

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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Lisa Scharer, Borough Secretary

Peter John Moses, Solicitor

ASHLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES APRIL 12, 2022

Attendance:

Lisa Wildes – Present
Frank Sorokach – Present
Carl Byra – Present
Andrew Potsko – Present
Jennifer Heller – Present
Jonelle McGlynn – Present
Mayor Brian Demchak. – Not Present.
Police Chief David Fedorczyk – Present
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 began by indicating that the Borough Building will be closed on May 17, 2022 for Election Day.

Additionally, Ms. Wildes indicated the Main St. Project is scheduled to start next week, and she informed the public that there may be some traffic delays during that time.

Frank Sorokach – Nothing for this meeting.

Carl Byra – Mr. Byra informed Council and the public that the park equipment which was purchased by the Borough arrived damaged and needed to be returned. Ms.

Wildes asked about the timeline to receive new equipment. Mr. Byra indicated it should be no longer than thirty days-time.

Andrew Potsko – Nothing for this meeting.

Ms. Heller – Ms. Heller stated that a one-way sign is needed for Carey St. Currently, there is only one sign at one end of the street.

Ms. McGlynn – Nothing for this meeting.

Mayor Brian Demchak – Not Present.

Chief Fedorczyk – Chief Fedorczyk read the monthly police report, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – PENDING LEGISLATION

Karen Flannery:

Ms. Flannery commented that she believes the minutes lack sufficient detail.

Additionally, Ms. Flannery asked if the Carey Street Culvert Project was appropriate for funding via the Borough Sewer Fund. Attorney Moses responded that it meets the statutory criteria to utilize the Borough Sewer Fund.

Further, Ms. Flannery asked why the Borough was acquiring the parcel from Dr. Chung for only \$1.00. Mr. Sorokach addressed this stating that: (1) Dr. Chung purchased the property 1-2 years ago; (2) He invested in the property, trying to develop the land; and (3) Ultimately, it was not cost effective to invest in the property to build to suit his purposes.

Ms. Flannery then asked why the property address was not identified in the resolution. Atty Moses responded that the property is identified by deed book/page number which is the means to find the legal description.

Finally, Ms. Flannery indicated she has been unable to locate the monthly police reports in recent minutes and some minutes are missing from the Borough Website.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 38 OF 2022 – A Resolution to pay the March 2022 Payroll in the amount of \$ 39,732.80.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Lisas Wildes

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

ATTY. MOSES – Informed the public that there is an error in the March 2022 Bills Figure. Atty. Moses indicated there is a motion to amend the March 2022 Bills Figure from \$20,931.20 to \$37,817.69. Council had no objection.

RESOLUTION 39 OF 2022 – A Resolution to pay the March 2022 Bills in the amount of \$ 37,817.69.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Frank Sorokach

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

RESOLUTION 40 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve the March 8, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Jonelle McGlynn

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

RESOLUTION 41 OF 2022 – A Resolution directing duly authorized Borough Officials to enforce any and all code, health and/or zoning violations against Ashley Park moving forward without the necessity of seeking further approval.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Carl Byra

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

RESOLUTION 42 OF 2022 – A Resolution directing Reilly & Associates to provide the Borough with an action plan for the Carey St. Bridge on or by May 12, 2022.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Andrew Potsko

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

RESOLUTION 43 OF 2022 – A Resolution to authorize payment of the Reilly & Associates Invoice for the Carey St. Culvert Project in the amount of \$12,771.53 from the Sewer Fee Account.

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 44 OF 2022 – A Resolution to authorize payment of the Reilly & Associates Invoices in the amount of \$8,850.00 for the Main St. Project from the General Fund.

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 45 OF 2022 – A Resolution to use \$11,600.00 from Covid Relief Funds to purchase taser accessories.

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 46 OF 2022 – A Resolution approving a donation to the Hanover Area Little League in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Recreation Fund.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Frank Sorokach

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

RESOLUTION 47 OF 2022 – A Resolution approving a donation to the Ashley American Legion Parade in the amount of \$500.00.

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 48 OF 2022 – A Resolution authorizing the Borough Council President to enter into a lease agreement with the Hanover Area Little League for the use of Ashley Borough Little League Fields through the end of the 2022 Season.

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 49 OF 2022 – A Resolution to appoint Borough Manager Guesto as Borough Account Administrator for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Carl Byra

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

RESOLUTION 50 OF 2022 – A Resolution to appoint Borough Manager Guesto as Borough Point of Contact for ARPA.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Carl Byra

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

RESOLUTION 51 OF 2022 – A Resolution to appoint Borough Manager Guesto as Authorized Borough Representative for ARPA.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Frank Sorokach

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

RESOLUTION 52 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve the use of the Borough Building for the Forks Over Hearts Donation Program on May 24, 2022 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

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 53 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve the acquisition of a piece of property by the Borough, more particularly described in Luzerne County Deed Book 3020, Page 24073, for one (\$1.00) dollar from Dr. Choon S. Chung and Na Ri Kim.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Andrew Potsko

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

RESOLUTION 54 OF 2022 – A Resolution to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise a Proposed Ordinance providing for the vacating, removal, repair or demolition of any structures dangerous to the health, safety and welfare of Borough residents.

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 55 OF 2022 – A Resolution to authorize the Borough Council President to negotiate and execute a Quitclaim Deed transferring ownership of the property at 60-62 S. Main St., Ashley, Pennsylvania to Ashley Borough.

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

ATTY. MOSES – Informed the public that the Borough is not certain whether the transfer of ownership of the 60-62 S. Main St. Property would proceed by quitclaim or special warranty deed. Atty. Moses polled council on a motion to remove the word “Quitclaim” in Resolution 56 of 2022 and there was no objection.

RESOLUTION 56 OF 2022 – A Resolution to authorize the Borough Council President to negotiate and execute a Deed transferring ownership of the property at 60-62 S. Main St., Ashley, Pennsylvania to Ashley Borough.

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 57 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve the Earth Conservancy's donation of a parcel of property to Miner's Park at no cost to the Borough.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vito Malacari – Mr. Malacari announced that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Representative for the 119th District. He commended the Borough on its focus on parks, sewer issues and the little league.

Karen Flannery – Ms. Flannery asked Council about the Sulfur Run Project and whether the project would include work on the current creek. Ms. Flannery expressed concerns that a fence that may go up in connection with the project may divide her property in half.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Andrew Potsko

MEETING ADJOURNED



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David Fedorczyk, Chief of Police
Joseph McGlynn, Sergeant

Ashley Borough Police Department

Ashley Borough Police Monthly Report for March 2022

Total Incidents logged: 147

Total Parking Tickets Issued: 2

Total Traffic Citations Issued: 31

Total Non-Traffic Citations Issued: 7

Total Amount Received From Magistrate: \$1605.62 (\$1138.59 Crime & Vehicle Code fines. \$467.03 Ordinance)

Total Amount Received from Report Requests: \$90.00

Total Amount Received from Parking Violations: \$20.00

Total Received: \$1715.62

Respectfully Submitted by,

David Fedorczyk
Chief of Police

Ashley Borough Police – March 2022

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	2	<i>Criminal Complaints filed for Feb. –1</i>
ASSISTS	38 (Fire, EMS, Other PD)	<i>Criminal Complaints YTD 2022–5</i>
BURGLAR ALARMS	6	
CIVIL/PFA	5	
CRIM. MISCH.	4	
DOA	0	
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	10	
DRUG	0	
DUI	0	
HARASS/ASSAULT/THREAT	4 (1-Harassment, 3-Assaults)	
MENTAL HEALTH	6	
WELFARE CHECKS	2	
MISSING PERSONS	1 (Runaway Juvenile)	
MOTORIST AID/DISABLED	2	
NOISE	0	
DISORDERLY/PUB DNK	5 (5-Disorderly)	
ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	4 (4-Parking Ticket Ord)	
ILLEGAL DUMPING	0	
PROPERTY / TRESPASS	2	
SUSP. AUTO/ PERSON	5	
THEFT/BURGLARY/ROBBERY	4 (3-Property Theft, 1-Credit Card Fraud)	
TRAFFIC OFFENSES/ PARKING	29	
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	7 (0- Fatality)	
WARRANTS/WANTED	2	
WEAPONS	0	
PUBLIC SERVICE	0	
POLICE PURSUITS	0	
ARSON	0	TOTAL INCIDENTS CLEARED – 138