ASHLEY BOROUGH

Brian Demchak, Mayor

Lisa Wildes, Council Chair Andrew Potsko

Frank Sorokach, Council Vice Chair Jennifer Heller

Carl Byra Jonelle McGlynn

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Lisa Scharer, Borough Secretary Peter John Moses, Solicitor

ASHLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

JULY 12, 2022

Attendance:

Lisa Wildes – Present

Frank Sorokach – Present

Carl Byra – Absent

Andrew Potsko – Present

Jennifer Heller – Absent

Jonelle McGlynn – Present

Mayor Brian Demchak. – Present.

Police Chief David Fedorczyk – Present

Peter 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.

COUNCIL AND BOROUGH OFFICIAL PRESENTATIONS

Lisa Wildes – Ms. Wildes stated the Borough will provide a free shredding event and the details will be posted on the Borough Website.

Ms. Wildes stated there will be a free community dinner in the parking lot.

Ms. Wildes stated that the Borough will be paving three streets in the near future.

Ms. Wildes stated the Borough needs to address putting a stop sign at the intersection of Ashley St. and Main St.

Frank Sorokach – Mr. Sorokach stated that he walked the creek with engineers in order to identify areas necessary to clean up the patch.

Carl Byra – Absent.

Andrew Potsko – Mr. Potsko stated the Borough is going to install speed bumps in areas to deter speeding.

Mr. Potsko also stated the Street Department is in need of a new weed wacker and council would look into pricing.

Ms. Heller – Absent.

Ms. McGlynn – Nothing for this meeting.

Mayor Brian Demchak – Nothing for this meeting.

Chief Fedorczyk – Chief Fedorczyk read the monthly police report, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Borough Secretary – Secretary Scharer read the monthly treasurer’s report, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Attorney Moses – Atty Moses informed the public that Council met in Executive Session on July 6, 2022 to discuss a litigation issue.

Attorney Moses also indicated no bids were received for the purchase of the property at 114 S. Main St.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – PENDING LEGISLATION

None.

LEGISLATION

**RESOLUTION 90 OF 2022** – A Resolution to pay the June 2022 Payroll in the amount of $ 36,891.99

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra –

Andrew Potsko – Y

Jennifer Heller –

Jonelle McGlynn – Y

PASS

**RESOLUTION 91 OF 2022** – A Resolution to pay the June 2022 Bills in

the amount of $ 81,627.09.

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Motion: Frank Sorokach

Second: Lisa Wildes

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra –

Andrew Potsko – Y

Jennifer Heller –

Jonelle McGlynn – Y

PASS

**RESOLUTION 92 OF 2022** – A Resolution to approve the June 14, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Andrew Potsko

Second: Jonelle McGlynn

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra –

Andrew Potsko – Y

Jennifer Heller –

Jonelle McGlynn – Y

PASS

**RESOLUTION 93 OF 2022** – A Resolution authorizing the Borough Manager to apply for a Multimodal Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Main Street Streetscape Project – Phase II.

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Andrew Potsko

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra –

Andrew Potsko – Y

Jennifer Heller –

Jonelle McGlynn – Y

PASS

**RESOLUTION 94 OF 2022** – A Resolution amending the original Resolution 94-2022 to include the language “contingent on obtaining Office of Community Development funding.”

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Frank Sorokach

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra –

Andrew Potsko – Y

Jennifer Heller –

Jonelle McGlynn – Y

PASS

**RESOLUTION 95 OF 2022** – A Resolution authorizing Council to consider Change Order No. 1 from Pioneer Construction for the Mainstreet Streetscape Project – Phase I continent on obtaining Office of Community Development funding.

Motion: Frank Sorokach

Second: Carl Byra

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra –

Andrew Potsko – Y

Jennifer Heller –

Jonelle McGlynn – Y

PASS

**RESOLUTION 96 OF 2022** – A Resolution authorizing Council to consider Change Order No. 2 from Pioneer Construction for the Mainstreet Streetscape Project – Phase I.

TABLED

**RESOLUTION 97 OF 2022** – A Resolution authorizing the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise a proposed ordinance permitting Ashley Borough to join the Lower South Valley Land Bank.

Motion: Lisa Wildes

Second: Jonelle McGlynn

Lisa Wildes – Y

Frank Sorokach – Y

Carl Byra –

Andrew Potsko – Y

Jennifer Heller –

Jonelle McGlynn – Y

PASS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerry Maldonado – Mr. Maldonado discussed potential dangers at the park. He also stated the gate to the park is off the hinges.

Mr. Maldonado inquired about park equipment.

Mr. Maldonado inquired about the $400,000 grant for the Sulfur Run Project.

Mr. Maldonado inquired about a sinkhole on Ashley Street.

Mr. Maldonado stated that the creek is low and dry and therefore it is a good time to clean it. Mr. Maldonado also referenced a DEP Permit.

Mr. Maldonado inquired about weeds on Main Street.

Mr. Maldonado inquired about chickens on Hazleton Street.

Mr. Maldonado inquired about a green car port on Stewart’s Alley.

Sharryl Kastreva – Ms. Kastreva complained about the property at 26 Ross St., stating that there are code issues with the property.

Ms. Kastreva asked for a Watch Children sign on Ross St.

Ms. Kastreva inquired about weeds at the Old Borough Building.

Kevin Laske – Mr. Laske asked council what streets would be receiving speed bumps. He was informed that speed bumps would be installed on Ross St. and Rodgers Ave.

Mr. Laske inquired about the process for collecting fines.

Robert Raskenski – Mr. Raskenski asked whether any arrests were made in connection with a recent incident on Hazleton St.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Lisa WIldes

Second: Jonelle McGlynn

MEETING ADJOURNED