

**ASHLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA
REORGANIZATION MEETING**

JANUARY 5, 2026

I. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS BY MAYOR KUTZ:

**Tax Collector – Joanne Vaughn
Councilman – Adam J. Bernodin, Jr.
Councilman – Francis E. Menne
Councilman – John F. Reilly
Councilman – Charles J. Schmoltze**

II. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Kutz

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**IV. ROLL CALL: Mr. Bernodin, Mr. Cooney, Mrs. Groody, Mr. Menne,
Mr. Reilly, Mr. Spieles, Mr. Schmoltze, Mayor Kutz, Borough Manager Snyder**

V. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Motion by _____, Second by _____

VI. CHAIR TO PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

VII. ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

Motion by _____, Second by _____

VIII. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO-TEMP

Motion by _____, Second by _____

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IX. POSITIONS APPOINTED (CURRENT OFFICIAL IN PARENTHESIS):

SOLICITOR (*S. John Price*)

SECRETARY (*William R. Snyder*)

TREASURER (*Patricia Moyer*)

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER (*Barbara Lyden*)

CODE ENFORCEMENT (*Barbara Lyden/Timothy McGinley*)

BOROUGH/SEWER ENGINEER (*Entech Engineering*)

SEWER ENFORCEMENT ENGINEER (*Entech Engineering*)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR (*Brandon McDemus*)

DEPUTY EMA DIRECTOR (*Christopher Groody*)

FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR (*William R. Snyder*)

VACANCY COMMITTEE (*Warren Lane*)

FIRE CHIEF (*Charles Orth*)

FIRST ASST. FIRE CHIEF (*Christopher Groody*)

SECOND ASST. FIRE CHIEF (*Charles Steinhilber*)

THIRD ASST. FIRE CHIEF (*Philip Groody, Jr.*)

SAFETY OFFICER (*Philip Groody, Sr.*)

FIRE INSPECTOR (*Christopher Groody*)

FIRE MECHANICS (*Philip Groody, Jr. and Paul Hardnock*)

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X. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (CURRENT IN PARENTHESIS):

A. COG DELEGATE (*Adam J. Bernodin, Jr.*)
ALTERNATE (*vacant*)

B. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
(Eliminated in 2016 until the need for a commission arises)

XI. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

A. General Government **Chair:** _____

B. Utility Committee **Chair:** _____

C. Street Committee **Chair** _____

D. Recreation Committee **Chair** _____

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E. Public Safety Committee

Chair _____

F. Building Committee

Chair _____

G. Health Committee

Chair _____

H. Insurance Committee

Chair _____

I. Blight Committee

Chair _____

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XI. MEETING SCHEDULE ANNOUNCEMENT :

(Council Meetings to be held every second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Council Workshops are held the Monday before each Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. All Meetings to be held at the Ashland Borough Hall, 401 S. 18th St., Ashland, Pa.)

Motion by _____, Second by _____

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

XV. ADJOURNMENT

**ASHLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 5, 2026
7:00PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Cooney starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: President Cooney, Mr. Bernodin, Mrs. Groody, Mr. Menne, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Schmoltze, Mr. Spieles, Mayor Kutz, Solicitor Price, Fire Chief Orth, Police Chief Daley, and Code/Health Officer Lyden.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the Special Meeting of December 29, 2025

OFFICERS REPORTS:

1. POLICE CHIEF
2. FIRE MARSHALL
3. DEP. HEALTH/CODE OFFICER
4. FIRE CHIEF
5. TREASURER
6. WATER COMMITTEE

BILLS AND TRANSFERS:

General Government Committee (Menne, Spieles, Schmoltze)

Public Safety Committee (Bernodin, Groody, Schmoltze)

Utility Committee (Schmoltze, Menne, Reilly)

Street Committee (Schmoltze, Reilly, Spieles)

Recreation Committee (Groody, Spieles, Bernodin)

Health Committee (Reilly, Spieles, Groody)

Building Committee (Groody, Reilly, Spieles)

Insurance Committee (Spieles, Menne, Reilly)

BUSINESS:

1. Tax Collector Issue.
2. Garbage Fee Schedule
3. East Oakland Ave/Big Mine Run Rd.One Way project.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURN: