

ASHLEY BOROUGH

Donald Sipple, Sr., Mayor

Lisa Wildes, Council Chair
Frank Sorokach, Council Vice Chair
Gerald Maldonado

Brian Casey
Carl Byra
Brian Demchak

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BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING March 9, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.

- (a) Call to Order
- (b) Roll Call
 - Ms. Wildes
 - Mr. Sorokach
 - Mr. Maldonado
 - Mr. Casey
 - Mr. Byra
 - Mr. Demchak
 - Mayor Sipple
 - Chief Fedorczyk
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance
- (d) Council Member Presentations
 - Ms. Wildes
 - Mr. Sorokach
 - Mr. Maldonado
 - Mr. Casey
 - Mr. Byra
 - Mr. Demchak
- (e) Mayor's Presentation
- (f) Chief Fedorczyk's Presentation

- (g) Committee Presentations

- Finance
- Police
- Fire
- Street
- Personnel
- Sewer
- Light
- Property
- Sidewalks
- Recreation

(h) Legislation

Public Comment – Pending Legislation Only

RESOLUTION 24 OF 2021 – A Resolution to pay the February 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$ \$41,032.80.

RESOLUTION 25 OF 2021 – A Resolution to pay the February 2021 Bills in the amount of \$ 45,712.60

RESOLUTION 26 OF 2021 – A Resolution to approve the February 9, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION 27 OF 2021 – A Resolution to approve the December 8, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION 28 OF 2021 – A Resolution to purchase an extended warranty for the new packer from Triple Cities Mack Sales & Service in the amount of \$3,037.00.

RESOLUTION 29 OF 2021 – A Resolution authorizing Ashley Borough to apply for and obtain a business credit card account.

RESOLUTION 30 OF 2021 – A Resolution that the business credit card account obtained be issued one card embossed with the name of the designated Business Officer or employee that sales drafts, and other instruments for charges, will be signed by and shall be valid and binding upon Ashley Borough.

RESOLUTION 31 OF 2021 – A Resolution that Lisa Wildes, President of Ashley Borough Council, is empowered to authorize TCM Bank, N.A. to make any type of changes to this business account.

RESOLUTION 32 OF 2021 – A Resolution to erect a temporary Stop Sign at the intersection of Carey St. and Cemetery St.

(i) Public Comment

(j) Adjournment

BOROUGH OF ASHLEY PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION

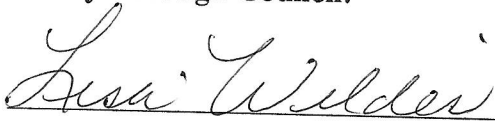
RESOLUTION # 33 of 2021

Date: March 9, 2021

Title: Resolution to Apply for Keystone Community Program Grant


Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Ashley, Luzerne County Pennsylvania hereby approves the submission of an application for a Keystone Community Program Grant not to exceed \$27,000.00.

Ashley Borough Council:



Council President

Attest:



BOROUGH OF ASHLEY PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION

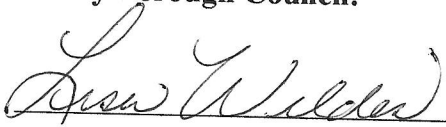
RESOLUTION # 28 of 2021

Date: March 9, 2021

Title: Resolution to Purchase Extended Warranty

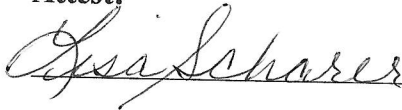
Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Ashley, Luzerne County Pennsylvania hereby approves the purchase of an extended warranty for a new packer from Triple Cities Mack Sales & Service in the amount of \$3,037.00.

Ashley Borough Council:



Council President

Attest:



ASHLEY BOROUGH

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ASHLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES MARCH 9, 2021

Attendance:

Lisa Wildes – Present
Frank Sorokach – Present
Gerald Maldonado – Present
Brian Casey – Absent
Carl Byra – Present
Brian Demchak – Present
Mayor Donald Sipple, Sr. – Present
Police Chief David Fedorczyk – Present
Peter John 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 stated that we need a No Parking Here to Corner Sign at the intersection of W. Hartford St. and Bells Ave. The street is currently painted to prohibit parking but a sign is necessary.

Frank Sorokach – Nothing for this meeting.

Gerald Maldonado – Mr. Maldonado requested that a Resolution to apply for a grant from the Keystone Community Program up to \$27,000.00 be added to tonight's agenda.

Mr. Maldonado also stated that Main St. looks terrible and needs to be cleaned. Mr. Byra replied that cleaning personnel will be out next week. Mr. Maldonado added that it is a state road and the issue is garbage, not snow.

Brian Casey – Not Present.

Carl Byra – Nothing for this Meeting.

Brian Demchak – Nothing for this Meeting.

Mayor Donald Sipple, Sr. – Nothing for this Meeting.

Chief Fedorczyk – Chief Fedorczyk read the Police Chief's Report (a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

Dave Watkins – Mr. Watkins reported that in February the Borough issued 12 occupancy permits, performed 7 property visits, deemed 1 property unfit for habitation, and had 3 jobs terminated due to lack of a permit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Mr. Sorokach stated that an audit of the Ambulance Assoc. may be necessary. If there are surplus funds, Council should have a say in how those funds are spent. Sheldon Hannis responded by stating that they are an independent association and have discretion over their own funds and perform their own audits. Mr. Sorokach responded by recalling that when he inquired into the association funds, Mr. Hannis responded they may have \$75,000.00 or they may have close to \$100,000.00. He added that that was an inappropriate answer that may warrant an audit. Mr. Hannis then said the Borough can have any information from the association it requires, and Mr. Sorokach asked Mr. Hannis to bring this issue up at his next association meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – PENDING LEGISLATION

Jennifer Heller – Ms. Heller informed council that she had been in contact with the Ashley Trout Stocking Association, specifically Mr. John McGovern. She indicated that they need volunteers to help dam Solomons Creek. Mr. Maldonado inquired whether she had discussed this with the Fish Commission because last time Bob Hughes performed a realignment in the creek the Fish Commission was upset by it. Ms. Heller indicated she had not been in contact with the Fish Commission.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 24 OF 2021 – A Resolution to pay the February 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$ \$41,032.80.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Gerry Maldonado – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Brian Demchak – Y
Brian Casey –

PASS

RESOLUTION 25 OF 2021 – A Resolution to pay the February 2021 Bills in the amount of \$ 45,712.60

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Gerry Maldonado – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Brian Demchak – Y
Brian Casey –

PASS

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RESOLUTION 26 OF 2021 – A Resolution to approve the February 9, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Brian Demchak

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Gerry Maldonado – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Brian Demchak – Y
Brian Casey –

PASS

RESOLUTION 27 OF 2021 – A Resolution to approve the December 8, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Gerry Maldonado – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Brian Demchak – Y
Brian Casey –

PASS

RESOLUTION 28 OF 2021 – A Resolution to purchase an extended warranty for the new packer from Triple Cities Mack Sales & Service in the amount of \$3,037.00.

Motion: Lisa Wildes
Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Gerry Maldonado – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Brian Demchak – Y
Brian Casey –

PASS

RESOLUTION 29 OF 2021 – A Resolution authorizing Ashley Borough to apply for and obtain a business credit card account.

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Gerry Maldonado – Y

Carl Byra – Y

Brian Demchak – Y

Brian Casey –

PASS

RESOLUTION 30 OF 2021 – A Resolution that the business credit card account obtained be issued one card embossed with the name of the designated Business Officer or employee that sales drafts, and other instruments for charges, will be signed by and shall be valid and binding upon Ashley Borough.

Motion: Brian Demchak

Second: Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Gerry Maldonado – Y

Carl Byra – Y

Brian Demchak – Y

Brian Casey –

PASS

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RESOLUTION 31 OF 2021 – A Resolution that Lisa Wildes, President of Ashley Borough Council, is empowered to authorize TCM Bank, N.A. to make any type of changes to this business account.

Motion: Gerry Maldonado
Second: Brian Demchak

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Gerry Maldonado – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Brian Demchak – Y
Brian Casey –

PASS

RESOLUTION 32 OF 2021 – A Resolution to erect a temporary Stop Sign at the intersection of Carey St. and Cemetery St.

Motion: Carl Byra
Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Gerry Maldonado – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Brian Demchak – Y
Brian Casey –

PASS

RESOLUTION 33 OF 2021 – A Resolution to apply for a Grant from the Keystone Community Program up to \$27,000.00.

Motion: Brian Demchak
Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Gerry Maldonado – Y
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Brian Casey –

PASS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Flannery – Ms. Flannery asked Chief Fedorczyk to describe the incidents he reported to Council in greater detail. Chief Fedorczyk responded that the Police Dept. logged 102 calls in February 2021, including: 50 assists to other agencies; 5 PFAs; 2 Death Calls; 1 Child Abuse; 4 Noise Complaints; 2 Thefts; and 65 Traffic.

Ms. Flannery requested that these details be included in the minutes. Attorneys Moses and Nahas indicated they would request the complete report from the Chief and attach it to the minutes moving forward.

MEETING ADJOURNED