

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 18, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Monday, June 18, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. President Anita O'Hara Pieri presided.

Mr. Lou Orehek led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call – Present: Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. G. Pasceri, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Isabella, Mr. Orehek, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Baigis and Mr. S. Pasceri. Mr. Rocco Wack, Mayor Wahl, Solicitor Bresnan and Mrs. Aversa also were present. Absent: Mr. Tom Kenney.

Mr. Sal Pasceri moved that the May 21, 2007 Minutes, with recommended spelling revisions, be approved. He noted that while signed petitions had been mentioned by two members of the public against Ordinance 1007 (Sign Ordinance) neither Borough Council nor the Borough Manager had received these petitions. Mr. Sal Pasceri's motion to approve the Minutes, as amended, was seconded, carried.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri read into the record a letter she had received from George Benigno, Secretary of the Planning Commission, stating that the Commission had not been worn down by Council regarding approval of the Sign Ordinance, and that the Commission in fact affirmed and recommended approval of the Ordinance.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri then noted that Mrs. Baigis had publicly stated that one of the Planning Commission members who registered a vote on the Sign Ordinance had at one time worked for Ambler Savings & Loan and that at that time Mrs. Baigis had asked whether this created a conflict of interest for that member. Solicitor Bresnan's advice was sought, wherein he stated that he would write an opinion letter to Council after his review of State ethics guidelines on potential conflict when casting a vote. He did state that it was appropriate to point out that a relationship exists/existed and that the question to be asked was whether this relationship precludes voting on an issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee – Mr. Pugliese, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members: Mr. Pugliese, Mr. G. Pasceri and Mr. Isabella. Also present: Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Orehek and Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Mayor Wahl, Mr. Rocco Wack, Solicitor Bresnan and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Mr. Dooley.

The Public Safety Committee report was given by Mr. Pugliese.

The Committee made no recommendations and had no further business.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if there were questions from Council or the public. Mrs. Baigis made inquiry regarding the bid advertisement for the Ridge Avenue Wall. There being no further questions it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Dooley, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members: Mr. Dooley, Mr. G. Pasceri and Mr. Isabella. Also present: Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Orehek and Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Mayor Wahl, Mr. Rocco Wack, Solicitor Bresnan and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Mr. Dooley.

The Parks and Recreation Committee report was given by Mr. Paul Dooley.

The Committee made no recommendations and had no further business.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if there were questions from Council or the public. Mr. Orehek discussed his perceived needs for a site and facility requirements for a family movie night to be sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Dooley stated he would get back to Council with further details on this event. There being no further questions it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Public Utilities Committee – Mr. Orehek, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members: Mr. Orehek, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. O'Hara Pieri. Also present: Mr. G. Pasceri, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Isabella, Mr. S. Pasceri and Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Mayor Wahl, Mr. Rocco Wack, Solicitor Bresnan and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Mr. Dooley.

The Public Utilities Committee report was given by Mr. Orehek.

The Committee made no recommendations.

In other business, the Committee called for an Executive Session

1. As a result of the Executive Session, the Committee will recommend directing Solicitor Bresnan to file an appeal with the Environmental Hearing Board with respect to a DEP letter rescinding equivalent dwelling units (EDU's).

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if there were questions from Council or the public. There being no questions it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Finance and Planning Committee - Mr. Kenney, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members: Mr. Kenney, Mr. G. Pasceri, Mr. Dooley and Mr. S. Pasceri. Also present: Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Isabella, Mr. Orehek and Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Mayor Wahl, Mr. Rocco Wack, Solicitor Bresnan and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Mr. Dooley.

The Finance and Planning Committee report was given by Mr. Sal Pasceri.

The Committee will recommend the following:

1. Recommend that the May 2007 invoices in the amount of \$595,780.82 be paid.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if there were questions from Council or the public. Mrs. Baigis made inquiry as to the Butler Avenue Traffic Calming Project. As there were no further questions it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Salary and Personnel Committee – Mr. Isabella, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members: Mr. Isabella, Mr. G. Pasceri and Mr. Orehek. Also present: Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Orehek and Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Mayor Wahl, Mr. Rocco Wack, Solicitor Bresnan and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Mr. Dooley.

The Salary and Personnel Committee report was given by Mr. Isabella.

The Committee made no recommendations and had no further business.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if there were questions from Council or the public. There being no questions it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked Council and the public if there was further business to discuss or if there were further comments or questions. None received.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Safety Committee – The Committee will offer no recommendations.

Parks & Recreation Committee – The Committee will offer no recommendations.

Public Utilities Committee - The Committee recommends and Mr. Orehek moves:

DIRECTING Solicitor Bresnan to file an appeal with the Environmental Hearing Board with respect to a DEP letter rescinding equivalent dwelling units (EDU's). Seconded. Vote: 7-Aye, 1-Nay (Mrs. Baigis). Carried.

Finance and Planning Committee - The Committee recommends and Mr. Sal Pasceri moves:

PAYMENT of the May 2007 invoices in the amount of \$595,780.82. Seconded. Vote: All Aye. Carried.

Salary & Personnel Committee – The Committee will offer no recommendations.

There being no further business, Mrs. O'Hara Pieri moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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For
George W. Benigno
Assistant Borough Secretary