

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 MARCH 8, 2022

Attendance:

Lisa Wildes – Present
Frank Sorokach – Present
Carl Byra – Present
Andrew Potsko – Present
Jennifer Heller – Present
Jonelle McGlynn – Absent
Mayor Brian Demchak. – Present
Police Chief David Fedorczyk – Present
Herb Nahas, 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 will have an Easter Egg Hunt in the Borough Parking Lot.

Additionally, Ms. Wildes informed the Council and the public that there will be a Little League Parade on April 16, 2022, and all members of Council are invited to participate.

Finally, Ms. Wildes indicated that she is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Little League Officials, per their recent correspondence to Council, to discuss provisions they require prior to opening day.

Frank Sorokach – Mr. Sorokach informed Council and the public that Dr. Chung, a dentist within the Borough, is willing to deed a lot he recently purchased to the Borough. Attorney Moses indicated that he will make the appropriate arrangements to obtain the property next month.

Additionally, Mr. Sorokach stated there is an extension cord that is going across a Borough Street into a property. He indicated it is a hazard and requested that Code Officer Williams look into it.

Carl Byra – Nothing for this meeting.

Andrew Potsko – Mr. Potsko informed the public that Council will be organizing a litter clean-up at some point in the Spring.

Ms. Heller – Ms. Heller stated that on Ashley Street there is a sign prohibiting tractor trailers from using the street. However, the sign is only visible from one direction of travel on Ashley Street. Ms. Heller asked Street Department Officials if a sign facing the other lane of travel could be installed.

Ms. McGlynn – Absent.

Mayor Brian Demchak – Nothing for this meeting.

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

No Public Comment.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 22 OF 2022 – A Resolution to pay the February 2022 Payroll in the amount of \$ 36,152.73.

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 23 OF 2022 – A Resolution to pay the February 2022 Bills in the amount of \$ 35,565.37.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Frank Sorokach

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

RESOLUTION 24 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve the February 8, 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 –
PAS

RESOLUTION 25 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve the March 1, 2022 Special Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Lisa Wildes

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

RESOLUTION 26 OF 2022 – A Resolution naming Mr. Samuel Guesto as Acting Borough Manager, pursuant to an intermunicipal services agreement, for the purposes of approving invoices, payroll and other administrative duties as authorized by the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Frank Sorokach

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

RESOLUTION 27 OF 2022 – A Resolution authorizing the prior approval for payment of Ashley Borough Payroll and Bills.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Frank Sorokach

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

RESOLUTION 28 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve Ordinance No. 2 of 2022, an Ordinance to combine and clarify the Ashley Borough Garbage and Trash Removal Ordinance, No. 1 of 1982, and all subsequent amendments thereto with the Ashley Borough Recycling Ordinance, No. 3 of 1993, and all subsequent amendments thereto.

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 29 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve Ordinance No. 3 of 2022, an Ordinance establishing a 24-Hour Time Period to remove snow, ice and/or debris from sidewalks following the end of a precipitation event.

Motion: Andrew Potsko
Second: Carl Byra

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

RESOLUTION 30 OF 2022 – A Resolution authorizing the Borough Solicitor to draft and advertise a Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Frank Sorokach

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

RESOLUTION 31 OF 2022 – A Resolution to authorize the application of a statewide Local Share Account (LSA) grant for the rehabilitation of Centennial Park in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Lisa Wildes

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

RESOLUTION 32 OF 2022 – A Resolution to authorize the purchase of a 2022 Ford SUV Police Vehicle from Chapman Auto Stores, COSTARS Contract #13-194, with all additional needed equipment from Premier Upfit LLC, in the total amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This will be purchased with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act and include the trade-in of a 2013 and a 2014 Police Vehicle.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Andrew Potsko

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

RESOLUTION 33 OF 2022 – A Resolution to purchase two televisions for the Ashley Borough Police Department.

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 34 OF 2022 – A Resolution to approve the handicapped parking application of Ms. Christine Salsavage for the property at 87 Carey St., Ashley Pennsylvania.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Andrew Potsko

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

RESOLUTION 35 OF 2022 – A Resolution to advertise for bids for the construction of two 30x40 foot pavilions for the Lokie Project to be funded through grants received by 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 –
PASS

RESOLUTION 36 OF 2022 – A Resolution to authorize the purchase of 6 tasers from Axon Enterprise Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. These will be purchased through funding from the District Attorney's Office and American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Frank Sorokach

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

RESOLUTION 37 OF 2022 – A Resolution to engage Prociak & Associates LLC to provide audit services for the calendar year ending December 31, 2021.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Lisa Wildes

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Latora Epps raised issues with her landlord and property manager at 88 N. Main St. She indicated that the usual practice is to be supplied with garbage stickers from her landlord. However, this year she did not receive stickers and her landlord recently requested her and two other tenants pay a \$1,000.00 cost incurred by the landlord. Ms. Epps was unable to say with certainty whether it was a fine or some other cost she and her tenants were asked to reimburse their landlord for. Code Enforcement Officer Williams and Bob Hess added that her landlord did not receive a fine of approximately \$1,000.00. If any fine was issued, it would have been approximately \$50.00.

D. Metric commented that she too is concerned about the issue Mr. Sorokach raised regarding the extension cord. She added that the property using the extension cord is likely 69 Carey St.

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 February 2022

Total Incidents logged: 148

Total Parking Tickets Issued: 8

Total Traffic Citations Issued: 32

Total Non-Traffic Citations Issued: 9

Total Amount Received from Magistrate: \$805.71 (\$ Crime & Vehicle Code fines. \$ Ordinance)

Total Amount Received from Report Requests: \$60.00

Total Amount Received from Parking Violations: \$120.00

Total Received: \$985.71

Respectfully Submitted by,

David Fedorczyk
Chief of Police

Ashley Borough Police – February 2022

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	0	<i>Criminal Complaints filed for Feb. –2</i>
ASSISTS	29 (Fire, EMS, Other PD)	<i>Criminal Complaints YTD 2022–4</i>
BURGLAR ALARMS	3	
CIVIL/PFA	6	
CRIM. MISCH.	2	
DOA	1 (1-Natural Death)	
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	8	
DRUG	1 (0- overdose)	
DUI	0	
HARASS/ASSAULT/THREAT	3 (1-Harassment, 1-Reckless Endangering)	
MENTAL HEALTH	5	
WELFARE CHECKS	3	
MISSING PERSONS	2 (Missing Juvenile-Located, Missing Adult-Located)	
MOTORIST AID/DISABLED	2	
NOISE	1	
DISORDERLY/PUB DNK	2 (2-Disorderly)	
ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	8 (7-Parking Ticket Ord, 1-CMV Ord)	
ILLEGAL DUMPING	0	
PROPERTY / TRESPASS	1	
SUSP. AUTO/ PERSON	8	
THEFT/BURGLARY/ROBBERY	4 (2-Property Theft, 1-I.D. Theft, 1-Theft via Counterfeit Money)	
TRAFFIC OFFENSES/ PARKING	46	
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	9 (0- Fatality)	
WARRANTS/WANTED	3	
WEAPONS	0	
PUBLIC SERVICE	1 (Fingerprints for Employment)	
POLICE PURSUITS	0	
ARSON	0	TOTAL INCIDENTS CLEARED – 148

Resolution Number 27 of 2022

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF ASHLEY, LUZERNE COUNTY
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
AUTHORIZING THE PRIOR APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BOROUGH PAYROLL AND BILLS**

WHEREAS, the Acting Borough Manager, on behalf of the Borough of Ashley receives interim bills which become due and owing or are eligible for a discount prior to the occurrence of the regularly scheduled and duly advertised monthly meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ashley currently authorizes the payment of such bills on a monthly basis and has done so for a substantial period of time; and

WHEREAS, similarly, payroll also becomes due and owing prior to the occurrence of the regularly scheduled and duly advertised monthly meeting; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and intent of the Borough of Ashley to authorize payment of such payroll and bills on an ongoing basis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Ashley Borough Council does hereby authorize the Acting Borough Manager to pay payroll and bills which become due and owing or are eligible for a discount prior to the occurrence of the regularly scheduled and duly advertised monthly meeting; and
2. Payroll and bills paid by this procedure shall be presented at the next regularly scheduled and duly advertised monthly meeting; and
3. A copy of this Resolution shall remain on file with the Borough of Ashley; and
4. All prior Resolutions of the Borough of Ashley in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

DULY ADOPTED, on 8th day of March 2022, by the Council of the Borough of Ashley, duly assembled in a Regular Monthly Meeting. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST: *Lisa Schärer*
Lisa Schärer, Borough Secretary

THE BOROUGH OF ASHLEY
BY: *Lisa Wildes, Council Chairman*
Lisa Wildes, Council Chairman

BOROUGH SEAL