



ASHLEY BOROUGH

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ASHLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING **SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

January 5, 2026, 7:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Peter Moses. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

REORGANIZATION

Magisterial District Judge Kyle Halesy swore in Mayor Brian Demchak, Councilman Elect Don Bly, Councilman Elect Andrew Potsko and Tax Collector Elect Robert Shoemaker. Councilman Elect Edward Flynn was previously sworn in by Magisterial District Judge Halesy as he had to be out of state during this meeting.

Peter Moses called roll for the Council, Mayor and Borough Officials.

Attendance:

Lisa Wildes – Present
Andrew Potsko –Present
Carl Byra –Present
Frank Sorokach – Present
Edward Flynn- Not Present
Don Bly- Present
Mayor Brian Demchak. –Present
Borough Manager Guesto –Present
Borough Secretary Scherer - Present
Code Officer Campbell –Present
Police Chief McGlynn –Present

Motion for Carl Byra to be Elected as Council President

Motion: Don Bly
Second: No Second

MOTION FAILED

Motion for Lisa Wildes to be Elected as Council President

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – N
Andrew Potsko – Y
Edward Flynn – Not Present
Don Bly- N
PASS

Motion for Andrew Potsko to be Elected as Council Vice President

Motion: Frank Sorokach
Second: Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes – Y
Frank Sorokach – Y
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y
Edward Flynn – Not Present
Don Bly- Y
PASS

Motion to Table all Appointments for the Planning Commission

Motion: Don Bly
Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – N
Frank Sorokach – N
Carl Byra – Y
Andrew Potsko – Y
Edward Flynn – Not Present
Don Bly- Y
PASS

Motion to Table All Appointments for the Zoning Board

Motion: Don Bly

Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – N

Frank Sorokach – N

Carl Byra – Y

Andrew Potsko – Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint Samuel Guesto as Borough Manager

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn –

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint Grant Palfey as Borough Treasurer

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Don Bly

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint Lisa Scharer as Borough Secretary

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint Prociak & Associates as Appointed Auditor

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint Jack Varaly as Borough Zoning Officer

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - N

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- N

PASS

Motion to Appoint Samuel Guesto as Borough Right-To-Know Officer

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint Samuel Guesto as HIPPA Privacy Officer

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint Peter John Moses, Esquire as Borough Solicitor

Motion: Frank Sorokach

Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn as Special Labor Counsel as needed

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint Reilley & Associates as Borough Engineer

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint BHW Construction Services as Building Code Official

Motion: Frank Sorokach

Second: Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint Amy Campbell as Code Enforcement

Motion: Frank Sorokach

Second: Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint Chris Hannis as Borough EMA Director

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Don Bly

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint Joseph McGlynn as Borough Police Chief

Motion: Frank Sorokach

Second: Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint Chris Hannis as Borough Fire Chief

Motion: Don Bly

Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint a Finance Committee consisting of Andrew Potsko, Frank Sorokach and Carl Byra

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint and EMS (Fire and Police) Committee consisting of Frank Sorokach, Andrew Potsko and Edward Flynn

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint a Personnel Committee consisting of Andrew Potsko, Frank Sorokach and Carl Byra

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Don Bly

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint a Sewer Committee consisting of Don Bly, Andrew Potsko and Edward Flynn

Motion: Frank Sorokach

Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint a DPW Committee consisting of Don Bly, Carl Byra and Edward Flynn

Motion: Frank Sorokach

Second: Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint a Recreation Committee consisting of Andrew Potsko, Frank Sorokach and Carl Byra

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

Motion to Appoint the Following Depositories that the Borough Utilizes:

- People's Security Bank & Trust
- Citizens Bank
- ESSA
- First Keystone
- M&T

Motion: Don Bly

Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

PUBLIC COMMENT-PENDING LEGISLATION ONLY

NONE FOR THIS MEETING

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 1 OF 2026 – A Resolution to hire Luke Richards as a Part Time Police Officer at a rate of \$25.00 per hour effective January 5, 2026.

Motion: Don Bly

Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes - Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra - Y

Andrew Potsko- Y

Edward Flynn – Not Present

Don Bly- Y

PASS

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE FOR THIS MEETING

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Carl Byra

Second: Don Bly

MEETING ADJOURNED