

ASHLEY BOROUGH

Brian Demchak, Mayor

Lisa Wildes, Council Chair

Frank Sorokach, Council Vice Chair

Carl Byra

Andrew Potsko

Jennifer Heller

Jonelle McGlynn

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Samuel Guesto, Borough Manager

Lisa Scharer, Borough Secretary

Peter John Moses, Solicitor

ASHLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES October 10, 2023, 6:30 PM

Attendance:

Lisa Wildes – Present

Frank Sorokach – Present

Carl Byra – Present

Andrew Potsko – Present

Jennifer Heller – Present

Jonelle McGlynn – Not Present

Mayor Brian Demchak. – Present

Borough Manager Guesto – Present

Borough Secretary Scharer - Present

Borough Treasurer Morgan – Not Present

Police Chief McGlynn – Not Present

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

COUNCIL AND BOROUGH OFFICIAL REPORTS

Lisa Wildes – Ms. Wildes announced that the Trunk or Treat event on October 28 will begin by trunks being set up at 5:00 PM and also announced that Comcast is installing their lines in the patch and they should almost be completed with the installation.

Frank Sorokach – Mr. Sorokach announced that the creek project started for the town.

Carl Byra – Nothing for this meeting.

Andrew Potsko- Mr. Potsko stated that he had nothing for this meeting except for what Mr. Sorokach said.

Ms. Heller – Ms. Heller reminded everyone about the Halloween house decorations.

Ms. McGlynn – Not present.

Treasurer Morgan – Not present.

Secretary Lisa Scharer – Nothing for this meeting.

Mayor Demchak – Mayor Demchak provided the borough with the Police Chief's Monthly Report, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Chief Joe McGlynn – Not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – PENDING LEGISLATION

NONE FOR THIS MEETING

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 90 OF 2023 – A Resolution to pay the September 2023 Payroll in the amount of \$42,588.88.

Motion: Frank Sorokach

Second: Jennifer Heller

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra – Y

Andrew Potsko – Y

Jennifer Heller – Y

Jonelle McGlynn – Absent

PASS

RESOLUTION 91 OF 2023 – A Resolution to pay the September 2023 Bills in the amount of \$59,662.99.

Motion: Jennifer Heller

Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Jonelle McGlynn – Absent
PASS

RESOLUTION 92 OF 2023 – A Resolution to approve the September 12, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Jennifer Heller
Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Jonelle McGlynn – Absent
PASS

RESOLUTION 93 OF 2023 – A Resolution to authorize the application of a \$300,000.00 Statewide Local Share Grant.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Jonelle McGlynn – Absent
PASS

RESOLUTION 94 OF 2023 – A Resolution to Hire Christian Caraballo to a full-time position in the department of Public Works at a rate of \$17.50 per hour effective October 10, 2023.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Jonelle McGlynn – Absent

PASS

RESOLUTION 95 OF 2023 – A Resolution to hire Jeremy Rivera to a part-time position in the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$16.00 per hour effective October 10, 2023.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Jennifer Heller

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Jonelle McGlynn – Absent
PASS

RESOLUTION 96 OF 2023- A Resolution to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare and finalize a deed and agreement of transfer for the Miners' Memorial Park property to the Huber Breaker Preservation Society.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Jonelle McGlynn – Absent
PASS

RESOLUTION 97 OF 2023- A Resolution to authorize the borough treasurer to disburse the Volunteer Fire Relief Association funds in the amount of \$11,335.53 to the Ashley Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Jonelle McGlynn – Absent
PASS

RESOLUTION 98 OF 2023- A Resolution to authorize the Ashley Volunteer Fire Department to purchase various firefighting equipment from Onesource Fire Rescue Equipment in the amount of \$66,084.50 pending receipt of valid COSTARS contract number.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Jonelle McGlynn – Absent
PASS

RESOLUTION 99 OF 2023- A Resolution to accept the resignation of Department of Public Works employee Jarrad Bogaski effective October 2, 2023.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Jennifer Heller

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Jonelle McGlynn – Absent
PASS

RESOLUTION 100 OF 2023- a Resolution to add the following items to the agenda for consideration:

1. Purchase supplies for the annual Trunk or Treat event not to exceed \$850.00
2. Award of emergency sewer line work on Cemetery Street to Krasavage Construction.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Jennifer Heller

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y

Jennifer Heller – Y
Jonelle McGlynn – Absent
PASS

RESOLUTION 101 OF 2023- a Resolution to purchase supplies for the annual Trunk or Treat event not to exceed \$850.00.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Jonelle McGlynn – Absent
PASS

RESOLUTION 102 OF 2023- a Resolution to approve the award the Emergency Sewer Line work on Cemetery Street to Krasavage Construction at a time and material cost.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Jonelle McGlynn – Absent
PASS

PUBLIC COMMENT

JOSH HARENZA- MR. HARENZA OF 348 KINGSBURY ROAD, WAPWALLOPEN, PA, WHO WORKS FOR NOTHEAST SURVEYORS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS THERE TO REPRESENT THE INTEREST OF RUSSECK SUBDIVISION. MR. HARENZA FURTHER STATED HE HAS THREE EXISTING LOTS AND IS COMBINING THEM INTO ONE. HE PROVIDED EVERYONE WITH A COPY OF THE PLAN TO LOOK AT THAT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSSION. MR. HARENZA WANTED TO REVIEW THIS WITH THE COUNCIL ONE MORE TIME. MR. HARENZA ANNOUNCED THAT THE LUZERNE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REQUIRES THE PLAN TO BE SEALED AND SIGNED BY A LICENSED SURVEYOR AND THAT THE LOT SHOULD BE LABLED NEW OR PROPOSED AND THE FINAL LOT IS LOT ONE. THIS IS LOCATED ON RIDGE STREET. MR. HARENZA FURTHER

INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT LUZERNE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HAD NO COMMENT BUT THE LUZERNE COUNTY ENGINEER WANTED TO SEE THAT IT WAS SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR. REILLEY ASSOCIATES WANTED TO SEE IT SIGNED BY A SURVEYOR. MR. HARENZA CONFIRMED THAT RIELLEY AND ASSOCIATES RECEIVED THE DOCUMENTS THEY REQUESTED. MR. HARENZA ASKED FOR A WAIVER SHOWING ALL THE WATER LINES AND UTILITY LINES.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Jennifer Heller

MEETING ADJOURNED