

SCOFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

June 9, 2025
7:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Jim Levanger, Mayor, at 7:00 pm.

In Attendance: Jim Levanger, Mayor
Brad Peacock, Council member
Liberty Smith, Council member, absent

Meliss Holloway, Council member, excused
Ralph, Council member
Lorraine Behling, Town Clerk

Also Present: See public hearing sign in sheet.

Moment of Reflection:

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Levanger

Minutes Review:

Minutes from Public Hearing on 5-19-25 at 6:45 were provided. Ralph Brinkerhoff motioned to approve with Brad Peacock as second, all agreed. Minutes from the 5-19-25 Town Council at 7:00 were provided. Brad Peacock motioned to approve with Ralph Brinkerhoff as second, all agreed.

Financial and Adjustments Reports: The mayor read the financial report from 5-31-25 for all accounts approved by Town Treasurer. There were no adjustments to declare this month in the utility account.

Bills to Pay: the bills from 5-20-25 to 6-9-25 were provided for inspection. There were no questions. Ralph Brinkerhoff asked for clarification of the emergency pumper repair cost. Brad Peacock motioned to pay the bills with Ralph Brinkerhoff as second, all agreed.

Public Comment Period:

Ann Carter- 270 N Railroad, is concerned about increasing salaries when we may not have the money for it without increasing taxes or water and sewer. We transfer money out of water and sewer to the General Fund and when we no longer have the mine income to help us our water and sewer will increase. She doesn't want to see our taxes go up like they did in Carbon County when they didn't have all the coal income.

Harv Helsten 235 N Meridian, Wants a flag on the pole at the school, a pole and flag at the Town Hall, and at the park. Scott Homan 370 Church St. is going to be sending out flyers to the mailing list he has created so if the Town wants to add anything it can be sent to him.

With the public roads at issue and the town wanting to open them he stated there is a street that runs through the proposed mine area. He checked with Melissa Campbell at the County and was told that as far as the County is concerned nothing has changed so the mine would obliterate that road and now would be a good time to annex that area for growth and at least claim the road.

Stewart Behling- 185 N Front St., in thinking about how costs are going up that a money manager could look into ways to get higher interest on our accounts to help cover a lot of costs rather than raising water rates.

Town Updates- \$40,000 has been transferred from the utility fund to the general fund for FY 2025.

The mayor has had three conversations with UDOT and they are working on getting some traffic safety measures in place to slow the traffic down.

Jim Moreno has had a stroke and we are all keeping good thoughts for him.

Brad Peacock talked to a Deputy from Carbon Co. who said he will be spending quite a bit of time here this summer and Brad shared citizen concerns about speed etc. and asked him to help us out so hopefully we will be seeing him more.

New Business

Council discussion to obtain information to send a draft to the town attorney regarding a possible amendment to Chapter V Table 4 our Land Use Ordinance, Minimum setback from a Dwelling to any Lot Line Abutting a Street.

A public hearing was held prior to the meeting to obtain citizen comment on the proposed amendment.

Todd Thorne has been helping us with our ordinances so we would like to have his input but he has been on vacation for the past week. We want to get a draft to the town attorney and we are working on it but it is going to take a little more time. Mr. Peacock would like to be involved with taking to Mr. Thorne when he comes up to meet with Planning and Zoning. Mr. Peacock suggest recording the conversation with Todd Thorne.

Possible Adoption of FY 2025 Amended Budget: A public hearing was held before this meeting. Brad Peacock motioned to adopt the FY 2025 Amended Budget with Ralph Brinkerhoff as second, all agreed.

Possible Adoption of Proposed FY 2026 Adopted Budget: A public hearing was held before this meeting. Council discussion ensued regarding the planned expenditures with Mr. Peacock stating that the plans are appropriate. There will be a hose bib added to the school to water the front area. Mr. Peacock said that he and Ron Warren will be at the school on Saturday June 14th to work on the area and plant the plants that have not been picked up from the County weed program and seed other parts of the area. Everyone is invited to meet at 8:00 am before it gets too hot. Ralph Brinkerhoff motioned to approve the FY 2026 Budget with Brad Peacock as second, all agreed.

Possible Approval of FY 2026 Transfer of Funds from the utility fund to the general fund: The notices about the transfer have been mailed out regarding the transfer of up to \$40,000 if needed and a public hearing has been held. Mr. Peacock motioned to approve the FY 2026 Transfer of Funds with Ralph Brinkerhoff as second, all agreed.

Clerk Position and Salary Discussion: Lorraine Behling and Andreah Brady have both decided to move on from their clerk positons. Currently the job is separated into the general office work and funding and reporting duties. Their needs to be a combined salary of the \$1,800 clerk position and the \$130 funding and reporting monthly salaries. Council discussion ensued. The new clerk will assume the monthly salary but an hourly wage needs to be added for Lorraine and Andreah to train the new hire. A new laptop will need to be purchased for possible remote work. It was decided to offer the combined clerk position at \$2,000 per month with the training wage at \$24 per hour. Brad Peacock motioned to approve the combined clerk/reporting position at \$2,000 per month with the training at \$24 per hour with Ralph Brinkerhoff as second, all agreed.

Emergency Repair on Pumper #2- We needed a truck for our new sewer haul driver, Dale Lea, to take his CDL driving test that is DOT compliant and the pumper needed other repairs and regeneration. Pumper #2 was also having issues at the same time and is now in the shop. The bill for the repair on pumper #2 was \$7,4190.16. Mr. Brinkerhoff asked if we would be interested in buying a new truck. The mayor says that after talking to our sewer haul driver about used pumper prices and with that pricing being so high he thinks that it might be better to keep fixing what we have. The mayor authorized the emergency repair and got the work done but would like council approval as well. Mr. Brinkerhoff motioned to approve the emergency repair with Mr. Peacock as second, all agreed.

A discussion about future repair costs and the repair on pumper #3 that is being worked on and needs new injectors etc. ensued. Mr. Peacock thinks we can do a lot of repairs for the cost of a new truck. Mr. Brinkerhoff stated that he thinks we should fix it and look into a new truck. He will continue to use his contacts to look into new truck pricing. Brad Peacock motioned to fix pumper #3 and monitor future repairs to the trucks with Ralph Brinkerhoff as second, all agreed.

Brad Peacock- Pleasant Valley Days volunteers needed: we really need people to run the town booth on Saturday selling t-shirts and raffle tickets. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Election candidate declaration 2025 Results: Mayor- Jim Levanger, incumbent. Town Council - Brad Peacock, incumbent and Kim Erkkila. All positions are 4-year terms

Ordinance 05-19: is with the town attorney for review. Lorraine thought it would be back by today but it didn't come back. She thinks the OHV portion might be holding things up but Jerry Lynch told her most communities handle that in a separate ordinance so that might be the way to go. The council may need to hold a special meeting to pass it if they would like it adopted quickly.

Adjourn- Ralph moved to adjourn at 6:56 pm with Brad Peacock as second, all agreed.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Town Clerk, Lorraine Behling
