



ASHLEY BOROUGH

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Mayor: Brian Demchak

Council President: Lisa Wildes

Carl Byra

Jennifer Heller

Borough Secretary: Lisa Scharer

Code Enforcement Secretary: Amy Campbell

Borough Manager: Samuel Guesto

Council Vice President: Andrew Potsko

Frank Sorokach

Edward Flynn

ASHLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 13, 2024, 6:30 PM

Attendance:

Lisa Wildes – Not Present

Andrew Potsko –Present

Carl Byra –Present

Frank Sorokach – Present

Jennifer Heller – Present

Edward Flynn – Present

Mayor Brian Demchak. –Present

Borough Manager Guesto –Present

Borough Secretary Scharer - Present

Police Chief McGlynn –Present

Code Officer Campbell- Present

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

COUNCIL AND BOROUGH OFFICIAL REPORTS

Lisa Wildes – Not present.

Andrew Potsko – Mr. Potsko announced that paving projects are underway, and the basketball courts will be closed for another 3-5 weeks for the paving to set and for painting to be completed. Mr. Potsko thanked the residents on those streets for their cooperation. September 6-7 will be the Fireman's Bizarre at the Land and they are accepting basket donations and are seeking volunteers. Mr. Potsko announced the following upcoming events:

Trunk or Treat, October 26, 2024, at The Land and the Christmas Parade and Winter Fest, December 7, 2024, at the Borough Building.

Carl Byra – Nothing for this meeting.

Frank Sorokach – Nothing for this meeting.

Ms. Heller – Ms. Heller announced that they are having a community yard sale and it will be posted in the newspaper and Facebook on Ashley Happenings. If you're having a yard sale, comment on the Facebook page and your address will be added. This will be the first Saturday in September.

Mr. Flynn – Nothing for this meeting.

Mayor Demchak – Nothing for this meeting.

Secretary Lisa Scharer – Ms. Scharer provided the financial report, a copy of which was attached to the Agenda.

Borough Manager Guesto- Nothing for this meeting.

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

Code Officer Amy Campbell- Code Officer Campbell read the Code Officer Report, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

PUBLIC COMMENT – PENDING LEGISLATION

NONE

LEGISLATION

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE MADE BY ATTORNEY NAHAS:

- An Executive Session was held on August 6, 2024 to discuss a legal matter.

RESOLUTION 90 OF 2024 – A Resolution to approve the July 09, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Jennifer Heller
Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes - Not Present
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko- Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Edward Flynn – Y
PASS

RESOLUTION 91 OF 2024 – A Resolution to approve the July 2024 bills in an amount of \$82,787.01.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Jennifer Heller

Lisa Wildes - Not Present
Frank Sorokach - Y
Carl Byra - Y
Andrew Potsko- Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Edward Flynn – Y
PASS

RESOLUTION 92 OF 2024 – A Resolution to approve the July 2024 payroll in the amount of \$41,633.51.

Motion: Andrew Potsko
Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes - Not Present
Frank Sorokach - Y
Carl Byra - Y
Andrew Potsko- Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Edward Flynn – Y
PASS

RESOLUTION 93 OF 2024- A Resolution to approve the August 6, 2024, Special Hearing Minutes.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes - Not Present
Frank Sorokach - Y
Carl Byra - Y
Andrew Potsko- Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Edward Flynn –Y

PASS

RESOLUTION 94 OF 2024- A Resolution to Ratify Pay Application #2 from J.M. Young & Sons for the municipal roof project in the amount of \$23,833.50.

Motion: Jennifer Heller
Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes - Not Present
Frank Sorokach - Y
Carl Byra - Y
Andrew Potsko- Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Edward Flynn – Y
PASS

RESOLUTION 95 OF 2024- A Resolution to approve the winter maintenance agreement with PennDOT for the 2024/2025 season.

Motion: Andrew Potsko
Second: Jennifer Heller

Lisa Wildes - Not Present
Frank Sorokach - Y
Carl Byra - Y
Andrew Potsko- Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Edward Flynn – Y
PASS

RESOLUTION 96 OF 2024- A Resolution authorizing the transfer of \$20,000.00 as approved in Ordinance #6 of 2022 from the Sewer Fee Account to the General Fund Account.

Motion: Jennifer Heller
Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes - Not Present
Frank Sorokach - Y
Carl Byra - Y
Andrew Potsko- Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Edward Flynn – Y
PASS

RESOLUTION 97 OF 2024- A Resolution to approve the agreement with John McGovern, Esquire, for financial consulting services at \$450.00 per hour.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes - Not Present
Frank Sorokach - Y
Carl Byra - Y
Andrew Potsko- Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Edward Flynn – Y
PASS

RESOLUTION 98 OF 2024- A Resolution to approve and accept the letter from Carl Byra to vacate Ashley Borough's seat on the Board of the Lower South Valley Council of Governments and Lower South Valley Land Bank.

Motion: Edward Flynn
Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes - Not Present
Frank Sorokach - Y
Carl Byra - Y
Andrew Potsko- Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Edward Flynn – Y
PASS

RESOLUTION 99 OF 2024- A Resolution to appoint Frank Sorokach to Ashley Borough's seat on the Board of the Lower South Valley Council of Governments and Lower South Valley Land Bank.

Motion: Edward Flynn
Second: Jennifer Heller

Lisa Wildes - Not Present
Frank Sorokach - Y
Carl Byra - Y
Andrew Potsko- Y
Jennifer Heller – Y
Edward Flynn – Y
PASS

PUBLIC COMMENT

TOM KNEIDINGER OF 17 SOUTH MAIN STREET- MR. KNEIDINGER INFORMED COUNCIL ABOUT FLOODING ON HAZLETON AND MAIN STREET. MR. KNEIDINGER EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE STORM ON THE 17TH AND HE SAID THE WATER ON THE PLAYGROUND FILLS UP THE WATER ON MAIN STREET AND MOTORISTS NEED TO GO INTO THE OTHER LANE TO AVOID THE WATER. HAZLETON STREET WAS FOODING SO BAD AND THERE WAS NOTHING TO STOP IT. MR. KNEIDINGER SAID COUNCILMAN FLYNN STOPPED AND HELPED HIM OPEN UP THE DRAIN. MR. KNEIDINGER THEN SAID ON FRIDAY AUGUST 9, 2024, THE FLOODING WAS GETTING WORSE AND HE WAS DOING THE SAME THING BUT IT CONTINUED TO FLOOD. HE CALLED THE BOROUGH AND SOMEONE DID ARRIVE TO FREE UP THE DRAIN BUT THE FLOODING WAS EXTREME AND IT TOOK ABOUT 60-90 MINUTES FOR THE FLOODING TO DRAIN. MR. KNEIDINGER THEN WENT ON TO SAY THERE WERE THINGS THAT COULD BE DONE TO HELP AVOID THE FLOODING. HE TOOK A

WALK AND SAW 3 DRAINS. THE 1ST WAS BELOW AN OVERPASS AND THE DRAIN WAS NEVER CLEANED OUT AND THE WATER RUSHES BY IT. MR. KNEIDINGER SAID HE FREED THE DEBRIS CLOGGING THE DRAIN WITH HIS HANDS, HE WALKED 20 YARDS ABOVE THE OVERPASS AND IT APPEARED TO BE WORKING BUT IT MAY NEED TO BE CLEANED OUT A LITTLE BIT. MR. KNEIDINGER SAID THE LAST STORM DRAIN WAS 100 YARDS UP AND HE WENT TO THE DRAIN AND THERE WAS RUBBER SEAL OVER THE STORM DRAIN LAYING THERE. LATER, MR. MITCHELL SAID THAT THE PLAYGROUND GRANT FOR 95 THOUSAND DOLLARS IS ALSO FOR FLOODS. HE ASKED THAT WHEN THE GRANT IS USED, THEY IMPLEMENT A BETTER DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

GARY MITCHELL OF 10 CHURCH LANE- MR. MITCHELL STATED HE WANTS TO PLACE A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE COMPANY PAVING THE STREETS BECAUSE THEY DAMAGED HIS WALL YESTERDAY AND THERE IS DIRT ALL OVER HIS HOUSE, TRUCKS, AND DRIVEWAY. MR. MITCHELL STATED WANTS TO KNOW WHO IS GOING TO PAY TO GET IT FIXED. BOROUGH MANAGER GUESTO SAID HE WILL SEND BOB UP TO GET PHOTOS OF THE DAMAGE. BOROUGH MANAGER SAID HE WILL MAKE SURE MR. MITCHELL GETS PAID AND/OR THE DAMAGE IS REPAIRED. MR. MITCHELL ASKED ABOUT AN INSPECTOR BEING ON THE JOB SITE AND MANAGER GUESTO SAID THERE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SUPERVISOR THERE AND HE WILL GET ALL FIXED FOR HIM.

BERNIE GAVLICK OF 31 TIMPSON STREET- MR. GAVLICK EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT FLOODING ON ASHLEY STREET. MR. GAVLICK SAID THERE ARE SIX INCHES OF WATER ON EACH SIDE OF HIS HOUSE AND IT IS LIKE A RIVER COMING DOWN. MR. GAVLICK STATED HE CALLED HIS REPRESENTATIVE AND WAS IN TOUCH WITH PENNDOT. A MAN FROM PENNDOT CAME TO HIS HOUSE AND SAID THEY'RE SUPPOSED TAKE THE BRICKS OUT AND AT THAT TIME THEY WILL HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT DRAINAGE BECAUSE HE LOOKED AT THE STREET AND SAID ALL THESE ROADS ARE CONTRIBUTARIES. MR. GAVLICK STATED HE HAS VIDEO OF THE FOOTAGE AND THEY SAID THEY ARE GOING TO LOOK AT THEM BUT THIS COMES RIGHT INTO HIS YEARD AND GOES RIGHT OUT AND THAT IS WHY HE DOES NOT HAVE GRASS. MR. GAVLICK SAID HIS CELLER GETS WET AND HE PUT A BIG STUMP IN HIS YARD. MR. GAVLICK SAID PENNDOT WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM IN A WEEK OR TWO.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Jennifer Heller
Second: Edward Flynn

MEETING ADJOURNED

Ashley Borough - Code Enforcement

Transaction List by Vendor

July 1-31, 2024

VENDOR	DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	POSTING	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT FULL NAME	AMOUNT
Amy Campbell							
Amy Campbell	07/11/2024	Check	1030	Yes	Mileage	FNCB Code Enforcement	-\$277.81
Total for Amy Campbell							-\$277.81
BHW Construction Services							
BHW Construction Services	07/16/2024	Check	1031	Yes	2024-6	FNCB Code Enforcement	-\$1,569.61
BHW Construction Services	07/23/2024	Check	1032	Yes	Invoice 2024-2A	FNCB Code Enforcement	-\$144.00
Total for BHW Construction Services							-\$1,713.61
Donald G. Karpowich, PC							
Donald G. Karpowich, PC	07/23/2024	Check	1034	Yes	Invoice 98527	FNCB Code Enforcement	-\$62.50
Total for Donald G. Karpowich, PC							-\$62.50
Jack Varaly							
Jack Varaly	07/04/2024	Check	1029	Yes	June 2024 Services	FNCB Code Enforcement	-\$1,250.00
Total for Jack Varaly							-\$1,250.00
Mayflower Graphics							
Mayflower Graphics	07/23/2024	Check	1035	Yes	Invoice 2668	FNCB Code Enforcement	-\$96.00
Total for Mayflower Graphics							-\$96.00
Rosenn Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP							
Rosenn Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP	07/23/2024	Check	1033	Yes	Invoice 7496938	FNCB Code Enforcement	-\$680.00
Total for Rosenn Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP							-\$680.00
Total							-\$4,079.92



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Joseph McGlynn, Chief of Police

Ashley Borough Police Department

Ashley Borough Police Monthly Report for July 2024

Total Incidents logged: 249

Total Parking Tickets Issued: 8

Total Traffic Citations Issued: 46

Total Non-Traffic Citations Issued: 10

Total Amount Received from Magistrate: \$ 2,463.74 (Crimes Code, Vehicle Code and Ordinances)

Total Amount Received from Report Requests: \$ 30.00

Total Amount Received from Parking Violations: \$ 160.00

Luzerne County Dept. of Probation: \$ 0

Total Received: \$ 2,653.74

Vehicle Milage

Miles, 3107

Averaging, 100 miles per day

Respectfully Submitted by,


Joseph McGlynn
Chief of Police

Ashley Borough Police – July 2024

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	3
ASSISTS	56 (Fire, EMS, Other Police)
BURGLAR ALARMS	2
CIVIL COMPLAINTS	4
CRIM. MISCH.	2
DEATH/INVESTIGATIONS	2
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	11
HARASS/ASSAULT/THREAT	3
MENTAL HEALTH	3
MISCELLANEOUS	13
WELFARE CHECKS	6
MISSING PERSONS	2
DISABLED MOTORIST	1
NOISE	6
DISORDERLY/PUB DNK	2
ILLEGAL DUMPING	1
TRESPASSING	7
SUSP. AUTO/ PERSON	4
THEFT OFFENSES	1
TRAFFIC/ PARKING OFFENSES	111
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	4
WARRANTS/WANTED	2
WEAPONS	-