

ASHLEY BOROUGH

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Frank Sorokach, Council Vice Chair

Carl Byra

Gerald Maldonado

Brian Demchak

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Lisa Scharer, Borough Secretary

Peter John Moses, Solicitor

ASHLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 8, 2021

Attendance:

Lisa Wildes- Present

Frank Sorokach- Absent

Gerald Maldonado- Present

Brian Casey- Absent

Carl Byra- Present

Brian Demchak- Present

Mayor Sipple- Present

Secretary Lisa Scharer- Present

Police Chief David Fedorczyk- Absent

Peter Moses Esq.- Present

Dave Watkins- 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.

Attorney Moses noted that on 6/1/21 he and Council met in an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

COUNCIL AND BOROUGH OFFICIAL PRESENTATIONS

Lisa Wildes- Ms Wildes opened by extending congratulations to Borough Secretary Lisa Scharer for obtaining her Notary License.

Ms Wildes also noted that there are extended hours for the sale of garbage stickers. They are as follows:

Wed- June 23,30 and Jul7, 8:30 am to 6pm

Sat- June 26 and July 3, 8am until 12 pm

Additionally, Ms Wildes inquired about the sidewalk at 81 N Main St. Mr Watkins said he had left a message for the owner Scott Appel and hasn't heard back. He intends to send a citation. It was also noted that the next sidewalk block is torn up for gas line work.

Lastly, Ms Wildes noted that the American Rescue Grant has been submitted and we should see the money within two weeks.

Frank Sorokach- not present

Gerald Maldonado- Mr Maldonado opened by inquiring about the sliding board in the park. He asked why nothing has been done. Carl Byra informed him that it had been addressed last year and that he had a bid but it did not pass. He still has the bid for a Groove Slide and deck square totaling \$3,189.00. Mr Maldonado expressed concern that someone could get hurt if this was not addressed, Mr Byra also noted that there is a chain that needs to be taken down.

Mr Maldonado also inquired about the Andro's property. Mr Watkins informed him that he intends to send a citation,

Additionally, Mr Maldonado asked if access was granted to 60/62 N Main. He was informed that Mr Watkins and Attorney Moses had already discussed it.

Mr Maldonado also mentioned that the shed at the little league field needs to be torn down. Mr Byra noted that the shed houses the stadium lights and is needed.

Ms Wildes inquired who is responsible for the field and was informed that the League is responsible. The president is Tony Johnson.

Lastly, Mr Maldonado inquired if paint had been purchased for the driveway markers on recently paved roads. He was informed that RLE and TFC have pictures of the roads prior to paving. If the lines had existed before, they are responsible for putting them back.

Carl Byra- nothing for this meeting

Brian Demchak- nothing for this meeting

Brian Casey- not present

Mayor Donald Sipple- nothing for this meeting

Chief David Fedorczyk- not present. Mayor Sipple read the Police Chief's Report. (a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof)

David Watkins- Mr Watkins read the Code Enforcement Officer's report. (a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof)

Secretary Lisa Scharer- Ms Scharer read the Treasurer's Report (a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 65 OF 2021- A Resolution to pay the May 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$33,383.98.

Motion- Lisa Wildes

Second- Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 66 OF 2021- A Resolution to pay the May 2021 Bills in the amount of \$48,295.84

Motion- Brian Demchak

Second- Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 67 OF 2021- A Resolution to approve the May 11, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion- Lisa Wildes

Second- Brian Demchak

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 68 OF 2021- A Resolution to approve the May 27, 2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion- Lisa Wildes

Second- Gerry Maldonado

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 69 OF 2021- A Resolution to authorize Borough Council to remit the sole payment of \$4,305.00 in gross pay owed to Mr. Steve Prestas pursuant to the Ashley Borough Personnel Policy for his unused vacation time.

Motion- Lisa Wildes

Second- Brian Demchak

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 70 OF 2021- A Resolution to adopt a schedule of fees, charges and expenses for Zoning Permit Applications, Certificates of Non-Conformance,

Appeals to the Zoning Board, Applications for Conditional Uses, Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning Map and other matters pertaining to the administration of the Ashley Borough Zoning Ordinance.

Motion- Carl Byra

Second- Brian Demchak

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 71 OF 2021- A Resolution to hire Part-Time Police Officer Randall Yost as a Full-Time Officer at a rate of \$18.50/hour

Motion- Lisa Wildes

Second- Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 72 OF 2021- A Resolution to hire Part-Time Street Department Employee Thomas Wolsiefer as a Full-Time Street Department Employee at a rate of \$15.00/hour until he is CDL Certified, at which time his rate will increase to \$16.00/hour.

Motion- Lisa Wildes

Second- Brian Demchak

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 73 OF 2021- A Resolution authorizing the Borough Solicitor to advertise for a Part-Time Street Department Employee.

Motion- Carl Byra

Second- Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 74 OF 2021- A Resolution to purchase a John Deere Z915E ZTrak lawnmower for the Street Department from Lindsey Equipment for \$7,401.75 pursuant to Quote No. 24140292.

Motion- Carl Byra

Second- Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Abstained. Mr Maldonado asked why three bids were not obtained. He was informed that it is not necessary because the Vendor is a COSTARS Vendor and that the cost is not greater than \$11,000.00

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 75 OF 2021- A Resolution to adopt the amended Ashley Borough Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual.

Motion- Lisa Wildes

Second- Brian Demchak

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 76 OF 2021- A Resolution authorizing the Borough Solicitor to review any and all bids received for the Ashley Borough Waste Management Contract.

Motion- Lisa Wildes

Second- Brian Demchak

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 77 OF 2021- A Resolution authorizing Reilly and Associates to advertise the Multi Modal Streetscape Project.

Motion- Gerry Maldonado

Second- Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 78 OF 2021- A Resolution to hire Zoning Officer Jack Varaly to update the existing Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning Map and other matters pertaining to the administration of the Ashley Borough in the amount of \$2500.00

Motion- Gerry Maldonado

Second- Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 79 OF 2021- A Resolution to approve the purchase of a new sliding board for approximately \$3,189.14 not to exceed \$11,000.00 pursuant to a new Quote.

Motion- Carl Byra

Second- Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach-

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Hart complained about the new owner of 23 Vine St parking in the middle of the road not leaving enough room for emergency vehicles to get through. Sgt. McGlynn agreed that no parking signs may be necessary.

Tom Lawson had a complaint on the same address but added that they are blocking his vehicle and parking space.

Jim Loftus again complained about 23 Vine St and added that he drives a large utility truck and is on call 24/7. He cannot get around the vehicles. He added that this person is parking on other people's property, speeding in the alley and there is concern about children playing in the alley. He asked for no parking signs and children at play signs.

Lorraine Bilski complained about 14 Rutz St. She stated that they are working on vehicles on the street. There is a strong smell of gasoline, they are blocking the road and their children are laying in the middle of the road. Mr. Watkins said he will check on the property and also check with the Zoning Officer. As for the children he suggested calling Children's Services.

Stacy Loftus revisited the subject of 23 Vine St. and the parking situation. She suggested speed limit and children at play signs. It was also suggested that they

were doing renovations without a permit. Mr Watkins asked that he be informed if the residents noticed any building materials going into the property.

One resident noted that the Police are doing an excellent job but that the owners of 23 Vine St comply only when the officers are present.

One bid was received in a sealed envelope clearly marked as a Bid and arrived within the specified time. A Bid from J.P. Mascaro, 2650 Audubon Road, Audubon, PA 19403 (a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof)

MEETING ADJOURNED