Scott Township Workshop Meeting Minutes

Scott Township
Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 7:30 PM EST
301 Lindsay Rd Carnegie Pa 15106 and Zoom

An executive session regarding Personnel was conducted at 7:15 PM.

Call to Order, Moment of Prayer, and Pledge of Allegiance
Ms. Seibel called the meeting to order. The township prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were conducted. Mr. Seibel stated, "sorry we're starting a little bit late tonight. We had an executive session for a personnel matter just before."

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

Also present: Denise Fitzgerald, Township Manager
Karla McGill, Assistant Township Manager, Finance (present via Zoom)
John Bojarski, Assistant Township Manager, Operations
John Vogel, Esq, Solicitor
Marie Hartman, Engineer
Kevin A. Brett, Engineer
Tom Kelley, Director of Public Services (present via Zoom)
Mark Mox, Planning, Zoning and Enforcement Officer
Matthew Podsiadly, Chief of Police
Daniel Romaniello, Director of Emergency Management
Michael Rudolph, Administrative Assistant

Public Comments on all Agenda Items Listed Below
No public comments were made.

Emergency Management Update
Mr. Romaniello stated, "before we get into dates, we have, we'll call them draft copies right now, after you guys take a review and everything of new EOPs. Now, these are a little different than the ones in the past. With EOPs, the goal is to make them fluid. No incident is the same, so our response has to be able to match those. They seem very generalized and that's the point. So this way we are able to meet with the incident."

Mr. Romaniello stated, "so, we're gonna be updating on what we handled in 2025, and the first quarter of 2026. So, for 2025 we had 10 total incidents. There were two pre-planned events, two search details, a police incident, and then the spring storm in April and May of 2025. So,

June 2025 was our first pre-planned incident. That was the Chabad of South Hills Jewish Festival, no incidents, no problems, us and the police assisted with security concerns and got stuff for roadway closures, crosswalks, some security issues, and no incidents with that. July 2025 was our second, that was the 4th of July. No incident, we were able to procure an all-terrain vehicle from one of our deputies, we use that for response within the park, and to assist with police to patrol the area."

Mr. Romaniello stated, "So here is our three emergency responses that we had. It was June, August, and September of 2025. So our first one was actually the same day as Chabad of South Hills. It was a search for a 75-year old male that had been missing from home. It was their family member's house, decided to leave out of nowhere not say anything to anybody. They were missing for 2-plus hours by the time they called police. They were searching for around 2 hours. We assisted with Unified Command Asset Allocation. The male was actually found at his hotel room, they were from out of town, in Greentree without any incident. He apparently grabbed an Uber and went home and didn't tell anybody."

Mr. Romaniello stated, "August 2025, we had a SWAT detail on Carothers Avenue for shots fired, consistent with the possibility for long-term road closures. There was extreme heat that week, so we were working on getting them sources of rehabilitation and working with Public Works to close down some of the roads on Carothers."

Mr. Romaniello stated, "our second missing person for 2025, this one was a little more involved. It spanned both Scott Township and Collier Township. Female was reported missing around 7 o'clock the day prior. Her vehicle was found at 7:00 am in Collier Township along Forsythe Road. I was activated by police on scene, allocated ATVs and manpower for search, she was later recovered in one of the industrial sites and was sent to a local trauma center for evaluation for injuries and hypothermia."

Mr. Romaniello stated, "in April 2025, we had the storm damage. We had an unprecedented storm come through. There were approximately 375,000 people in Allegheny County without power. Scott Township was somewhere in the neighborhood of 75% to 80% without power. Operated cooling center for a couple of days with two or three residents that used it. But the facility was there if needed. We assess the Bower Hill area, the Glendale, East Carnegie areas for any storm damage, send the reports to PEMA as necessary."

Mr. Romaniello stated, "so our first quarter updates. We place the command box in service. This is for whenever we're going to be doing any type of mobile commands, like search details, anything like that. If you guys would like to see it, it is in the office. I'd be more than happy to show it to you. This is just for easier tracking and deployment of resources on scene. We ordered two new radios for the deputies and a new base station that is compliant with the Allegheny County P25 whenever that switchover is set to occur. I just spoke with Lauttamus today, the radios are in, they're being programmed, we were on a holdup from Allegheny County for identifiers."

Mr. Romaniello stated, "partnerships we've worked on in the first quarter, the JCC has agreed to become our warming and cooling center. They will staff it. They will take care of all the equipment that's needed. We are going to supply them out of our budget, just a little box of things like chargers, extension cords, things like that, that are going to be big needs for the cooling and warming centers."

Mr. Romaniello stated, "finally was Winter Storm Fern that came through and dumped about 16 inches of snow in less than 24 hours. We started a virtual EOC with Allegheny County on Tuesday of that week prior to the storm. We started the virtual EOC on Thursday morning prior to the storm, with the fire departments, EMS, Public Works, police, all the entities that would be affected. We did activate the EOC during the storm itself on Sunday and we staff that for approximately 18 hours, monitored calls, assisted with EMS who was stuck with a patient over in Birdland, we were able to get them up to St. Clair for a patient with stroke-like symptoms. There were 9 total calls for police, fire, and EMS. One was out of town for one of the fire departments, a couple fire alarms, couple stuck vehicles. We did 4 passes throughout the township for damage reports and concerns of salt issues."

Mr. Seibel stated, "Did you get any response from PEMA on salt?" Mr. Romaniello stated, "according to Tom they were able to deliver, I think it was 50 tons of salt? I would have to go back and look at the paperwork, but he did notify me when it was delivered."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "I was wondering, when he talked about the radios being set to P25 for Allegheny County, I know that our mobile command unit is supposed to interface with the other counties as well. Are they going to be able to tap into that?" Mr. Romaniello stated, "so with the new radio system, if we need to operate with, we'll say, Washington County, they'll patch through via Allegheny County 911 dispatch site."

Ms. Meyers stated, "so what I'm getting at is our mobile command center can do it all?" Ms. Sedlak stated, "I would prefer you work collaboratively with the mobile command center." Mr. Romaniello stated, "that is in the works. Bu there are also certain processes we have to follow by the FCC and Allegheny County 911. So we have to make sure that at certain incidents that they have to be patched through via them for recording purposes. So we have to sit and make sure that that's what can be done and do everything the right way."

Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement

Mr. Mox stated for the month of March, 11 building permits totaling $90,340 were issued with the estimated cost to work. Mr. Mox stated nine notices of violation were issued, two magistrate hearings were attended, and 18 rental inspections and one building inspection were conducted. Mr. Mox stated one right-to-know request was received.

Mr. Seibel stated, "Discuss an ordinance accepting the dedication to public use of a sanitary sewer line installed within the Nixon School/Cherry Meadows Development. Mr. Vogel stated, "we have a passage at the next meeting, the ordinance for accepting the sanitary sewer line, hat's part of the Nixon plan. Again, we initially when they sold several parcels, there was one

dedication made. Now that they're selling more of them, in order to eventually gain them an occupancy permit, this dedicated sewer has to be in place." Mr. Seibel stated, "how many of these do we expect to have?" Ms. Hartman stated, "this will be your last dedication. The first dedication you had was the front Lindsay, so we did those in advance because those were the easy ones to do first. Now that he has everything in for the remainder of the development, we can accept the sanitary sewer. You will still have to do dedication on the roads and the storm source within the public right away, and that'll come after construction is nearly complete on the homes." Mr. Seibel stated, "so we could potentially do that together?" Ms. Hartman stated yes. Mr. Seibel stated, "that'd be good. I didn't want to do 30 feet, 30 feet and 30 feet, and advertise every time." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "I'm assuming it comes out of their money and not ours?" Mr. Castello stated, "we like to be judicious."

Ms. Hartman stated, "this was as requested by the developer, so I think he would have reasonably expected two sanitary dedications since we did the first one. Now he's requested the second one, so this allows him to sell lots, so it's to his benefit that we expedited that first part."

Ms. Sorcan stated, "Mark, I just got a couple calls the last couple of days, 1025 Lindsay, where the sidings off the house, have you contacted or is that something you should be looking into?" Mr. Mox stated, "this is the first I've heard of it." Ms. Sorcan stated, "if you drive up Lindsay, 1025, whole half, whole side of the house. The siding is gone and it's hanging down. I've been told it's been there for about a week and a half. And the other ones, I know we've gotten calls about the dust, which I know you're working on." Mr. Mox stated, "I have a meeting with the developer tomorrow afternoon and that will be one of the topics of discussion. The smoke related one, I also received a phone call on that."

Solicitor's Report
Mr. Vogel stated that he did not have anything to add.

Engineer's Report
Mr. Hartman stated she needed approval of Partial Payment No. 1 submitted by Cronin Enterprises, LLC in the amount of $10,382.17 for work completed between March 1, 2026 and April 1, 2026 for the C-53 Phase II COA Source Flow Reduction and Sanitary Sewer Improvements project. LSSE recommended for payment April 11, 2026; 45-day payment date is May 26, 2026. Ms. Hartman stated this would be paid from the bond fund. Mr. Seibel stated this would be put on for the agenda.

Mr. Hartman stated she needed approval of Partial Payment No. 6 submitted by LM&R Excavating, LLC in the amount of $65,739.05 for work completed between March 2, 2026 and March 27, 2026 (to be paid from the Bond Fund) for the Phase 1 PRP Project (Hope Street Pond, Spinner Field Pond, Green Commons Pond). LSSE recommended for payment April 3, 2026; 45-day payment date is May 17, 2026. Mr. Castello stated, "are they doing work on Hope Street? Because I haven't seen anybody down there." Ms. Hartman stated, "We just punch-listed LM&R. They have a little bit of, restoration, some other items to do.

Mr. Hartman stated she needed approval of Partial Payment No. 2 submitted by Cronin Enterprises, LLC in the amount of $20,700.00 for work completed between March 2, 2026 and April 2, 2026 (to be paid from the Bond Fund) for the PRP Phase 2 Project (Neville Street Pond, Cherrydell Stream Restoration). LSSE recommended for payment April 10, 2026; 45-day payment date is May 25, 2026. Mr. Seibel stated this would be put on for the agenda.

Mr. Hartman stated she needed approval of the bid opening for the North Wren Storm Sewer and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project - Phase 1 to be held April 23, 2026. Ms. Hartman stated, "this included just to be a placeholder. Project is advertised; we reduced the scope of it to use up the grant money we have. It is just that first portion of it. It's opening April 23rd, so at your next meeting, which would be your regular meeting, we'll have a recommendation." Mr. Seibel stated, "do you know how many interested bidders there were?" Ms. Hartman stated, "I can look that up for you when I'm done with the report, just so you know." Mr. Seibel stated, "it's more just being curious."

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of awarding award of Base Bid ($448,650.00); Add Alternate No. 1 ($382,000.00); Add Alternate No. 2 ($357,800.00); Add Alternate No. 3 ($34,000.00); Add Alternate No. 4 ($26,800.00) and Add Alternate No. 5 ($33,100.00) to Jet Jack, Inc. for a total award of $1,282,350.00 for the 2026 Storm Sewer Improvements Project. Township Budget amount is $1,400,000.00; inclusive of the $400,000.00 Grant. Ms. Hartman stated, "your budget is $1.4 million for this project, inclusive of the $400,000 grant that you received." Mr. Castello stated, "So they came roughly $120,000 under budget." Ms. Hartman stated yes. Mr. Dalfonso stated, "this was all the work that was identified from our previous, kind inspections and such for category 4 and 5 defects that we're fixing?" Ms. Hartman stated, "this is the storm sewers in the Oaks area." Mr. Seibel stated, "actually, an addition of storm sewers?" Ms. Hartman stated, "yes, an addition of storm sewers." Mr. Seibel stated, "because there's nothing on Great Oak. It all flows down." Mr. Hartman stated, "that was something that we've had budgeted for the last few years, and we do have some grand money for that."

Ms. Hartman stated, she needed approval of Bond Reduction Request No. 11 submitted by Flash Point Partners, LLC reducing the site improvement bond amount from $339,782.59 to $227,679.72 for the Nixon School Residential Development (Cherry Meadows). Ms. Hartman stated, "in the past, you have approved these at your agenda meeting and ratified them at the business meeting, if you're so inclined to do so this evening for this one as well." Mr. Seibel stated, "is there any opposition to approving and ratifying?" Mr. Castello stated no. Mr. Seibel stated, "go for it."

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of Partial Payment No. 3 (Final) submitted by A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of $18,371.69 for the Lindsay Road Improvements Project - Phase 1 (to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund #35). LSSE recommended for payment April 10, 2026; 45-day payment date is May 25, 2026. Mr. Seibel stated this would be put on the agenda.

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of revision to Permit No. 3 for Columbia Gas work along Lindsay Road to reflect updated plans / scope of work submitted on April 8, 2026. Ms.

Hartman stated, "Columbia Gas submitted some revisions to their intended scope of work. They met all permit conditions that we've imposed upon them. This revision was required. If you remember, they were going to put a test on the gas line to make sure that it could hold pressure. This was a little bit of extra excavation that they had to do in support of that, so I would ask that that be, if you could possibly approve that this evening so that they can continue moving to meet their in-service debt. Mr. Seibel stated, "I have no opposition, especially if it expedites repair of the trench, because it is horrible right now." Ms. Sedlak stated, "so we're approve and ratify?" Mr. Seibel stated yes.

Ms. Hartman stated she needed a motion to table action regarding the Lindsay Road Improvements - Phase III Project until May / June; contingent upon review of the overall infrastructure budget (Storm Sewer Projects and Paving projects) with the Board of Commissioners. The apparent low bidder is A. Folino Construction, Inc. with a Base Bid in the amount of $168,363.87. Ms. Hartman stated, "so if we could review that budget we uploaded to OnBoard, there's also a budget spreadsheet in your engineer's report. You just want to make sure everything is in and on budget before we award the base bid, or potentially consider any ad alternatives for Lindsay." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "how long are these bids going to be?" Ms. Hartman stated, "they are good for 90 days."

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of award of the Base Bid in the amount of $862,249.50 to Youngblood Paving, Inc. for the 2026 Roadway Improvements Program. Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "so, whenever Marie and I met last week, it was $666,000 for the paving, but then we also had the $250,000 in there for the paving project for the park. So we are good for awarding this in budget. Mr. Castello stated, "so we had $916,000 in the budget?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "in two different places. But that's why we couldn't do any of the alternates." Mr. Castello stated, "so that's just the base bid." Ms. Hartman stated, "the park is included in the base bid." Mr. Seibel stated, "Lindsay is separate."

Mr. Castello stated, "the $862,000 is coming out of what? The $666,000 is the road program. Then the other $200,000 is coming out of the $250,000 we set aside for the park." Ms. Fitzgerald stated yes. Mr. Castello stated, "Okay, so my question back to you is, well then, if we took $200,000 out of the park paving, how are we going to do the park paving?" Ms. Hartman stated, "it's included in the $862,000." Mr. Castello stated, "so we have almost $50,000 left over."

Mr. Brett stated, "When your bids were opened, there's about a $1,200 impact on what prices did over the last month. If you go back to when the last war was, Ukraine War started, that would have had a $65,000 increase, because liquid went up $500 to $800 a ton. We're indicating to you that, you know, you want to have the thousands sitting there. If we get two months in and oil starts dropping, I'm going to tell the contractors that you may award an additional add alternate come mid-summer if things open up. Prices have been going up a little bit at a time but we don't know what it's going to be in 2027. We got bidding early, you got really good prices. The subcontractor does a tremendous amount of work, and the Pittsburgh market."

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of Discuss award of Add Alternate Nos. 3-7 to Youngblood Paving, Inc. for the 2026 Roadway Improvements Program contingent upon agreement from the Bonding Company for the Bower Hill Road Sidewalk Improvement Project. Ms. Hartman stated this item to be discussed with the Commissioners in executive session.

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of the authorization to bid the Scott Park Pedestrian Improvements Project; anticipating a June bid opening. Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant in the amount of $250,000; Township budget to be confirmed. Mr. Seibel stated, "so this is the crossing with the rapid." Ms. Hartman stated, "yes this is a pedestrian improvements, which is separate and distinct from paving that you're doing in the park." Mr. Seibel stated, "Is that grant required to be used in the park?" Ms. Hartman stated, "yes, it is specific to this project." Mr. Castello stated, "and is this where we address all the stop signs?" Ms. Hartman stated, "correct." Mr. Castello stated, "and we're going to see something before we vote on it? So the bid openings are in June, and you have it done. Can we see it?" Mr. Dalfonso stated, "this is what you guys sent us with the elevated crosswalks and everything." Ms. Hartman stated, "yes, and removal of the stop sign and the speed bumps. We will review that with you once we get a final design. The design is going to stay within the budget. So absolutely."

Standing Committee Report – Finance

Mr. Castello stated, "discuss an allotment in the amount of $30,000 for Glendale Hose Company #1 as part of the first payment of the 2026 budget allocation. Denise, are we okay doing that or should we wait till May?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "we should be fine."

Mr. Castello stated, "we'll put that on for vote. The second item is discuss an allotment in the amount of $50,000 for Bower Hill Volunteer Fire Department as part of the first payment of the 2026 budget allocation. Put that on for a vote. Third one is discuss exoneration of Jordan Tax Service, Tax Collector, from the 2024 Scott Township taxes for 5 parcels in the face tax amount of $2,067.68 and 2025 Scott Township taxes for the remaining 391 parcels in the face tax amount of $197,884.18." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "this is just housekeeping." Ms. Sedlak stated, "could I have an explanation, please?" Mr. Vogel stated, "what happens is that exoneration just means it goes in the delinquent tax code collection." Ms. Sedlak stated, "and who do we use for delinquent taxes?" Mr. Vogel stated MBM Collections.

Mr. Castello stated, "the Finance Committee met a week ago Monday, and things are in pretty good shape, I would say. We'll see more increased, probably in the next quarter, but snow removal was, we held on pretty good. We're doing okay. That's all I have.

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Mr. Seibel stated, "Chief of Police Update?" Chief Podsiadly stated for March there were 824 calls for service, 482 reports, 7 arrests, 25 citations. Police Officer Interviews were conducted in March, 5 candidates are remaining in the pool. Backgrounds are currently being conducted on four of the candidates. Chief Podsiadly stated, "Social Worker final interviews were conducted compared to our selection who you met this evening and finally, what we've all been waiting for, we received the call. Mobile Command Center is nearing in completion. We have a

scheduled final inspection and training on all the systems on Monday May 4th. We're going back to Wisconsin. I have to go over final inspection, and training on everything that needs to be operated within the system. They will train us again when they deliver. They'll train everyone who will be working with the product, including public works, who still need to know maintenance-wise. They train us top to bottom. After final inspection is signed off on, delivery is expected within 5-10 days. There are a lot of issues they have to correct, so we'll probably be seeing this thing in May." Mr. Seibel stated, "is it diesel powered?" Chief Podsiadly stated "gas, and the generator is also gas." Ms. Sedlak stated, "what kind of engine is it?" Chief Podsiadly stated, "a big one. A V10." Mr. Seibel stated, "so do they drive it down? Tow it down?" Chief Podsiadly stated, "they'll drive it here. The reason they do that they said they prefer to drive it, because the driver who comes is also a builder, so he will drive it here, and he said things will inevitably rattle loose. They said it's actually like a break in period. So he'll come, he gives it a final inspection when he arrives, tends to anything that needs tightened, and cleans anything up."

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "will we train any of our neighboring municipalities on it?" Chief Podsiadly stated, "we'll train ourselves, and then we will probably invite maybe one person from surrounding areas, like within SHACOG. If they would call for it, we would take it to them, probably set it up. They're gonna need to know how to break it down and bring it back. If that's not feasible, if it's more complicated than I think it is, then I probably just have to go back and pick it up. But I'd like to think that we can train them to do it. It's easy to drive, I allegedly. It's basically like a giant red truck."

Ms. Meyers stated, "where would it be kept?" Chief Podsiadly stated, "East Carnegie Fire Department is going to house it for the time being until we come up with a better solution. We're looking at a couple things. We discussed Public Works, Glendale." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "I guess that's not something we want to keep in the open." Chief Podsiadly stated, "and the aging when it's just sitting in the open. I'd rather have it indoors." Ms. Meyers stated, "with the area we have down there, it would maybe be feasible to start budgeting for some type of building to build down there in that area of Glendale where our old garages used to be to house it indoors." Chief Podsiadly stated, "Our plan is even to do, like, a steel structure. Because it has to have power, so it plugs in kind of like the fire truck." Ms. Meyers stated, "Maybe in the meantime, we can look at putting a camera down wherever you put it."

Ms. Gazda stated, "discuss approval of a contract with Chartiers Valley School District for the School Resource Officer Position. Is that one year?" Chief Podsiadly stated, "It's a 5-year contract. It is attached. Mr. Vogel looked at it. He said that everything looks good. It's the same contract as before. They added some contract language, as far as indemnity goes, like a back-out clause for, I don't know what the actual legal term is, but, you know, that we could cancel within 90 days. Severability clause." Mr. Vogel stated yes.

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "do the amounts compensate us for the cost of our officer?" Chief Podsiadly stated, "yes. We kind of figure it at 90% of the officer's rate. So, for the remainder of 2026, it is..." Mr. Castello stated, "$8,783.15." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "why only 90%?" Chief

Podsiadly stated, "because we have him back in the summer. I mean, he takes his vacation and stuff, but he is back here."

Ms. Gazda stated, "discuss hiring a Social Services Coordinator/Police Social Worker in the police department." Chief Podsiadly stated, "so the grant was awarded. I've attached the grant. They did release the funds. The agreement was signed last week. If it's okay with the board, I would put the hiring on the voting meeting agenda as well."

Mr. Castello stated, "when is she going to start?" Chief Podsiadly stated, "May 11. That's the way we build out the budget for the grant. It's for her to start. One thing we did find is now that we've kind of found where candidate is, there are some savings as far as health insurance and whatnot goes. So, we're actually going to be able to stretch almost to the end of next year. Because the budget was billed out, worst case scenario of, like, a family plan. That's not going to be the case. So, there's some savings there. Maybe even beyond, because if she decides to opt out of our insurance, then there's even more savings there."

Commissioner Castello stated, "is she on call?" Chief Podsiadly stated, "yes." Ms. Meyers stated, "she seemed like a good fit." Chief Podsiadly stated, "is it appropriate to name her now?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "I think after they have exec session to discuss."

Standing Committee Report – Public Works
Mr. Kelley had technical difficulties and was unable to provide an update. Mr. Seibel stated Mr. Kelley would give an update at the next meeting.

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)
Ms. Sorcan stated, "the Environmental Advisory Council is planning an Earth Day cleanup on Sunday, April 19th, at about 8 o'clock along Greentree Road. I've already contacted Matt, so he knows to put it on his schedule for the officers to kind of watch out, telling them to be maybe a half an hour to an hour, and anybody who would like to join them is more than welcome."

Mr. Seibel stated, "what part of Greentree are you doing?" Ms. Sorcan stated, "on the bridge and duckies and that area and I don't know if they're gonna bring any friends, I don't know, but it will be a small group. The second one is that the EAC would like to submit an application to participate in the Penn State Local Climate Action Program, which is of no cost to the township. They want to make an application to the program. They may or may not be accepted. But in order to make the application, I kind of want to have a direction from the board as to whether it would be okay and appropriate."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "I'm in favor of it, but do we have more information on it?" Ms. Sorcan stated she "uploaded an attachment to OnBoard. I have copies if anybody wants them. The program, if we get accepted, begins July 21st of 2026 and goes until June of 30th of 2027. They're going to be Penn State students that are going to be doing the actual legwork on their end. They would like support from elected officials, and then some staff is going to need to be involved. It will mostly just be questions that need answered by our staff, because they will go

in, the students will go in, and they'll collect data from all the utility companies, and they'll collect data from all the utility companies, and they have questions they will ask us, an EAC member would probably be the primary contact. It's an action plan that will be designed specifically for Scott Township and it will be basically be based on the results of an emissions inventory that the students will make, and then they will put a plan together that they think would be helpful to Scott Township. I realize it's not gonna save a lot environmentally, but it's a theory is that every little bit helps. So if every little township would be something similar to this, it could make a big difference long-term. First year is free, and they will give us the plan, and they will give us an update mid-year, and then at the end of the year, they'll present the sustainability plan, and then if we choose, we could continue on, but it would be a cost of $2,000. But the plan will be ours then after the first year. It says, there are some benefits to this because you've got an action plan, and then there might be some groundwork that they will provide us, um, information so we can apply for grants."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "could we ratify it?" Mr. Seibel stated, "we can just put it on for vote, I don't think there's any rush, right?" Ms. Sorcan stated, "there is a rush. I think they have to get their plan in. I don't know what the date is, but I know it's soon. We have to make the application, and they might not pick us. They've only got so many openings." Mr. Seibel stated, "not opposed to it for the first year. We'll approve and ratify that. No objection to that?

Parks, Recreation and Public Relations Report

Ms. Meyers stated she wanted to discuss hiring the below individuals as lifeguards at the rate listed for the 2026 season

- **1st Year Lifeguards ($14.00/hour):**
  - Esther Bemm
  - Muhammad Valiev
- **2nd Year Lifeguards ($14.50/hour):**
  - Elizabeth Bemm
  - Daniel Grimenstein
  - Thomas Howard
  - Jena Osborne
  - Kevin Wang
  - Aleena Welch
- **3rd Year Lifeguards ($15.00/hour):**
  - Ethan Moldovan
- **5+ Year Lifeguards ($16.00/hour):**
  - Shane Frederick
  - Brayden Wells

Mr. Seibel stated, "are these the same rates as last year?" Ms. Meyers stated yes. Mr. Seibel stated it was impressive there were two lifeguards that had been with the township for "5-plus years." Mr. Castello stated, "it's because we're a good employer."

Ms. Meyers stated, "discuss hiring Max Shipley as an Assistant Pool Manager for the 2026 season at a rate of $20.00 per hour." Ms. Sedlak stated, "we did that last year, right?" Ms. Meyers stated yes.

Library Liaison Report
Mr. Giudici stated, "I attended their board meeting yesterday, just to go over what's going on over their agenda. It's National Library, April 19th through the 25th. They're having a volunteer appreciation day on April 23rd, I think it's at the community room. I think the whole board got invitations. Anybody from the board going?" Ms. Sorcan stated, "I'm going to go." Mr. Giudici stated, "I can't make it. If someone would read the proclamation, there's a proclamation that's been done. It'd be appreciated. Is Stacy going?" Ms. Meyers stated, "I believe so." Mr. Giudici stated, "she signed it, so she should probably be the one to read it, if she's gonna be there." Mr. Castello stated, "we can get somebody to read it." Ms. Sorcan stated, "If Stacey can't I can." Mr. Giudici stated, "there's a bunch of copies I could give to you."

Mr. Giudici stated, "Friends of the Library are having a book sale May 1st through May 4th. All proceeds benefiting Scott Township Public Library, and the Friends of the Library will be making a donation, I think, at the Appreciation Day for a $3,000 donation to the library, which fundraising up to $4,100. They should be well on their way to the $6,000 Township match by the end of October of this year. They have other programs going on this summer, so if anyone's interested, check the Scott Township Public Library website for all the information.

Mr. Giudici stated, "last but not least, the library is very appreciative of the public works going over there and doing a temporary fix on a roof. Everything looks good so far. They're also looking forward to a permanent fix for their roof, hopefully before the bad weather comes in late fall and winter."

Mr. Seibel stated, "Stacey did confirm that she would be there."

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

Standing Committee Report – Administration
Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "We're accepting summer help applications for public works and the pool. We'll be posting this on our LED message board this week, along with postings on our website, Facebook, and Instagram. If you have anyone interested in these positions, please have them go to the Township website to apply."

Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "The Chief and I received a grant to attend the PELRAS Conference. It was very informative. I brought the book with me that was presented, some of the highlights that we took away from this was public sector labor law updates, personnel management with regards to contracts, pensions, interest arbitration, and creating an AI policy. I would highly recommend that we attend next year and possibly send the assistant managers. A new feature has been added this year to Community Pass. You'll now be able to book your pool parties

through the app. For more information on setting up your account on Community Pass, please refer to the Township website. There's a video to walk residents through the registration process. Lastly, with the nicer weather upon us, we did open the restrooms at the park, and we are beginning our spring cleanup for the parks."

Mr. Seibel stated, "discuss the use of the meeting room and electronic sign, as requested by Commissioner Meyers." Ms. Meyers stated, "yes, the American Legion had approached Terrie asking about the electric sign, if we could put stuff on there, and I just wanted to, like, go over that policy a little bit, maybe get an idea if we should be changing that. It's something that is going on in our municipality, within our municipality. I don't know if we want to put something like that on and not say who's sponsoring it."

Mr. Castello stated, "So the only thing they want to put on there is Memorial Day parade?" Ms. Meyers stated, "yes. Now, the other thing, though, that I wanted to bring up is when we're doing that, I know we allowed the library to do stuff, and that's fine, but I think we should also, even if its limited to a couple times a year, include our fire departments, because they are, too, in our municipality, and we do support them financially. So, I think that's something we might want to consider changing and allowing them to put that on there. After all, they're volunteers, and they're doing stuff to try and raise money."

Mr. Castello stated, "I'll be honest, when I drive up and down, I don't really look at the board. I look at the road. So do we put, like trivia night, is that on the board?" Ms. Fitzerald stated, "The only thing that we put on the LED sign is anything related to this building. The library, and the township is pretty much the only ones that put any information on the LED sign. The reason why we did that back then, if you remember, is we did not want to open Pandora's box, where you're going to have other individuals coming to you and asking to put messages on the LED sign. So, what Eileen's asking is fire department and American Legion...." Ms. Meyers stated, "well, the American Legion just wanted to put that they're having a parade down. I don't think the concern, whether it's got their name on it, I think it's just recognition. They just want to try and get people to come, because attendance has been low. The fireman, I feel like I have nothing but respect for them, for what they do for us. They're coming into our buildings when they're on fire, and we're running out, and like I said they're volunteers and they're using it to make money on most of these events. They also have signs, maybe in turn, they would put stuff that we're doing on their sign."

Ms. Sorcan stated, "something to think about, and I don't know if you want to limit, if you'd limit the events, there's a lot of events for the fire departments, they don't do a lot of stuff, but what they do do, some of the things they do in combination of all three fire departments." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "they could send things they have done in the past year or two so we could see what the number would be at, and the connection to each other. That would be okay. Once we open that door, though, what other entities may be coming and ask a question for us?"

Mr. Vogel stated, "you're framing the issue correctly. What other ones are out there that we don't know?" Ms. Meyers stated, "

Ms. Meyers stated, "if we're supporting them monetarily do give the fire departments money to sustain them." Ms. Sedlak stated, "we give Scott Township Athletic Association money." Mr. Seibel stated, "my concern is the cross between public and private. So we recently had an event in here that was run by a private organization, even though it was in this building. I don't think it's a great idea to put it on the sign because that really becomes a slippery slope, and that easily could have been misconstrued for going on that. Like, if we're going to put every food truck, now we're all of a sudden advertising for food trucks at Glendale with the name of the food truck on it." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "we don't have to have food trucks we can just have food truck Tuesdays."

Ms. Sorcan stated, "then you would have to advertise it every week." Ms. Meyers stated, "I mean, it's just something that's gonna flash through there." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "Right now, Denise, how many things do we have flashed through on that side? It can't be that many." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "Four. Mike knows, because he's been updating it for me." Ms. Meyers stated, "isn't one of those the weather or something?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "that's the static one." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "John did create an Electronic sign policy, if the board would like to modify that."

Ms. Gazda stated, "I think we could support the events that the all three fire departments go together on, like when they have their barbecue at the park or something. But, I mean, it's all of Scott Township. It's not individual fundraisers." Mr. Castello stated, "I mean I see a difference between the fire department and Scott AA. I don't think because you do one, you have to do the other." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "yeah. But they get other money too. I mean, you can limit it to, 'if you run into a burning building, you get sign privileges.' I'm not against Scott AA sign that says, 'hey T-Ball sign ups' or whatever. We want to be involved and do something, but..." Ms. Meyers stated, "and it's going to be there for that short amount of time."

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "What was, in your mind, Scott AA, that they might use?" Mr. Seibel stated, "sign ups and registrations." Mr. Castello stated, "raffles." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "that might help, because I've never seen any advertisement for any of their fundraising stuff, to be honest with you, and my kid participates." Mr. Seibel stated, "I couldn't even tell you what sports they're in." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "yeah, that's another thing. I don't know what sports they've been operating." Mr. Castello stated, "I don't know what sports they do anymore. I know what they used to." Ms. Meyers stated, "and it's only a temporary thing, it's not something that's gonna stay on there all the time, or the same with the fire department. It's gonna be on there for, what a week or two, and then okay it's gone." Mr. Seibel stated, "Mike is trivia night on there for the library?" Mr. Rudolph stated no.

Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "I want to caution is you do remember you only have so many seconds for the postings? If we get a large number of them starting to come in, maybe we want to limit what you're going to allow them to have. Because you don't want to get it where our advertisements are getting lost." Ms. Meyers stated, "I said, we could even discuss with them.

Maybe they would, in turn, if we were having something like Octoberfest, put it on theirs, just to get that publicity out there."

Ms. Meyers stated, "The other thing I wanted to find out, too, is what our policy is going to be going forward. I know some of the board members weren't happy with the bank being in here. Like, what are we gonna allow? And are we gonna let that be Denise's discretion?" Mr. Seibel stated, "I guess I was more surprised by it. I feel it should have been in front of us to approve." Ms. Meyers stated, "I think that with Denise being a manager, if it's not something that's costing the township money, and it's something that's could potentially be benefiting it, that should be her discretion." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "The only thing I'm concerned about is opening the door for some, and then we're denying others." Mr. Vogel stated, "we don't know what we don't know."

Mr. Castello stated, "I remember a couple of years ago, your predecessor had that real estate agent come in and give presentations." Mr. Seibel stated, "I wouldn't want to put that soley on you." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "I wouldn't have a problem with that, only because I do approve your park donations through the week." Mr. Seibel stated, "that's true." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "If it's going to be something that's through the week, as long as it's nothing that's going to benefit a business. The reason why we did the bank, obviously, was because it was our bank. I limit what gets used in this room." Mr. Seibel stated, "would be very, very limited." Ms. Gazda stated, "I had bad experiences in the past with wear and tear on this room, too, when other people used it. I think we're better leaving it as a meeting room, and I don't think that any commercial company should come in and sell to people here." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "I could do that where it's no commercial businesses."

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "I'm not even necessarily opposed to just not renting this room out really to anybody, because we have the library that comes in here every once in a while. Again, that's part of our building. But what else would use this? Because, I mean, even again, opening up to non-profits, because there can be non-profits with some not so good ideas." Mr. Giudici stated, "SHACOG used it." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "Girl Scouts used to come in here and meet, and then we moved them up to the park, because they were doing crafts and things like that." Ms. Sedlak stated, "glitter gets everywhere, not that I have a problem with it." Mr. Castello stated, "flood authority comes in here once a year."

Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "Democratic Committee and Republican Committee meet here also." Mr. Castello stated, "how often are they actually here?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "Democratic Committee used to have a standing once a month date." Mr. Giudici stated, "Oh yeah, they came in here. They used to meet in here." Mr. Castello stated, "that's when they had a committee. I don't know if they have one." Mr. Giudici stated, "I don't know what they have anymore, to be honest with you." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "I would say it was a couple of months ago that they asked for it." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "they definitely used it last year."

Mr. Castello stated, "We still have a standard date we give that? Every day? Like, we hold up on the third Tuesday of every month?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "they're going to have to let us know

if they're going to use it." Ms. Gazda stated, "it the room across the hall available for those meetings?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "Sometimes, not all the time. The library really uses that room quite a bit. It gets highly used by the library." Ms. Gazda stated, "if there's committees and they meet once a month then they could work with the library." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "I know that there are times they also have more than what that room can hold people-wise." Ms. Meyers stated, "Yeah, because I think they had their little arts thing they do, I don't know how often they do it, but they had something set up, there was nobody here." Mr. Giudici stated they have a bake sale. Ms. Meyers stated the bake sale was usually in the hall and "that's something else I could think of, is utilizing the hall. They don't even have to be in here. Because I had to tell the people from the Elections Department, the one time that they had food in here, and I said, there are signs on the door that you cannot bring food and drink in here, but they covered it with their political stuff, so..."

Mr. Castello stated, "I don't have a problem when they're in here from 6 in the morning till 8 or 9 o'clock." Ms. Meyers stated, "do they pay for our carpet?" Mr. Castello stated, "these are responsible adults." Mr. Giudici stated, "don't bet on it." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "accidents happen." Mr. Castello stated, "accidents can happen with us. I don't see that as a problem. It's my section, my district, I don't have a problem with it. Those people would volunteer who get paid very little. Most of them go out to eat, they don't even eat here."

Mr. Seibel stated, "Do we want to expand the policy and include meeting room usage, or separate policy?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "I would just add it to the donation policy that we currently have, probably, and just add that meeting room discretion of the manager with the caveat that there's no commercial business use." Mr. Seibel stated, "makes sense to me. For the electric sign policy, is there consensus that we should try to find a way to incorporate the fire department?" Mr. Dalfonso, Ms. Meyers and Mr. Castello stated yes.

Ms. Sedlak stated, "I hate to say this, but we could do a ratio. If once the ratio of, let's just say, 10 community things to our 4 things is the ratio we're not happy with. We go on 8 times to their 10 times. We can program it for ours to play twice as many times." Mr. Castello stated, "I like Sam's idea. You get from the fireman what they intended to put on here, we can go from there." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "I wouldn't mind some version of Michelle is like, alright, they each get a spot. Just one spot, and they can choose whatever they want to put on that spot." Mr. Seibel stated, "there's always going to be volunteers needed, too." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "They want to leave volunteers needed, then they swap it out for whatever event, I'm fine with that. Volunteers are needed."

Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "okay. That'll work. And then, you guys are okay with the Legion? With the parade?" Mr. Seibel stated, "I would just do the parade event."

Mr. Seibel stated, "discuss the request from American Legion Post 290 to use the same route as years past for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2026, beginning at 11:00 am and a donation in the amount of $400.00 for financial assistance for the parade." Mr. Castello stated, "I wish we could find another route, but we can't, because the only ones that go there

are people who live on Lindsay Road." Ms. Meyers stated, "that's why I think they wanted to advertise it just to try and get people to come into the park."

Mr. Seibel stated, "discuss the ratification of a resolution authorizing an application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program to assist with paying for the completion of a Comprehensive Plan, with the Township providing a $50,000 fund match." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "I did apply for this last year. We were not successful. We did meet with them. They gave us some ideas on how to modify our application, and we resubmitted this year. However, they did want a resolution stating that the board is aware." Mr. Castello stated, "So this is not getting it yet, this is just still the application process." Mr. Seibel stated, "so, approve and ratify. No opposition?"

Conferences and Workshops
Mr. Seibel stated he did not have anything to add.

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda
There were no public comments on the agenda.

Commissioner's Request
Mr. Giudici stated he did not have anything to add.

Ms. Meyers stated, "I just want to make it clear that the fire department didn't approach me. I just think this is something we should do for them."

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

Ms. Gazda stated, "I have a question for Mark. Mark, can you give us an update on the elevator service at Carriage Park Apartment, and are there any actual code violations there?" Mr. Mox stated, "the building itself is an 8-story building, four stories above where it requires an elevator to be in use and an evacuation plan in the event of an emergency. Not having an elevator is a violation of the building code. Now with that, in itself, you go to the property maintenance code." Mr. Mox stated the elevator repair company for the building are waiting on the OEM supply as some crucial materials were on back order, and the elevator is scheduled to be fixed on "Thursday and Friday." Ms. Gazda stated, "I just got a text from a resident that says this is day 19 with no elevator service." Ms. Sedlak stated, "And I also know that there's a resident that lives there who's disabled on the seventh floor and block. Friday is unacceptable."

Mr. Mox stated residents need to ask the facility a request for accommodations, and if they were denied they would have to file a claim with Allegheny County Housing Authority. Mr. Dalfonso stated, "have they been aware of this for 19 days? And it's taken them this long to get that addressed?" Mr. Giudici stated, "sometimes parts take time. Sometimes they have the fabricate the parts."

Mr. Mox stated, "Unfortunately, I just don't feel that the management team has an understanding. I went straight from Carriage Park to the contractor they hired."

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "I understand that we don't want to condemn this building due to people living in it. There's got to be some kind of option to fine the management company on this." Mr. Mox stated the state defined the rules as "reasonable." Ms. Sedlak stated, "What kind of accommodations are they able to request, like the pregnant lady move to an apartment that's on the ground floor? Or they could all be put up in hotels?" Mr. Mox stated yes but only those severely affected and not all. Ms. Sedlak stated, "Just minorly inconvenienced by somebody like me on the fourth floor. Got it."

Ms. Sorcan stated, "Mark, the elevator company, the contractor for the elevators, you think they're competent?" Mr. Mox stated yes. Mr. Mox stated the cause of the elevator breaking "appears to have occurred right after a storm event. Mr. Seibel stated, "were you aware of the situation until now, Dan?" Mr. Romaniello stated, "I was aware of the situation. I was out of town when the storms occurred, but from an emergency management side, there was really not a lot I can do. I can assist Mark with whatever he needs, try to find out anything I can." Mr. Seibel stated, "I think it's more making the fire departments aware of the situation." Mr. Romaniello stated they were aware."

Mr. Castello stated, "Is this something, John, that we can request that the management company come before the board, and we investigate what they're doing?" Mr. Vogel stated, "I don't know what the percent of our authority is on that Mark. Are they violating the code?" Mr. Mox stated, "they're violating the building code, but again, the state will stay silent on that one. They use the word "reasonable." So, everybody understands that elevators should go down, the question is, what does reasonable mean?"

Mr. Vogel stated, "I think the practical aspect is, is that we can, it's not like we're giving them a subpoena, but if you want to ask them to come here." Mr. Castello stated, "think the question of reasonability, Mark, comes not only with fixing the elevator, but how reasonable they're accommodating the people, what they're doing it. They didn't even tell them they could contact somebody for three weeks, so that the pregnant lady on the 8th floor could move into a hotel room or whoever is involved there. That's not reasonable." Ms. Sedlak stated, "reasonable is one elevator going down. I think it becomes unreasonable when two go down."

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "how long did it take, and I'm not faulting you at all, but from the beginning of this to when you had to prompt them to kind of step up to the plate and do what they should have been doing in the first place?" Mr. Mox stated, "we weren't contacted first. I believe Kathy was contacted first. She reached out to Stephanie and then Stephanie contacted me."

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "I'm shocked that 30 days without an elevator in an 8-story building is considered reasonable. That kind of blows my mind, to be honest with you. I'd like to see what their efforts were, if anything, before you prompted them, and exactly how well those efforts

were. And then, I mean, an email, why can't they post all of the doors to say, if you need something here? Because how many of those people probably don't have an email or didn't even look at that email, that have no idea who they're supposed to call at this point?"

Mr. Castello stated, "if they're afraid to bring it in front of the whole board, bring it in front of the Public Safety Committee with the purpose of trying to figure out how we might be able to shore up any kind of ordinances regarding these kinds of activities. Because they're not the only big building we have." Mr. Dalfonso stated, "Now, I think it might help us get a game plan of something like this were to kind of happen again, to hold them accountable from the outset."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "And there's nothing wrong with us putting an ordinance in play that says that what we consider reasonable for our residents is contact, communication, getting this problem solved for the resident, not just hiding behind a corporate shell somewhere."

Mr. Castello stated, "other units, what's happened across the county is the district attorney's gotten involved, I know that has happened in the past with the lack of air conditioning, other things. I visualize being very comparable to that when somebody's stuck on the 8th floor." Mr. Vogel stated, "part of this is a general thing, general question of pressuring them to get this job done as fast as possible." Mr. Castello stated, "I'm not trying to pressure them now." Mr. Vogel stated, "it's still not there, and I think at the end of the day what you're trying to do is get this thing fixed and make sure it does not happen again." Mr. Castello stated, "there or anywhere else." Mr. Vogel stated, "in the township."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "it's disgusting." Ms. Meyers stated, "I think once you do put in an ordinance, that needs to be sent out to any high-rise apartments to make sure they have a timeline in order to get this done. Maybe if we put the pressure on them, they'll get it done faster." Ms. Gazda stated, "can we ask them for an evacuation plan?" Mr. Giudici stated, "we can ask them."

Mr. Castello stated, "I think we should have John send him a letter requesting this information and directing them to show up, and again, I don't care whether it's the public safety committee or the whole board." Mr. Seibel stated, "we can do it in public safety, but it'd have to be held here for the technology."

Mr. Castello stated, "Kathy, would you do it in the May meeting? I'm not trying to rush you. If you want to do it at the public safety meeting in May?" Ms. Gazda stated yes. Mr. Seibel stated, "does that give us enough time to notify?" Mr. Castello stated yes. Mr. Castello stated residents of Carriage Park would have to be notified of the meeting as well as other high-rise communities.

Mr. Giudici stated when the elevators went down at Providence Point, he was notified.

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "I feel silly bringing it up, pales in comparison, but the restoration from our road program last year, given that they did it in October, it's just a muddy strip along my entire

street on both sides. Our residents aren't very happy about it. Somerville." Ms. Hartman stated, "There is a lot on that tomorrow."

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

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

Adjournment

Mr. Seibel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Sedlak.

All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM. (9-0)

An executive session regarding legal matter was conducted after the meeting.

Attest: _____

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