Scott Township Regular Meeting Agenda

Scott Township
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 7:30 PM EDT
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. Ms. Altman stated, "If I could please just ask for a moment of silence as we stand in solidarity with Heidelberg Borough on the loss of Chief Dixon. Our thoughts and prayers are with them."

Roll Call: Donald Guidici - Present
Eileen Meyers - Present
Thomas Castello, Esq. - Present
Nick Seibel, Vice President - Present
Jane Sorcan - Present
Samuel Dalfonso, Esq. - Present via Zoom at 8:15 PM
Michelle Sedlak - Present via Zoom
Kathleen Gazda - Present
Stacey Altman, President - Present

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

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

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Public comments on agenda
No public comments were received.

Presentation
Ms. Altman stated "Tonight we want to welcome Bob Fink. He's here tonight to tell us a little bit about the Whiskey Rebellion Days." Mr. Fink stated, "Thank you very much for having me here tonight. I will be brief. My name is Bobby Fink." Mr. Fink stated he grew up in the Bower Hill area and has lived in Scott Township his entire life. Mr. Fink stated, "On the anniversary of the

Battle of Bower Hill. Does anybody know who that anniversary is? Actually, it was two days. July 16th and 17th when the Whiskey Rebellion was coming to a head, and it came to a head right on our hill. You'll see the historical marker on Kane Boulavard. It's part of our crest. History is a lot of fun, especially for community-minded people, because we know where we've been, we would like to think we know where we're going. And we can learn from everything. I'm just going to reference this book by a friend of mine."

Mr. Fink stated, "This will be the third year in a row that I've gathered some friends on the site where the marker is, where the mansion burned 232 years ago, just for fun, and for history, and for curiosity's sake. The first year, my wife and I went down in my pickup truck with 10 books and a table, you know, literature table and snacks. This year, it is going to be on a Friday in that week, July 17th."

Mr. Fink stated, "What we do for two, two and a half hours is I give a brief talk. We have a question and discussion after that, and I invite everybody to bring a cooler and chair, we might have some water there for people. This year, it's gonna be a little different, and hopefully a lot better."

Mr. Fink stated local historians, including a history teacher from Chartiers Valley Primary School and a few authors would be present. Mr. Fink stated there would be a whiskey tasting. Mr. Fink stated he hoped to get 80 to 100 people.

Ms. Sedlak stated, "My thing about it is that I think Scott Township should absolutely lean into this. This is our township. This is on our crest, and I think this is something that we should consider not taking on as township members, but I've already reached out to the library and Gina about perhaps for the first three weeks of July this year, having something on our marquee and her pulling as many books from the main library on the Whiskey Rebellion that she can. This is just the first year. We can't do anything this year, but what I would like to see happen is us form an auxiliary committee that literally is just the Scott Township Whiskey Rebellion Committee. I have a couple members of our community who are already interested in doing this."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "I just kind of wanted to give Mr. Fink this opportunity and put that out in front of everybody prior to the ordinance I'm going to be enacting next month." Ms. Altman stated, "I think it sounds good to everybody." Mr. Seibel stated, "Where exactly is your event located?" Mr. Fink stated, "Where the historical marker is, right there."

Ms. Sorcan stated, "Have you determined the location of the house?" Mr. Fink stated, "I don't know if anybody could do that." Ms. Sorcan stated, "Because I know the marker is there but they never really quite figured out." Mr. Fink stated the closest they had was a historical marker, and at one point someone found ancient timber near the Our Lady of Grace property.

Motion to approve

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

April 28, 2026

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

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Motion to approve
Ms. Altman stated she needed a motion to approve the Bill List and authorize payment of disbursements from the General Fund in the amount of $2,651,615.77. Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Ms. Meyers.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement
Mr. Mox stated he did not have anything to add.

Solicitor's Report
Mr. Vogel stated he did not have any updates but would have a couple of comments on parts of the Engineer's Report.

Engineer's Report

Ms. Hartman stated she needed a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 1 (Final) submitted by Minniefield Demolition Services, Inc. in the amount of $25,000.00 for work completed between March 16, 2026 and April 28, 2026 for the Township Wide Structure Demolition Project (Contract No. 25-D01). Funding for this project provided by SHACOG; no payment required by Scott Township. Motioned by Mr. Seibel, seconded by Mr. Castello.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Mr. Hartman stated she would advise SHACOG that they have approved this.

Ms. Hartman stated she needed a motion to approve awarding Base Bid, Add Alternate No. B1 and Add Alternate No. B2 of Contract No. 25-R2 Municipal Building Roof Replacement, meeting room and library in the amount of $313,770.00 to Ramp Construction Company, Inc. Motioned by Ms. Meyers, seconded by Mr. Seibel.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Hartman stated she needed a motion to approve preparation and submission of a 2026 CFA - ACT 13 Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant Application for Gregg Street Park Improvements to include Resolution 1121-26, authorizing the submission of a funding request in the amount of $250,000 and a provision of a Funding Commitment Letter from Scott Township in the amount of $195,000. Motioned by Mr. Castello, seconded by Mr. Seibel.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Hartman stated she needed a motion to approve preparation and submission of a 2026 CFA - ACT 13 Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant Application for Spinner Park Improvements to include Resolution 1122-26, authorizing the submission of a funding request in the amount of $250,000 and a provision of a Funding Commitment Letter from Scott Township in the amount of $58,500. Motioned by Ms. Meyers, seconded by Ms. Sorcan.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Hartman stated she needed a motion to approve Partial payment No. 3 submitted by Cronin Enterprises Civil & Rail Division, LLC in the amount of $44,064.00 for Contract No. 25-ST01 2025 Stormwater Improvements (PRP Phase 2) Project; payment to be made from the Bond Fund No. 18; the 45-day payment date is June 29, 2026. Motioned by Mr. Seibel, seconded by Mr. Castello

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Mr. Hartman stated she needed a motion to approve execution of the "Settlement Agreement and General Release" between Excalibur Construction Company, LLC; Township of Scott; and Pennsylvania National Mutual Insurance Company for the Bower Hill Road Sidewalk Improvements Project (Contract No. 24-SW01) and substantially in the same form as in the attachment. Mr. Vogel stated, "Add to the end of it 'and substantially in the same form as in the attachment.' The reason for that the reason why for that is, is that I believe we've agreed to all the language, but in case someone comes up with something at the last minute, we don't have to reenact the language." Mr. Seibel made the motion as Mr. Vogel had amended. Seconded by Mr. Giudici.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Altman stated, "Could you just state in a very summarized form again for the public what we are doing? There's been a lot of speculation." Ms. Hartman stated, "So without getting too into the weeds, the township was not satisfied with the work performed by the contractor. We have worked with the contractor's bonding company to provide funding to replace these sections of sidewalk and the deficient work that we have identified. So the funding will be provided basically through the amount of money that we did not pay the contractor initially, and additional funding is provided by the bonding company to make the township whole for the project. The work that has been found to be deficient was bid as at alternates as part of the road program, which would be your next motion. Those items have been publicly bid, so they're actual justifiable bid numbers. They're not just OPCs. So, the work will be done by Youngblood Paving and not by Excalibur Contracting. So with your next motion you will actually award performing this work to Youngblood."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "Can I just stop for a second and just ask if Michael or John can please take a clip of everything that was just said to make a quick summary of that to let the residents know who don't attend meetings?" Mr. Rudolph stated, "The meeting is being recorded in several different ways." Ms. Sedlak stated, "Understood, 100% understood and every other meeting prior to this with regards to what we have gone through with this has been recorded and been able to be seen, but I really wish there was a clip of what just transpired for people who just like to complain." Ms. Altman stated a statement would be posted to the township's social media outlets.

Ms. Altman stated, "That's part of the reason the sidewalk has been closed off, technically Scott Township has not taken ownership of the sidewalk."

Ms. Hartman stated she needed a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 to include Add Alternate Nos. 3-6 in their entirety and Add Alternate No. 7 with adjusted quantities the amount of $139,211.25 to Contract No. 26-R01 2026 Roadway Improvement Program (Youngblood Paving, Inc.) subject to the execution of the settlement agreement. Mr. Vogel stated, "Could we have the end of the language, 'subject to the settlement agreement referenced in motion 9F?'" Motioned as amended by Mr. Seibel, seconded by Ms. Meyers.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Meyers stated, "Going back to 9B, that does include the library as well, correct?" Ms. Hartman stated, "So that's the library, the meeting room roof. The other roof I did was the admin building, that one we're holding onto, and you can consider award of that next month once we get all the other bits that we have out there in. So to answer your question yes." Mr.

Seibel requested to amend it to reflect that the library would be included. Motioned by Ms. Meyers to amend the motion, seconded by Mr. Seibel.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Standing Committee Report – Finance
Mr. Castello motioned to approve the payment request from Acrisure Mid-Atlantic Partners Insurance Services, LLC for Actuarial Services from 04/01/2026 – 06/30/2026 for the Police Pension Fund in the amount of $1,350.00 and the Non-Uniform Pension Fund in the amount of $1,350.00 (to be paid from the respective Pension Trust Accounts). Seconded by Mr. Giudici.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Mr. Castello motioned to approve the payment request from Marquette Associates for investment consulting services from 01/01/2026 – 03/31/2026 for the Police Pension Fund in the amount of $16,197.27, and the Non-Uniform Pension Fund in the amount of $8,067.95 (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 motioned to approve Resolution 1123-26, adopting the Allegheny County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan as the township's official Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Mr. Seibel.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Gazda motioned to approve asking Duquesne Light to install additional street lighting at their expense on North Wren Drive near St. Clair Hospital. The township will be responsible for monthly electricity. Seconded by Mr. Giudici.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Gazda motioned to approve the engineer to prepare signal permit drawings and request approval from PennDOT to install rectangular rapid flashing beacons at existing approved pedestrian crossings at the Greentree Road-Ryan Drive and Greentree Road-Green Oak Lane intersections. The cost of installation will be at the expense of the township. Grant funding will be applied for.

Mr. Seibel stated, "After coming up on a pretty bad accident right up there this afternoon, I'm wondering if we shouldn't look at a traffic study to see if it warrants more of a signal or reorientation of some of the roadways up there." Mr. Giudici stated, "We did that when I was commissioner about 6 years ago, and the prior commissioner, Mr. Walter, they did the traffic at Ryan where you pull off there, it was somehow defeated every single time so I think he should do it. I think that." Ms. Sedlak stated, "Since I moved into this ward 28 years ago, I've been asking for this. I was told by every single commissioner that was in this ward, every single state representative that represented this ward will look into it. I'm done looking into it. I agree that something needs to be done. I was sitting on my deck and I heard that accident happen. It was horrific."

Mr. Seibel stated, "The reason I'm bringing it up, Michelle, is not the pedestrian signals, I think they are very important. They wouldn't have prevented what would have happened today in a full traffic signal would give you both across and..." Ms. Sedlak stated, "Well, it would slow people down, and nobody slows down. The reason that that accident happened today is because the person in the left-hand lane decided that they were going to go 45 miles an hour with a stop lane on their right-hand side."

Ms. Altman stated, "Let's move forward with this today and get that going, and then if we want to put this on the June agenda to see if there's something else that we can do with the traffic study, maybe we can get some more information between now and then."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "We have camera technology all over our township. And if residents don't know that, they should, and I don't understand why we don't have camera technology there."

Seconded by Ms. Meyers.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Gazda motioned to open the floor for nominations of patrolman to hire one (1) patrolman in the police department, as certified by the Civil Service Commission. Seconded by Mr. Castello.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Gazda nominated Robert Ruzewski as patrolmen. Seconded by Mr. Giudici.

Ms. Gazda motioned to close the floor to nominations. Seconded by Mr. Seibel.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Gazda motioned to approve hiring Robert Ruzewski in the police department, as certified by the Civil Service Commission, starting at 80% of the base salary as indicated in the police department collective bargaining agreement. This hire shall be contingent upon successful completion of a psychological exam, physical exam, and a clear Act 57 inquiry. This would be effective June 22, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Giudici.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Gazda stated, "We have a public safety meeting scheduled for June 2nd to discuss the emergency operation plans for high rise apartment complexes." Ms. Meyers stated, "Kathy it was also brought to my attention that for Public Safety Day, they'll know tomorrow whether the helicopter's gonna be able to come or not, so we'll need to either wait until the next meeting and ratify." Mr. Meyers stated it would have to be ratified because the event was on the 20th.

Standing Committee Report – Public Works
Mr. Seibel motioned to approve hiring the following individuals at the rate listed for the Public Works Summer Help program:

- Carter Adam Dorney: $14.00/hour
- Mason Marko: $14.00/hour
- Simon Moore: $14.50/hour
- Jules Michael Prozzoly: $14.00/hour
- Dylan Shamonsky: $15.00/hour
- Darien Strosnider: $15.00/hour
- Abby Vaites: $14.00/hour
- Gavin Waldron: $14.00/hour

Mr. Giudici stated, "Do we know if any of them are from Ward 8?" Ms. Altman stated, "We've basically been taking anybody who will do it, because we haven't been able to fill the wards." Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "I can let you know." Mr. Giudici stated, "So we're not going by ward like we used to?" Mr. Seibel stated, "We haven't had enough applicants." Mr. Castello stated, "Are

they all Scott residents?" Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "I believe so." Mr. Giudici stated, "It would be nice to see what ward they are from." Seconded by Mr. Giudici.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Mr. Seibel motioned to ratify approval of repair services by Lins Elevator Service in the amount of $9,365.05 and the addition of an emergency phone by Kings III in the amount of $49.91 per month to correct deficiencies in the elevator in the township building. Seconded by Ms. Meyers.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates
Ms. Sorcan stated, "The Environmental Advisory Council's been working with the Bureau of Mines to reduce the amount of mine drainage coming out of the discharge sites at Scutt Township, and on May 18th, they built a weir that will be used to monitor the amount of water, or the flow of the water coming out of the mine. Hopefully this data will be used to determine if there needs to be the construction of a treatment facility at the site and this is all under the Bureau of Mines, so that's something we don't anticipate a cost to the township."

Ms. Sorcan stated, "The EAC also submitted their application to participate in Penn State's local climate action plan. there was a document that was sent that was then returned by Angela, who is the contact person for the township. The document just outlined the responsibilities of the township and the responsibilities of Penn State and their students if we are chosen to participate."

Parks, Recreation and Public Relations
Ms. Meyers motioned to hire the below individuals as lifeguards at the rate listed for the 2026 season.

- Samantha Frederick at $16.00/hour
- Rachel Heo at $14.00/hour
- Darko Kosovec at $14.00/hour
- Kenneth McFerron at $16.00/hour
- Ava Morgan at $14.00/hour
- Dominik Pelescak at $16.00/hour
- Austin Tornabene at $15.00/hour
- Robert West at $14.50/hour

Seconded by Mr. Seibel.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Ms. Meyers motioned to hire Ava Davis and Riley McAllister as cashiers at a rate of $12.50 per hour for the 2026 season. Seconded by Mr. Castello.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Library Liaison Report
Mr. Giudici stated, "The library board doesn't meet in June and in July, so there won't be much to report other than Gina Leone asked me to mention that the summer reading program starts on June 11th up at Scott Park, and the theme of the program is Unearth a Story. The kickoff event, like I said, is June 11th from 5:00 to 7:00. They're also going to have a family story time at Scott Park on Thursdays from 5:00 to 6:00 from June 16th to August 4th. She also had me mention, I don't know if this has anything to do with the library, is they have an adult walking club, and a family time days event scheduled from June 26th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and she mentioned that none of these events require the use of any of the meeting rooms like the Community Room or anything."

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

Standing Committee Report – Administration
Ms. Altman stated she needed a motion to approve awarding DEP Technologies the managed IT services for $34,336 per year. Motioned by Mr. Seibel, seconded by Ms. Gazda.

All in favor

Motion carries (9-0)

Conferences and Workshops
Ms. Altman stated she 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 she did not have anything to add.

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

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

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

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "Nothing for tonight, just apologies for not being there."

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

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

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

Adjournment
Ms. Altman stated that she needed a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motioned by Mr. Giudici, seconded by Ms. Sedlak.

All in favor

Meeting adjourned 8:18 PM.

An executive session regarding legal was conducted after the meeting.

Attest: _____

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