



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COMMITTEE MEETING

January 2, 2019

7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY
PUBLIC UTILITIES
FINANCE & PLANNING
PARKS & RECREATION
SALARY & PERSONNEL

Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Mr. Zaccone (Chair)

Mrs. Deininger

Mrs. Siskind

OLD BUSINESS

1 **ST. MARY'S DEVELOPMENT**

The Borough Engineer provided an update on the St. Mary's Villa project and the traffic signal at Bethlehem and Lindenwold. Staff will look into grant funding.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

The Code Enforcement report is **attached**. The Public Works report will be provided.

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Code Enforcement Report for December 2018

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Building	7	8	4	8	9	9	9	11	19	15	13	12	124
Dumpster	0	1	2	1	4	4	3	1	1	3	1	0	21
Fire	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Mechanical	3	3	1	3	8	4	2	8	6	4	2	4	48
Plumbing	7	5	3	6	4	4	3	2	2	6	0	4	46
Road Opening	1	118	0	2	6	2	2	3	1	0	4	1	140
Use and Occupancy	0	0	4	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	9
Vendor Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zoning	2	0	2	7	7	7	7	4	3	1	2	2	44
Rental Inspections	26	12	66	82	61	50	34	66	27	30	87	21	562
TOTALS	46	147	82	109	100	82	62	96	60	59	109	46	998

*February Road Opening Permits number associated with the ongoing PECO service upgrades throughout the Borough

Public Utilities Committee

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Mr. Pasceri (Chair)

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Tomlinson

Mrs. Siskind

OLD BUSINESS

1. **WATER AUTHORITY**

Council's PUC Committee members and staff met with our Harrisburg PUC Attorney and the Borough Solicitor to discuss operations options and the logistics of forming a Water Authority. The Solicitor is preparing a notice of action.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.

2. **MATTISON ESTATES WATER PLAN REVIEW**

The Water Engineer has reviewed plans with respect to proposed water system improvements for the Mattison Estates (St. Mary's Villa) project and recommends that Ambler Borough approve the plans. Water plan review letters #1, #2 and #3 are **attached**.

Finance & Planning Committee

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Ms. Tomlinson (Chair)

Ms. Di Pietro

Mrs. McKenna Endicott

OLD BUSINESS

1. **GREEN IMPROVEMENTS**

Draft ordinance language was given to the Borough Planning Commission to review and recommend language to address green improvement options when replacing Borough sidewalks or driveways and the like.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Borough Engineer's report is **attached**.

2. **ZONING HEARING BOARD**

The Borough has scheduled the following Zoning Hearing Board applications for January 8, 2019. Rosemary Avenue – Garage for Vehicle Storage and N. Main Street - Outdoor Storage.

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Status

Project No.	Project Name	Status
2001-1010	TEA-21 - Ambler Streetscape 2002	Construction underway. Outstanding work includes: SEPTA connection to signal, signal activation, and 30-day test period. Awaiting schedule from SEPTA Re: design work to be completed.
2003-0122-01	Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit	NOI for 2018 Individual MS4 Permit submitted 9/16/17. Awaiting PADEP review of TMDL Strategy & PRP. 2018 Annual Status Report submitted to PADEP 9/28/18. Next Annual Status Report due 9/30/19 for period 7/1/18 thru 6/30/19.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Revised Safety Report approved by PADOT. Revision to Traffic plans underway for submission to DVRPC.
2012-12032	Caddick-AMA-Land Development	Conditional Use was not granted. Approval of final LD not granted. Review of new CU submission (dated 6/30/17) provided 9/13/2017.
2013-02020	Ambler Crossings	Construction underway. Escrow release for Phase 1 (Boiler House parking) provided 9/27/18.
2014-12015	St. Mary's Villa Residential Redevelopment.- TIS	Lindenwold traffic counts obtained March 2018. Meeting with PennDOT, UDT, and Ambler to discuss potential signal at Lindenwold scheduled 6/7/18.
2017-01010-01	Ambler Pocket Park	Application to National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) 2018 Great Urban Parks Campaign (GUPC) submitted 8/1/18. Park design kick-off meeting held 8/31/18. Anticipate design complete for Spring 2019 construction.
2017-01010-02	Ambler Traffic Signals	RRFB permit plans approved by PADOT. PW obtaining materials and planning for installation. Pole spot meeting to be scheduled with PADOT.
2017-01105	Ambler Borough 2017 Road Paving	Construction complete. Maintenance Bond Dated 10/31/2017. Maintenance period expires 5/28/18. Maintenance period expires 5/1/2019.
2017-09055	Bridge/Culvert Assessments	Load rating reports Hendricks/Rose Valley provided 7/31/18 & for N. Maple/Tannery Run provided 10/2/18.. Condition assessment of Hendricks/Rose Valley underway. Condition assessment of N. Ridge/ Rose Valley to be completed. Visual assessment of Tannery Run underway.
2018-01010	2018 Ambler Borough General Engineering Services	On going
2018-08087	171 Rosemary Ave - Zaccone Motors	Review of concept plan provided 8/24/18. Pre-application meeting held 9/25/18 with applicant, engineer, & code officer. Review of LD application provided 11/14/18.
2018-10097	44 Tennis Ave - FEMAP/PEMA HMGP Demolition	Received Chapter 106 Permit from PADEP. Awaiting MCCD review. Bid documents preparation underway. Anticipate public bid in January, award in February, and demolition in March.
2018-11003	119 W. Butler Ave - Bank of America Drive-up ATM	Review of land development application provided 12/8/18.
Sewer Engineer		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is under construction
2018-01050	2018 Ambler Borough General Sewer Service	On-going

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Water Engineer

2012-10043	Loch Aish Dam Annual Inspections	Inspection conducted with DEP on 12/5/18. Preparing of annual inspection report to DEP underway.
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water Main is tested/complete
2017-01110	PWS Applications	Preparing PWS application for Well 8 minor permit amendment. On Hold. Awaiting direction from Water Superintendent.
2017-03065	Prophecy Creek Bridge	Assisting Water Dept. with review of County's plans for bridge replacement project and impact on existing water main. Currently inactive.
2017-03128	Lafayette Ave. Water Main Replacement	Water main construction and testing complete. Final paving complete. Project closeout underway.
2017-11039	Houston Road Tank-AT&T Antennae Modifications	Plan review letter issued on 11/20/17.
2018-01049	2018 Ambler Borough General Water Service	Ongoing assistance concerning PFAS monitoring, providing information and responses to the public. Assisting water staff with water quality compliance monitoring and reporting.
2018-01154	Gwynedd Walk (LGT)	Water main construction and testing complete. 18 month maintenance period began 9/4/18.
2018-01171	Mattison Estates (UDT)	Water plan approval letter issued 12/19/18. Preparation of water extension agreement and construction escrow underway.
2018-05094	Broad Axe Tank - AT&T Upgrades	Plan review letter issued 6/19/18.
2018-09046	Houston Road Tank - Sprint Modifications	Plan review underway.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Ms. Hertz (Chair)

Mrs. Deininger

Ms. McKenna Endicott

OLD BUSINESS

1. **PLASTICS ORDINANCE**

The Committee would like to explore a possible Plastics Ordinance in the Borough. They will work with the local businesses and discuss options.

2. **BIKE SAFETY**

The Borough will host a training session for cycling safety in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Salary & Personnel Committee

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Mrs. Deininger (Chair)

Mr. Pasceri

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Di Pietro

OLD BUSINESS

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

A vacancy exists on the Environmental Advisory Council. Interested residents should forward a letter of interest/resume to the attention of the Borough Manager manager@borough.ambler.pa.us

2. **POLICE DEPARTMENT TESTING**

Testing for a new patrolman will be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

The Committee will review various Social Media Policies and make a recommendation for consideration.

2. **EMPLOYEE VACANCY**

Interviews have been conducted for the WWTP position.

3. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

Several volunteer committee positions expired at the end of 2018. The Committee has received letters of intent from incumbent volunteers (**attached**) and no additional appointment requests were received. After years of service, Tom Reilley is retiring from the Zoning Hearing Board and there is now a Zoning Hearing Board-Alternate vacancy. Additionally, one vacancy exists on the Environmental Advisory Council and one vacancy exists on the Civil Service Commission-Alternate. Residents interested in being appointed to a vacant seat are asked to send a letter of interest & resume to the Borough Manager. The Committee is asked to consider the following volunteer Boards & Commission appointments:

- Karen Polesir (incumbent) – Vacancy Board (1 year term)
- Robert Lagreca (incumbent) – Planning Commission (4 year term)
- Carissa Hazelton (incumbent) – Planning Commission (4 year term)
- Ryan Kennedy (incumbent) – Zoning Hearing Board (3 year term)

Public Comment Procedure:

As a reminder, it will not be the practice of Council to answer questions and/or engage in dialogue with the speaker during the Public Comments section of the meeting. Comments regarding any and all employee issues will not be entertained. Council may address items or questions raised at the next scheduled Committee/Council meeting, but reserves the right to determine agenda items. Council requests that those in attendance refrain from engaging the speaker during public comments. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ambler Borough Council