

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

December 12, 2023, 6:30 PM

Attendance:

Lisa Wildes – Present

Frank Sorokach – Not Present

Carl Byra – Present

Andrew Potsko – Present

Jennifer Heller – Present

Jonelle McGlynn – Not Present

Mayor Brian Demchak. – Present

Borough Manager Guesto – Not Present

Borough Secretary Scharer - Present

Borough Treasurer Morgan – Present

Police Chief McGlynn – Present

Meeting was called to Order by Lisa Wildes. 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 – Ms. Wildes thanked everyone for coming to the Christmas parade. Ms. Wildes further announced that next year's parade and Winterfest will be held on Saturday December 7, 2024. Ms. Wildes announced that garbage stickers for the first half of 2024 are for sale at the rate of \$115.00 for six months or \$118.00 if you want to drop it off and have the stickers mailed to you. The stickers will be on sale Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM until the end of January.

Frank Sorokach – Not present.

Carl Byra – Nothing for this meeting.

Andrew Potsko- Mr. Potsko announced that the first phase of cleaning out Solomon's Creek is complete. Mr. Potsko further announced that they will continue with further areas upstream and downstream as more funding becomes available.

Ms. Heller – Nothing for this meeting.

Ms. McGlynn – Not present.

Treasurer Morgan – Treasurer Morgan provided the borough with the Treasurer's Monthly Report, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Secretary Lisa Scharer – Nothing for this meeting.

Mayor Demchak – Nothing for this meeting.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – PENDING LEGISLATION

NONE FOR THIS MEETING

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 117 OF 2023 – A Resolution to pay the November 2023 Payroll in the amount of \$46,254.97.

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Absent

Carl Byra – Y

Andrew Potsko – Y

Jennifer Heller – Y

Jonelle McGlynn – Absent

PASS

RESOLUTION 118 OF 2023 – A Resolution to pay the November 2023 Bills in the amount of \$64,564.28.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Jennifer Heller

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

RESOLUTION 119 OF 2023 – A Resolution to approve the November 14, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Carl Byra

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

RESOLUTION 120 OF 2023 – A Resolution to approve the Budget Summary for All Budget Funds allocating revenues and expenses for fiscal year 2024 appropriating specific sums from the fund equities, revenues and other financing services be adopted as proposed and presented to the public. This includes all salary and compensation for employees within the budget summary.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Andrew Potsko

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

RESOLUTION 121 OF 2023 – A Resolution to approve, as recommended by the Borough Engineer, Pay Application #1 from Rowe Garage Door Co. in the amount of \$41,00.00 for the Garage Door Replacement Project. This will be reimbursed through a Local Share Account Grant.

Motion: Jennifer Heller
Second: Carl Byra

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

RESOLUTION 122 OF 2023 – A Resolution approving the enactment of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment for regulations for a Recovery/Sober House.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Carl Byra

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

RESOLUTION 123 OF 2023- A Resolution to approve a twelve (12) month agreement with Smartest Energy for Ashley Borough's eleven (11) PPL accounts for electricity supply. This will run from January 2024 to January 2025.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Andrew Potsko

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

RESOLUTION 124 OF 2023- A Resolution to transfer \$8,249.86 from ESSA general fund to FNCB Liquid Fuels account. This represents the Winter Maintenance Agreement funding from PennDOT.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Jennifer Heller

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

RESOLUTION 125 OF 2023- A Resolution to maintain the same millage for property tax purposes as it was for 2023 at the sum of 4.8500 mills, or the sum of \$485.00 on each one hundred thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Carl Byra

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

RESOLUTION 126 OF 2023- A Resolution to transfer ownership of a compost screener purchased through a 902 Recycling Grant obtained jointly by the Borough and the Earth Conservancy in a public private partnership in 1997 to the Earth Conservancy in the amount of \$1.00.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Lisa Wildes

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

RESOLUTION 127 OF 2023- A Resolution to add to the agenda a Resolution to appoint Jack Zelinka, Esquire as Borough legal counsel to address zoning violations for 64 S. Main Street.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Carl Byra

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

RESOLUTION 128 OF 2023- A Resolution to appoint Jack Zelinka, Esquire as borough legal counsel to address zoning violations for 64 S. Main Street.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Andrew Potsko

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None for this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Jennifer Heller

MEETING ADJOURNED

**Ashley Borough General Fund
Expenses by Vendor Summary
November 2023**

	Nov 23
10-8 Emergency Vehicle Service	105.00
AFLAC	22.54
Ashley Auto Repair	104.99
Ashley Borough Sewer Maintance Fee	15.00
BHW Construction	2,014.38
Canon Financial Services Inc	485.44
Cartridge World	475.96
Donald Karpowich	331.25
Falzones Towing	99.95
Frank P Crossin Agency Inc	700.00
Futuristic Innovative Graphics	112.75
Highmark Blue Sheild	12,192.89
Hourigan Kluger & Quinn	3,190.63
Kranson Clothes & Uniforms Inc	120.00
Main Hardware	85.45
Moses & Gelso LLP	4,617.60
Municipal Recovery INC.	129.40
PAWC	947.81
Pennsylvania One Call	36.26
Petroski Plumbing	466.00
phillips supply	160.76
PPL Electric Utilities	1,538.79
PSAB	371.00
Service Electric Cable TV Inc	10.00
StellEnterprises, Inc.	12,630.78
The Citizens Voice	1,838.92
The Home Depot	73.90
The Pest Rangers	150.00
TMF Corporation	917.50
United Concordia	970.68
Waste Reduction	16,487.68
WEX Bank - Sheetz	2,671.32
WVSA	489.65
TOTAL	<u>64,564.28</u>



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Joseph McGlynn, Chief of Police

Ashley Borough Police Department

Ashley Borough Police Monthly Report for November 2023

Total Incidents logged: 184

Total Parking Tickets Issued: 2

Total Traffic Citations Issued: 55

Total Non-Traffic Citations Issued: 11

Total Amount Received from Magistrate: \$ 1,886.51 (Crimes Code, Vehicle Code and Ordinances)

Total Amount Received from Report Requests: \$ 30.00

Total Amount Received from Parking Violations: \$ 0

Luzerne County Dept. of Probation: \$0

Total Received: \$ 1,916.51

Vehicle Milage

Miles, 3,058

Averaging, 101 miles per day

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. McGlynn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph McGlynn
Chief of Police

Ashley Borough Police – November 2023

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	9	
ASSISTS	45 (Fire, EMS, Other Police)	<i>Criminal Complaints YTD 2023– 70</i>
BURGLAR ALARMS	1	
CIVIL/PFA	2	
CRIM. MISCH.	1	
DEATH/INVESTIGATIONS	-	
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	5	
HARASS/ASSAULT/THREAT	2	
MENTAL HEALTH	-	
MISCELLANEOUS	9	
WELFARE CHECKS	2	
MISSING PERSONS	2	
MOTORIST AID/DISABLED	1	
NOISE	1	
DISORDERLY/PUB DNK	1	
ILLEGAL DUMPING	-	
TRESPASSING	-	
SUSP. AUTO/ PERSON	1	
THEFT OFFENSES	4	
TRAFFIC OFFENSES/ PARKING	93	
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	2	
WARRANTS/WANTED	2	
WEAPONS	-	