ASHLEY BOROUGH

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Frank Sorokach, Council Vice Chair Carl Byra

Gerald Maldonado Brian Demchak

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Roger Heydt, Borough Sec./Treas. Moses & Gelso LLP, Solicitor

ASHLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 8, 2020

Attendance:

Lisa Wildes – Present

Frank Sorokach – Present

Gerald Maldonado – Present

Brian Casey – Absent

Carl Byra – Present

Brian Demchak – Present

Mayor Donald Sipple, Sr. – Absent

Secretary/Treasurer Heydt - 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.

Attorney Moses began by informing the public that the 2021 Budget will be posted and available for inspection behind the front desk. John Morgan read the 2021 Budget.

COUNCIL AND BOROUGH OFFICIAL PRESENTATIONS

Lisa Wildes – Ms. Wildes thanked a Borough Resident for installing the flagpole. Ms. Wildes also thanked the Lions Club, Dave Evans, Ashley PD, Councilman Byra and Thomas Wolseifer for donating their time for hanging Christmas Wreaths.

Frank Sorokach – Nothing for this Meeting.

Gerald Maldonado – Mr. Maldonado mentioned that he was considering applying for a grant to build an educational museum about coal mining at the Huber Breaker Property.

Brian Casey – Not Present.

Carl Byra – Nothing for this Meeting.

Brian Demchak – Nothing for this Meeting.

Mayor Donald Sipple, Sr. – Absent

Secretary/Treasurer Hedyt – Mr. Heydt read a summary of the November Payroll/Bills and read the Treasurer’s Report.

In response to Mr. Heydt’s report, Atty Moses informed Council and Mr. Heydt that if there are still entities that we cannot deal with due to lack of passwords this needs to be addressed immediately.

Chief Fedorczyk – Chief Fedorczyk read the Police Chief’s Report. Chief Fedorczyk also asked whether the new parking Ordinance had been signed and enacted.

Dave Watkins – Read the Zoning Officer’s Report.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports for this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – PENDING LEGISLATION

No Public Comment.

LEGISLATION

**RESOLUTION 143 OF 2020** – A Resolution to pay the November 2020 Payroll in the amount of $31,079.91.

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 144 OF 2020** – A Resolution to pay the November 2020 Bills in the amount of $ 58,830.02.

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 145 OF 2020** – A Resolution to approve the November 10, 2020 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 146 OF 2020** – A Resolution authorizing the Borough Solicitor to advertise for bidding on the sale of 8-10 N. Main St., Ashley, and related properties.

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 147 OF 2020** – A Resolution authorizing the Borough Solicitor to advertise a proposed ordinance amending the Ashley Borough Solid Waste Ordinance to increase the price of individually purchased garbage stickers.

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 148 OF 2020** – A Resolution authorizing the Borough Solicitor to advertise a proposed ordinance implementing a license fee for contractors performing work in the Borough.

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 149 OF 2020** – A Resolution declaring that the administration and maintenance of records and documents of Ashley Borough shall follow schedules and procedures pursuant to the Municipal Records Act of 1968 and provisions thereof as set forth in the Pennsylvania Municipal Records Manual, approved by the Pennsylvania Local Government Records Committee on December 16, 2008, amended March 29, 2019. The Borough Secretary or other Borough Council designee shall be responsible for implementation and maintenance of the provisions contained within said Manual.

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 150 OF 2020** – A Resolution to authorize the Ashley Borough Secretary and/or other Borough officials and/or personnel to participate in the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs and/or the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development distant learning local government educational programs and webinars offered during the period of Covid-19 distant participation guidelines. The programs are designed to train local government officials and appointed personnel in various local government functions, procedures and mandates, whereupon, if enrolled in the Certification Programs, said participants upon successful completion of such training programs are certified as being proficient in the subject matter covered by those programs. Cost of the programs range on average from $15.00 up to $160.00.

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 151 OF 2020** – A Resolution to authorize the Borough Secretary to attend the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) and the Luzerne County Municipalities Association (LCMA) annual conferences and provide for the reimbursement of expenses by Ashley Borough that are incurred by attendance at those conferences. Expenses incurred at the PSAB annual conference shall not exceed $125.00 and expenses at the county conference shall not exceed $75.00, excluding any required conference registration fee and overnight lodging at the PSAB conference, which shall be paid by Ashley 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 152 OF 2020** – A Resolution to hire Lisa Scharer at a rate of $12.50/hour for 25 hours/week for a ninety-day probationary period.

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 153 OF 2020** – A Resolution to adopt the Police Department Standard Operating Procedures.

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 154 OF 2020** – A Resolution for Ashley Borough Council authorizing the submission of a Greenways Trails and Recreation Program Grant Application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

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 155 OF 2020** – A Resolution to correct the October 13, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes – correcting 8-10 N. Main St. to read 70 N. Main St.

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Gerry Maldonado – Y

Carl Byra – Y

Brian Demchak – Y

Brian Casey –

PASS

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

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MEETING ADJOURNED