

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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

Attendance:

Lisa Wildes – Present

Frank Sorokach – Present

Carl Byra – Present

Andrew Potsko – Present

Jennifer Heller – Present

Jonelle McGlynn – Present

Mayor Brian Demchak. – Present

Borough Manager Guesto – Present

Borough Secretary Scharer - Present

Borough Treasurer Morgan - Present

Police Chief David Fedorczyk – Absent

Peter 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 – Ms. Wildes informed the public that upcoming events include the Trunk or Treat Event on October 28, 2022 and the Borough Christmas Parade on December 3, 2022.

Frank Sorokach – Nothing for this meeting.

Carl Byra – Mr. Byra stated that PP&L fixed the pole across from the Old Borough Building.

Andrew Potsko – Mr. Potsko stated the Borough Engineer provided Council with the scope of work for the creek clean up.

Additionally, Mr. Potsko stated that the tennis courts are damaged and in need of repair.

Ms. Heller – Ms. Heller stated the Borough is having a house decorating contest for Halloween and the top 3 houses will receive a prize.

Ms. McGlynn – Nothing for this Meeting.

Mayor Brian Demchak – Nothing for this Meeting.

Chief Fedorczyk – Absent.

Borough Secretary – Secretary Scharer read the monthly report, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – PENDING LEGISLATION

None.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 118 OF 2022 – A Resolution to pay the August 2022 Payroll in the amount of \$ 36,561.53.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Jennifer Heller

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

RESOLUTION 119 OF 2022 – A Resolution to pay the August 2022 Bills in the amount of \$ 37,325.64

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Andrew Potsko

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

RESOLUTION 120 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve the August 9, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Andrew Potsko

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

RESOLUTION 121 OF 2022 – A Resolution for the Borough Manager/Engineer to submit a Local Share Account Grant Application for the match of a Government Grant Application to replace the Carey Street Bridge in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Lisa Wildes

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

RESOLUTION 122 OF 2022 – A Resolution to hire Alfred Benesch & Company as Alternate Borough Engineer as per the proposal.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Lisa Wildes

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

RESOLUTION 123 OF 2022 – A Resolution to hire Lindsey Rupakus as Part Time Code Office Clerk at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for a maximum of 30 hours per week.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Carl Byra

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

RESOLUTION 124 OF 2022 – A Resolution for the Borough Manager to submit an Environmental Department Recycling Grant for recycling bins.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Frank Sorokach

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

RESOLUTION 125 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve Pay Application No. 2 to Pioneer Construction in the amount of \$42,307.20 and that the Borough Manager is authorized to seek reimbursement from the grant.

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra – Y

Andrew Potsko – Y

Jennifer Heller – Y

Jonelle McGlynn – Y

PASS

RESOLUTION 126 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve Pay Application No. 3 from Pioneer Construction in the amount of \$78,826.23 and that the Borough Manager is authorized to seek reimbursement from the grant.

Motion: Frank Sorokach

Second: Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra – Y

Andrew Potsko – Y

Jennifer Heller – Y

Jonelle McGlynn – Y

PASS

RESOLUTION 127 OF 2022 – A Resolution authorizing Borough Council and Manager to initiate services to property owners affected by the Penn DOT Partnership 81 Project.

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra – Y

Andrew Potsko – Y

Jennifer Heller – Y

Jonelle McGlynn – Y

PASS

RESOLUTION 128 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve the agreement with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) based on population for the Municipal Services Partnership.

Motion: Jennifer Heller
Second: Carl Byra

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

RESOLUTION 129 OF 2022 – A Resolution to ratify the request from the Ashley Fire Department for a sponsor of \$100.00 for their September 2022 Fund Raiser.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Andrew Potsko

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

RESOLUTION 130 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve an ordinance authorizing reimbursement to the general fund from the sewer fund for expenses resulting from maintenance, repair, oversight and administration of the Ashley Borough Sewer System.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Lisa Wildes

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

RESOLUTION 131 OF 2022 –A Resolution to advertise the cleaning and debris removal of Solomons Creek as prepared by the Borough Engineer. The Borough Engineer is authorized to apply for a permit through the Department of Environmental Protection for the work.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Lisa Wildes

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

RESOLUTION 132 OF 2022 – A Resolution for the Borough Manager/Engineer to submit a Local Share Account grant application for the Main Street Streetscape in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Jennifer Heller

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

RESOLUTION 133 OF 2022 – A Resolution for the Borough Manager/Engineer to submit a Luzerne County American Rescue Plan Act grant application for repairs to the Solomon's Creek Sewer Interceptor in cooperation with Hanover Township.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Lisa Wildes

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

RESOLUTION 134 OF 2022 – A Resolution for the Borough Manager to submit a Local Share Account grant application for Municipal Vehicles including a Police SUV and DPW Dump Truck in the amount of \$250,000.00.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Carl Byra

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

RESOLUTION 135 OF 2022 – A Resolution to authorize the Borough Manager to order 400 tons of road salt from the 2022-2023 COSTARS contract.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Carl Byra

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

RESOLUTION 136 OF 2022 – A Resolution to authorize the Borough Manager to submit for infrastructure improvements with the 2023 Luzerne County Community Development Block Grant funds.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Andrew Potsko

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

RESOLUTION 137 OF 2022 – A Resolution to open a bank account with FNCB for Ashley Borough Code Enforcement using \$100.00 from the Ashley Borough General Fund for the purpose of permit funds, fine funds, and to pay state fees for permits.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Jonelle McGlynn

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerry Maldonado – Mr. Maldonado discussed PennDOT's responsibility for roads.

Mr. Maldonado discussed buses in Carey's Patch.

Mr. Maldonado discussed the use of off-road vehicles in the Borough.

Matt Stegura – Mr. Stegura stated there is a list of items at the breaker site that belong to him.

Mr. Stegura also inquired about donations to the Lokie Project.

Tom Kneidinger – Mr. Kneidinger stated that he lives across from Centennial Park and discussed the bad storm that occurred on August 22, 2022.

Mr. Keidinger also stated that the drain on Hazleton St. is in poor condition.

Mrs. Metric – Ms. Metric discussed concerns about an electrical cord running near her property.

Reggie Schultz – Mr. Schultz requested an update on the Rogers Avenue Bridge.

Mr. Schultz also asked if the creek would be dredged.

Carey Brewer – Ms. Brewer discussed street signs and the taking down of street signs at Ashley St. and Bells Avenue.

Leccadia Laureano – Ms. Laureano discussed parking issues on North Main St. and permits for parking.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Lisa Wildes

MEETING ADJOURNED

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
1													
2	ESSA General	\$314,992.35	\$316,869.97	\$317,996.64	\$317,994.67	\$317,982.96	\$317,982.96	\$317,982.96	\$318,355.35				
3	Citizens Bank	\$19,180.92	\$19,180.92	\$19,180.92	\$19,180.92	\$19,180.92	\$19,180.92	\$19,180.92	\$19,180.92				
4	M & T Sewer Account	\$103,652.44	\$103,652.44	\$103,652.44	\$103,652.44	\$103,652.44	\$103,652.44	\$103,652.44	\$152,414.86				
5	FNCB Debt Service	\$27,505.12	\$24,014.54	\$21,845.90	\$20,388.77	\$19,969.34	\$17,691.97	\$16,763.00	\$11,475.52				
6	FNCB Capital Improvement	\$1.55	\$1.55	\$1.55	\$1.55	\$1.55	\$1.55	\$1.55	\$1.55				
7	FNCB Highway Aid	\$29,186.82	\$26,355.84	\$10,278.28	\$75,522.92	\$73,807.88	\$70,474.34	\$62,906.12	\$76,638.06				
8	FNCB General Fund	\$462,733.30	\$504,926.79	\$462,208.40	\$515,106.64	\$643,218.28	\$569,535.32	\$642,670.90	\$492,253.73				
9	FNCB Fire Equipment	\$103,676.64	\$103,326.64	\$102,976.64	\$102,976.64	\$102,976.64	\$102,976.64	\$102,976.64	\$101,639.67				
10	FNCB Sewer Fund	\$142,723.54	\$142,223.54	\$142,223.54	\$128,667.45	\$141,041.54	\$130,062.49	\$129,727.59	\$127,270.97				
11	FNCB Lokie	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00				
12	TOTAL	\$ 1,203,752.68	\$ 1,240,652.23	\$ 1,180,464.31	\$ 1,283,592.00	\$ 1,421,931.55	\$ 1,331,658.63	\$ 1,395,962.12	\$ 1,299,330.63	\$0.00	\$	\$	\$
13													
14													
15													
16	ESSA 2018 Police Car	\$ 9,965.35	\$ 9,272.14	\$ 8,616.00	\$ 7,918.29	\$ 7,218.53	\$ 6,517.90	\$ 6,517.90	\$ 5,111.98				
17	Pynt 723.94 Monthly												
18	6/1/2023												
19	ESSA 2019 Fire Engine	\$ 77,762.56	\$ 76,833.59	\$ 76,833.59	\$ 76,223.04	\$ 76,223.04	\$ 75,610.16	\$ 74,994.70	\$ 73,755.59				
20	Pynt 928.97 Monthly												
21	5/6/2034												
22	ESSA 2020 Police Car	\$ 16,081.72	\$ 15,518.70	\$ 14,929.08	\$ 14,361.21	\$ 13,791.12	\$ 13,220.08	\$ 13,220.08	\$ 12,072.96				
23	Pynt 624.46 Monthly												
24	6/19/2024												
25		\$ 103,809.63	\$ 101,624.43	\$ 100,378.67	\$ 98,502.54	\$ 97,232.69	\$ 95,348.14	\$ 94,732.68	\$ 90,940.53	\$	\$	\$	\$



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David Fedorczyk, Chief of Police
Joseph McGlynn, Sergeant

Ashley Borough Police Department

Ashley Borough Police Monthly Report for August 2022

Total Incidents logged: 165

Total Parking Tickets Issued: 5

Total Traffic Citations Issued: 68

Total Non-Traffic Citations Issued: 1

Total Amount Received From Magistrate: \$1928.30 (\$Crime & Vehicle Code fines. \$ Ordinance)

Total Amount Received from Report Requests: \$110.00

Total Amount Received from Parking Violations: \$100.00

Total Received: \$2138.30

Respectfully Submitted by,

David Fedorczyk
Chief of Police

Ashley Borough Police – August 2022

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	7	<i>Criminal Complaints filed for Aug. – 4</i>
ASSISTS	29 (Fire, EMS, Other PD)	<i>Criminal Complaints YTD 2022–21</i>
BURGLAR ALARMS	2	
CIVIL/PFA	3 (2-PFA, 1-Landlord/Tenant)	
CRIM. MISCH.	2	
DOA	0	
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	9	
DRUG	1 (1-Possession of Methamphetamines)	
DUI	0	
HARASS/ASSAULT/THREAT	4 (3-Harassment, 1-Threats)	
MENTAL HEALTH	1	
WELFARE CHECKS	4	
MISSING PERSONS	0	
MOTORIST AID/DISABLED	3	
NOISE	0	
DISORDERLY/PUB DNK	5 (4-Disorderly, 1-Fight)	
ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	1 (1-Tractor Trailer on a Restricted Roadway Ord.)	
ILLEGAL DUMPING	0	
PROPERTY / TRESPASS	0	
SUSP. AUTO/ PERSON	4	
THEFT/BURGLARY/ROBBERY	8 (2-Burglary, 4-Property Theft, 1-I.D. Theft, 1 Theft of a Motor Veh.)	
TRAFFIC OFFENSES/ PARKING	53	
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	5 (0- Fatality)	
WARRANTS/WANTED	4	
WEAPONS	0	
ROAD HAZARD	2	
POLICE PURSUITS	0	
ARSON	0	TOTAL INCIDENTS CLEARED – 146