.

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

Ms. Sorcan stated the EAC is still working on an environmental program for stormwater and maintenance on properties but it's been put on delay. Ms. Sorcan stated the EAC is considering developing a trail along the creek.

Parks, Recreation and Public Relations

Ms. Meyers stated she did not have any updates.

Library Liaison Report

Mr. Giudici stated, "it's Love Your Library month for February. Through a generous donation, if you make a donation it could be partially matched. They are also celebrating their 25th anniversary celebration in April. They're working on it now, so visit their website to learn more about it. They're still accepting used books for their friends of the library used book sale, May 1st through May 3rd."

SHACOG

Mr. Seibel stated, "I'll have more of an update for the agenda meeting. There's a couple of discussion items coming up."

Standing Committee Report – Administration

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated she needed a motion to hire Michael Rudolph as Administrative Assistant at an annual rate of \$60,000 a year, predicated upon passing a physical and background check. This position has a six-month probationary period. Motioned by Ms. Meyers, seconded by Mr. Castello.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve

Ms. Altman stated she needed a motion to approve advertising for proposals from vendors for information technology support services. Motioned by Mr. Dalfonso, seconded by Ms. Meyers.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

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 that she did not have anything to add.

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

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

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

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "Chief, we're still having some overnight parking concerns on Somerville, and then this also might be kind of a question towards engineering and still again maybe, Chief. The portion on Somerville between Berkwood and sort of a little bit past Sillview kind of goes over a hump. There's cars parked there, some ones that are parked there overnight and throughout the day. It's been brought to my attention. It's causing a little bit more concern as well for those corner yards on Sillview, because box trucks and larger trucks can't make the turn without rushing into their yards and if you've noticed, some stones have gone up in those yards to try and prevent that. When you're traveling along Somerville you can't see what's coming up over that hump as well. I don't know if we can think about no parking for a small portion of that area or not, at least if it's something to look at. I know it might be a little bit burdensome on some of the homeowners. But a number of times I've almost had a head-on collision coming over that because you just can't see if a car's coming your way and you're going out into their lanes. Little tough to avoid it."

Chief Podsiadly stated he and Ms. Hartman can evaluate the situation.

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

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

Adjournment

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

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

An executive session regarding personnel was conducted after the meeting.

Attest:  _____

