

ASHLEY BOROUGH

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John Gibbons, Council Chair
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Frank Sorokach

Gerald Maldonado
Donna Schappert
Brian Casey

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Greg Gulick, Borough Manager

William E. Vinsko, Jr., Esquire, Solicitor

ASHLEY BOROUGH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 17, 2018

49 West Cemetery Street, Ashley, Pennsylvania

Meeting Start Time: **6:02 PM**

Meeting End Time: **6:43 PM**

Attendance:

Gerald Maldonado-	Present
Frank Sorokach-	Present
Donna Schappert-	Present
Brian Casey-	Present
Donald Sipple -	Present
John Gibbons-	Present
Mayor Donald Sipple, Sr.-	Present
Borough Manager, Greg Gulick -	Present
Police Chief David Fedorczyk-	Absent
Solicitor William E. Vinsko, Jr. -	Present
Andrew Kratz, Code Officer-	Absent

Meeting was called to Order by President of Council, **John Gibbons**. **Attorney Vinsko** called roll call for the Council, Mayor and Borough Officials. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Mr. Gulick opened the meeting stating that Matthew Williams is going for his Eagle Scout Project and he will be doing work in the Chester Trout Stocking Area. He will be constructing an informational sign and placing garbage cans. He asked for Council approval to do work in that area. **Mr. Gulick** also announced that the 2019 Minimum Monthly Obligation (MMO) is zero (0) for the pensions. The Borough will need a resolution to accept the MMO. Next, **Mr. Gulick** has the contracts for health insurance that would have to be reviewed in executive session.

Mr. Casey stated that a member of the road crew (Mike) hurt his back pulling the mower off the back of the dump truck. He asked that we get a trailer so that the crew can move the mower and the roller. The trucks already have a hitch so we do not need that. **Mr. Casey** also suggested that the Borough make Mr. Capasso a sergeant from a patrolman with no rate increase. That would be considered as a resolution.

Ms. Schappert and **Mr. Sipple** discussed the K9 shirt sale, confirming that they would be sold for \$15.00, but the Borough would get a price break to buy in bulk now. The purchase price authorization would be approximately \$2,500.00.

Mr. Gibbons announced that he had prices on sliding boards. They ranged from \$4,400 to \$4,800.00. **Mr. Gulick** stated that we cannot get eight foot (8') stand alone slides any longer. The prices were \$4,400 for a six-foot (6') wave slide, \$4,440 for a straight slide and then the prices increased from there. **Mr. Sipple** asked if the Borough purchased now, can it be moved to the other park? **Mr. Gibbons** said no because it will be cemented in. **Ms. Schappert** asked if the other park would be ready soon. **Mr. Gibbons** said that he is down to the last pieces, which would be the removal of the railroad ties and the testing of 2 piles for environmental issues. **Mr. Maldonado** raised a concern that there would be three to four more months where the children would be going to play while waiting for parents. **Mr. Casey** suggested that it be ripped down now. **Mr. Gulick** said the current set up is too old and the Borough cannot use the other setups. **Mrs. Coleman** stated that the picnic tables are gone. **Mr. Gibbons** agreed and said that there are 23 picnic tables missing from the little league. **Mr. Casey** asked if the Borough could move the fence and put in a chain link. **Mr. Maldonado** said that the children would still climb a chain link fence, but that he would like to take a look at it. **Mr. Gibbons** stated that the Borough could address at the next meeting. **Mr. Maldonado** asked that the Recreation Committee meet and address it. **Mrs. Coleman**, from the audience, asked that the Borough be good stewards of the money and do not spend \$4,000 on the old park when the Borough could put it into the new park. **Mr. Maldonado** responded that one child got hurt on concrete after the slide was removed. **Mr. Sorokach** stated that the Recreation Committee will take a look.

Executive Session Held

The Borough Council then took an executive session to address the health insurance contracts for discussion and ultimate resolution in public.

Council Meeting Reconvened

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 60 OF 2018 – A Resolution authorizing the Eagle Scout Project for Matthew Williams for the Chester Trout Stocking Area to construct informational sign and garbage cans.

Date: August 17, 2018

Motion: **DONALD SIPPLE, JR.** Second: **DONNA SCHAPPERT**

Gerald Maldonado –	Y	Brian Casey -	Y	PASS
Donna Schappert -	Y	Donald Sipple, Jr. -	Y	
Frank Sorokach -	Y	John Gibbons -	Y	

RESOLUTION NUMBER 61 OF 2018 – A Resolution accepting the 2019 MMO at zero (0).

Date: August 17, 2018

Motion: **DONALD SIPPLE JR.** Second: **FRANK SOROKACH**

Gerald Maldonado –	Y	Brian Casey -	Y	PASS
Donna Schappert -	Y	Donald Sipple, Jr. -	Y	
Frank Sorokach -	Y	John Gibbons -	Y	

RESOLUTION NUMBER 62 OF 2018 – A Resolution authorizing the Borough to purchase a trailer for a mini roller not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Date: August 17, 2018

Motion: **DONNA SCHAPPERT** Second: **BRIAN CASEY**

Gerald Maldonado –	Y	Brian Casey -	Y	PASS
Donna Schappert -	Y	Donald Sipple, Jr. -	Y	
Frank Sorokach -	Y	John Gibbons -	Y	

RESOLUTION NUMBER 63 OF 2018 – A Resolution appointing Patrolman Chris Capasso to Sergeant with no rate increase.

Date: August 17, 2018

Motion: **BRIAN CASEY** Second: **DONALD SIPPLE, JR.**

Gerald Maldonado –	Abstain	Brian Casey -	Y	PASS
Donna Schappert -	Y	Donald Sipple, Jr. -	Y	
Frank Sorokach -	Y	John Gibbons -	Y	

RESOLUTION NUMBER 64 OF 2018 – A Resolution authorizing the Borough to purchase K9 Shirts for sale as a fundraiser for the K9 Fund not to exceed \$2,500.

Date: August 17, 2018

Motion: **JOHN GIBBONS** Second: **BRIAN CASEY**

Gerald Maldonado –	Y	Brian Casey -	Y	PASS
Donna Schappert -	Y	Donald Sipple, Jr. -	Y	
Frank Sorokach -	Y	John Gibbons -	Y	

RESOLUTION NUMBER 65 OF 2018 – A Resolution authorizing the Borough to stay with Highmark Health Insurance for 2019 but announcing that there will be a 25% contribution from all employees starting in 2020.

Date: August 14, 2018

Motion: **DONALD SIPPLE, JR.** Second: **DONNA SHAPPERT**

Gerald Maldonado –	Y	Brian Casey -	Y	PASS
Donna Schappert -	Y	Donald Sipple, Jr. -	Y	
Frank Sorokach -	Y	John Gibbons -	Y	

Meeting Ended at 6:43 PM.

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