

ASHLEY BOROUGH

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Lisa Wildes, Council Chair

Frank Sorokach, Council Vice Chair

Gerald Maldonado

Brian Casey

Carl Byra

Brian Demchak

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Lisa Scharer, Borough Secretary

Moses & Galso LLP, Solicitor

ASHLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

MAY 11, 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, Solicitor – Present

Code Enforcement Officer David Watkins- Present

Meeting was called to order by Attorney Moses. Attorney Moses called roll for Council, Mayor and Borough Officials. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Attorney Moses noted that on 5/4/21 he and Council met in executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

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COUNCIL AND BOROUGH OFFICIAL PRESENTATIONS

Lisa Wildes- Ms. Wildes opened by noting that Yukanavich Trucking had donated their time delivering the mulch to our park.

Ms Wildes also noted that the Main St Project will begin within the next two months.

Additionally, Ms Wildes stated that the audit was still ongoing and that they're doing a thorough job,

Frank Sorokach- nothing for this meeting

Gerald Maldonado- Mr Maldonado opened by extending his best wishes to Mr Clark and his family.

Mr Maldonado inquired about 84 N Main St. A parcel owned by James Domyan. The property appears to be a junk yard and the stench is unbearable, Mr Watkins stated that he had just heard of this issue and will follow up, possibly conducting an occupancy inspection. Mr Sorokach asked if we could hire a health officer. Mr Watkins suggested that Mike Galada might entertain a proposal but that it would not be full time. Mr Sorokach asked that we extend an invitation to Mr Galada to our next meeting.

Mr Maldonado also inquired about 31 S Main St, a parcel owned by Mr Zawatski. The property is in desperate need of cleaning. Mr Zawatski and his attorney have refused to allow Wells Fargo to pay for any such cleanup and has threatened to have anyone arrested for trespassing. Mr Maldonado asked if we can put a lien on the property or send citations. Mr Watkins stated that if he cited them daily the magistrate would kick it out but that he could send citations weekly.

Mr Maldonado also asked about the progress of 11 Hazleton St. Mr Watkins informed him that he intends to do an occupancy inspection to see if the property should be condemned.

Carl Byra- nothing for this meeting

Brian Casey- not present

Brian Demchak- nothing for this meeting

Mayor Donald Sipple Sr- nothing for this meeting

Chief David Fedorczyk- Chief Fedorczyk 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 Officers 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 49 OF 2021- A resolution to pay the April 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$35,263.93

Motion- Lisa Wildes

Secomd- Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach- Y

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 50 OF 2021- A Resolution to pay April 2021 bills in the amount of \$54,856.01

Motion- Frank Sorokach

Second- Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach- Y

Gerry Maldonado-Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 51 OF 2021- A Resolution to approve the April 13,2021 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 52 OF 2021- A Resolution to authorize the Borough to purchase Time Off Request Sheets

Motion- Lisa Wildes

Second- Brian Demchak

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach- Y

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 53 OF 2021- A Resolution to authorize the Solicitor to contact FNCB to set up a new bank account for the Lokie Project

Motion- Frank Sorokach

Second- Gerry Maldonado

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach- Y

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 54 OF 2021- A Resolution to terminate Mr Steve Prestas of the Street Department effective immediately.

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 55 OF 2021- A Resolution to authorize the Solicitor to advertise for the sale of the 8-10 N Main St Property by sealed bid at a minimum of \$201,000.00 based upon a May 4, 2021 Appraisal.

Motion- Lisa Wildes

Second- Brian Demchak

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach- Y

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 56 OF 2021- A Resolution to authorize the Solicitor to advertise for the hiring of a Part-Time Police Officer.

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 57 OF 2021- A Resolution to eliminate an unnamed, unopened certain street located between parcels umbered 1-19SE4-008-10A-000 and 1-19SE4-008-009-000 located on the Old Borough Building Subdivision Map.

Motion- Carl Byra

Second- Brian Demchak

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 58 OF 2021- A Resolution to remove Joe Goyne from the Ashley Borough Zoning Hearing Board.

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 59 OF 2021- A Resolution to appoint Alison Byra to the Ashley Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2025.

Motion- Lisa Wildes

Second- Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach- Y

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Abstained due to relationship

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 60 OF 2021- A Resolution to appoint Chrissy Hannon as an alternative to the Ashley Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2025

Motion- Brian Demchak

Second- Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach- Y

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 61 OF 2021- A Resolution to approve Ordinance No. 2 of 2021, an Ordinance prohibiting parking in certain areas on days designated for street sweeping and establishing penalties for violations.

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 62 OF 2021- A Resolution to approve Ordinance No. 3 of 2021, an Ordinance restricting parking on portions of South Main St, from the intersection of Coalville St. to the intersection of Coulter St., in order to improve public safety and sight distance along the subject street and intersections.

Motion-Carl Byra

Second Brian Demchak

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach- Y

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- Y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Heller asked if there would be street sweeping signs installed. She was assured there would be.

MEETING ADJOURNED