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Greg Gulick, Borough Manager Moses & Gelso LLP, Solicitor

ASHLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2020

Attendance:

Lisa Wildes – Present

Frank Sorokach – Present

Gerald Maldonado – Present

Brian Casey – Present

Carl Byra – Present

Brian Demchak – Absent

Mayor Donald Sipple, Sr. – Present

Borough Manager Greg Gulick - Present

Police Chief David Fedorczyk – Present

Peter John Moses, Esq. for Solicitor Moses & Gelso LLP – Present

Meeting was called to Order by Attorney Moses. Attorney Moses called roll for the Council, Mayor and Borough Officials. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

COUNCIL AND BOROUGH OFFICIAL PRESENTATIONS

Lisa Wildes – Nothing for this Meeting.

Frank Sorokach – Nothing for this Meeting.

Gerald Maldonado – Nothing for this Meeting.

Brian Casey – Nothing for this Meeting.

Carl Byra – Nothing for this Meeting.

Brian Demchak – Absent.

Mayor Donald Sipple, Sr. – Nothing for this Meeting.

Borough Manager Greg Gulick – Mr. Gulick read the Treasurer’s Report (See attached).

Chief Fedorczyk – Chief Fedorczyk read the Police Chief’s Report (See attached). Additionally, the Chief indicated that the traffic light at the intersection of Hazle St. and RT 309 is not cycling properly. Mr. Gulic added that Northeast Signal has been inspecting it and is preparing an estimate to repair it. Mr. Maldonado responded that the faulty light is currently a safety issue. As such, it should be repaired immediately without waiting for an estimate.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee – Mr. Maldonado indicated that two interviews have been completed for the Part-Time Borough Secretary Position.

PUBLIC COMMENT – PENDING LEGISLATION

Scott Martinelli – Mr. Martinelli asked about the status of the Main St. Grant. Mr. Sorokach stated that he met with Mr. Reilly recently and sidewalk installation in connection with that grant should begin in September or October. Mr. Martinelli replied that he thought that project would start sooner.

Mr. Martinelli also asked about the possibility of a new park in the Borough. Mr. Sorokach indicated that Jason Fitzgerald never applied for that grant. However, he indicated there is a second phase of that grant that Ashley Borough may still apply for.

Finally, Mr. Martinelli asked Mr. Maldonado if he checked on the roof issue they recently discussed. Mr. Maldonado indicated that he followed up on it and found no issue.

Pat Kennedy – Mr. Kennedy inquired about the Main St. Façade and whether there was any plan to perform work on it. Mr. Sorokach replied not that he was aware of. Mr. Gulick added that the façade is likely a $10,000.00 project that they may be able to apply for 50% reimbursement for.

Luann Bly – Ms. Bly spoke at length about the issues facing the neighborhood surrounding her 81 Cook St. Residence. She stated that every year beginning in June there is an increased public presence of drug use, alcohol consumption and lewd behavior. She stated she is tired of bringing these issues to Council every year and is looking to see a plan implemented to deal with these issues.

Mr. Byra responded that he will reach out of DEP Water and determine if something can be done to prevent foot traffic into the tunnel in that area. Mr. Maldonado agreed with that notion and stated that DEP will be notified.

Mr. Casey asked Ms. Bly where these people are parking their vehicles and is it possible to tow them. Ms. Bly indicated many of the vehicles are from out of the area.

LEGISLATION

**RESOLUTION 65 OF 2020** – A Resolution to pay the May 2020 Payroll in the amount of $32,522.41.

Motion: Frank Sorokach

Second: Gerry Maldonado

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Gerry Maldonado – Y

Carl Byra – Y

Brian Demchak – Absent

Brian Casey – Y

PASS

**RESOLUTION 66 OF 2020** – A Resolution to pay the May 2020 Bills in the amount of $21,367.02.

Motion: Frank Sorokach

Second: Gerry Maldonado

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Gerry Maldonado – Y

Carl Byra – Y

Brian Demchak – Absent

Brian Casey – Y

PASS

**RESOLUTION 67 OF 2020** – A Resolution to approve the May 2020 Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Gerry Maldonado – Y

Carl Byra – Y

Brian Demchak – Absent

Brian Casey – Y

PASS

**RESOLUTION 68 OF 2020** – A Resolution for the Borough Manager to order 200 recycling containers at a cost of $1,950.00 and submit for a reimbursement of 90%.

Motion: Gerry Maldonado

Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Gerry Maldonado – Y

Carl Byra – Y

Brian Demchak – Absent

Brian Casey – Y

PASS

**RESOLUTION 69 OF 2020** - A Resolution to retain Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn as the Borough’s Labor Solicitor on an as needed basis.

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Gerry Maldonado – Y

Carl Byra – Y

Brian Demchak – Y

Brian Casey – Absent

PASS

Meeting Adjourned.