

ASHLEY BOROUGH

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Brian Casey

Frank Sorokach, Council Vice Chair

Carl Byra

Gerald Maldonado

Brian Demchak

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Lisa Scharer, Borough Secretary

Moses & Galso LLP, Solicitor

ASHLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Attendance:

Lisa Wildes- Present

Frank Sorokach- Present

Brian Casey- Absent

Carl Byra- Present

Brian Demchak- Present

Mayor Donald Sipple Sr- Present

Secretary Lisa Scharer- Present

Police Chief David Fedorczyk- Absent

Peter John Moses, Solicitor – Present

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

COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

LISA WILDES

Ms. Wildes opened by stating that WVSA came to the Borough and sent a camera through the pipe on Carey St. They found it to be blocked and recommended that we dredge the creek. She stated that too many places are getting flooded. Mr. Sorokach suggested speaking with Sam Guesto and Eddie Day Pashinski about joining our clean up efforts since it involves surrounding areas. He also stated that he spoke with someone about getting inmates to come and clean the creek. Mr Maldonado stated that he had asked the Sanitary Authority if the backup meant water was getting in.

Ms Wildes also asked about the Borough's evacuation plan. Mr Saltz informed her that the plan is to send residents to either the Borough Building or the Fire Hall. He also stated that there were 40 homes damaged in last week's flooding. He stated that we would need to reimburse the residents for their losses. They would have to turn in receipts as long as their home is on our list. Mr Byra noted that it is a courtesy for the Borough to reimburse them.

Additionally, Ms Wildes asked for an update on the Little League Field's wifi connection. Mr Byra informed her that he spoke with Service Electric and found that they were under the understanding that Mr Maldonado wanted a line run from Conningham Street to the Borough Building. He told them that was not necessary, that we only required internet on site. He is currently waiting to hear back from them.

Lastly, Ms Wildes noted that parking on Vine St has become an issue. The Street Dept. asked that no parking signs be installed. The garbage truck cannot get through, Ms, Wildes stated that Council would have to look at the parking situation and make a decision.

FRANK SOROKACH

Mr Sorokach opened by stating that he would appreciate a speedy start to the line painting in Carey's Patch. Mr Hess told him that the work would begin after the bulk pickup is done. He also stated that he was getting pricing on a spray gun.

GERRY MALDONADO

Mr Maldonado asked Mr Hess if he had gotten the road closure signs for Rodger's Ave. Mr Hess informed him that he had.

CARL BYRA

Nothing for this meeting.

BRIAN DEMCHAK

Nothing for this meeting.

MAYOR SIPPLE

Mayor Sipple asked Council to check and see if they can help Reggie Schultz with his driveway that a part of had washed away in the storm.

Chief David Fedorczyk- Frank Sorokach read the Police Chief'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 102 OF 2021- A Resolution to pay the August 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$34,251.13

Motion- Carl Byra

Second- Brian Demchak

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach- Y

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

RESOLUTION 103 OF 2021- A Resolution to pay the August 2021 Bills in the amount of \$103,902.39

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 104 OF 2021- A Resolution to approve the August 10,2021 Council Meeting Minutes.

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 105 OF 2021- A Resolution to approve the August 27,2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion- Brian Demchak

Second- Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach- Y

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

Resolution 106 of 2021- A Resolution to approve the hiring of Carlos Amaya to move the Salt Shed from 8-10 N Main St to 49 W Cemetery St. for a price of 4,000.00.

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 107 OF 2021- A Resolution to appoint Rachel Amos to the Planning Committee to fill the vacancy left by Mike Schappert.

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 108 OF 2021-A Resolution to authorize the Borough to apply of an LSA Gaming Grant, not to exceed \$150,000.00, to purchase a new plow truck and new police cruiser.

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 109 OF 2021- A Resolution to authorize the Borough to apply or an FNCR Loan, not to exceed \$150,000.00 to purchase a new plow truck and a new police cruiser.

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 110 OF 2021- A Resolution to authorize the Borough to apply for a Multi-Modal Grant, not to exceed \$250,000.00, for repairs to the Borough.

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 111 OF 2021- A Resolution to hold a Trunks and Treats Event on October 29,2021 in the Ashley Borough Fire Department Parking Lot.

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 112 OF 2021- A Resolution to hire Brian Mock as a full-time Borough 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

At this time Attorney Moses asked the Mayor to step up for the swearing in of Officer Brian Mock and Officer Brandon Gonzalez to our Police Department.

RESOLUTION 113 OF 2021- A Resolution to approve the purchase of an extended warranty for Borough Police Body Cameras for an amount not to exceed \$750.00.

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 114 OF 2021- A Resolution to approve the listing for sale of a Police Department K-9 Unit Cage on Municibid.

Attorney Moses noted that the Borough does not currently have a policy on the sale of personal property. He suggested that Council hold a meeting to adopt a Sale Procedure.

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 115 OF 2021- A Resolution to pay off and outstanding loan in the amount of \$1780.97 from ESSA Bank (Loan # 7886013848) for a 2014 Police Cruiser.

Motion- Lisa Wildes

Second- Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes- Y

Frank Sorokach- Y

Gerry Maldonado- Y

Carl Byra- y

Brian Demchak- Y

Brian Casey-

PASS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mario Fiorucci 893 Main St Sugar Notch addressed Council. He noted that three years ago to this day he filed a police report about an Ashley Police Officer that had peeled out of a side street in Sugar Notch nearly hitting him. He stated that nothing had been done about it. He noted that when he had been arrested, he was forced to resign from Sugar Notch Council. Jim Barberio spoke up and stated that he was not forced to resign, that it was a plea deal in order to drop the charges against him. Mr Fiorucci stated that he felt his rights were violated.

Mr. Fiorucci also inquired about the case against former Officer Mark Icker. Attorney Moses explained that the Lawyers had settled that case out of court. Mr. Fiorucci asked what the settlement amount was. Attorney Moses stated that the Borough was not aware of that amount. He also told Mr Fiorucci that he would have to file a Right To Know application.

Additionally, Mr. Fiorucci stated that he was running for Mayor of Sugar Notch and needed to get all of the facts prior to his candidacy because again he felt his rights had been violated. Mr. Sorokach suggested that he take this matter to Sugar Notch.

Geldine Musial opened by thanking Council for their assistance in getting rid of the residents at 14 Rutz St. She asked if the property would be condemned. Lisa Wildes informed her that we are looking into it. Ms Musial also asked if the owner was able to advertise the property for rent. Mr. Sorokach informed her that he could advertise but that he could not rent it without an inspection. He asked that she call the Secretary, Lisa Scharer should she notice anyone moving into the property.

Additionally, Ms Musial inquired about the Tire Store on the corner of Rutz and S Main. Ms Wildes informed her that we haven't heard anything but that we should send a letter. Ms Musiak asked if there would be a time factor. Ms Wildes said there could be.

MEETING ADJOURNED