

## AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

**June 16, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002. President Tony Isabella presided.

Mayor Wahl led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**Roll Call** – Present: Mr. Isabella, Mr. G. Pasceri, Mrs. Pieri, Mr. Kenney, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Amento, Ms. Maxion and Mrs. Strus. Mayor Wahl, Chief Foley, Solicitor Bresnan and Mrs. Aversa also were present. Absent: Mrs. Baigis.

Mayor Wahl performed the swearing in of Patricia Strus as Councilwoman to replace former Council Vice President Paul Dooley, who resigned last month. Council proceeded to vote for Council Vice President. Mr. Amento's nomination, seconded. 4-Aye (Mrs. Strus, Mr. G. Pasceri, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Amento) 5-Nay (Mr. Isabella, Mr. Kenney, Ms. Pieri, Mrs. Maxion, Mayor Wahl). Motion dismissed. Mr. Kenney's nomination, seconded. 5-Aye (Mr. Isabella, Mrs. Pieri, Mr. Kenney, Ms. Maxion, Mrs. Strus) 3-Nay (Mr. G. Pasceri, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Amento). Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the May 20, 2009 Minutes with suggested revisions. Seconded. Carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Public Safety Committee – Mr. G. Pasceri, Chairman**

Committee members: Mr. G. Pasceri, Mr. Kenney and Ms. Maxion

The Committee met on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Ave. Present: Mr. Isabella, Mr. G. Pasceri, Mr. Kenney, Mrs. Pieri, Mrs. Baigis, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Amento and Ms. Maxion. Also present: Mayor Wahl, Chief Bill Foley and Mrs. Aversa. Absent: Solicitor Bresnan.

The Public Safety Committee report was given this evening by Mr. G. Pasceri.

#### **The Committee will recommend the following:**

1. Recommend adoption of **Ordinance 1038** relative to Worker's Compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters and ambulance employees who service Borough residents.

2. Recommend **advertising** for adoption an Ordinance addressing leaf waste recycling in accordance with the request of NMCRC.
3. Recommend adoption of an intergovernmental cooperation agreement along with supporting **Resolution 2009-9** resulting from revisions to General NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from MS4s (PAG-13) and the upcoming expiration and renewal of current PAG-13 permits.

Discussion ensued. Ms. Maxion inquired as to costs for each municipality. Mrs. Aversa stated that the cost would be approximately \$1,500 to the Borough. Mr. Kenney asked for a clarification of Draft Exhibit A, Item 7.

4. Recommend installation of a handicap parking space on the 200 block of South Main Street.
5. Recommend awarding contract to purchase and install security cameras in the Borough Maintenance garage to 3i Protect in the amount of \$4,455.00.

Discussion ensued wherein it was agreed to table the recommendation to allow for further review at the July 7, 2009 Committee Meeting.

6. Recommend, per recommendation of the Police Department, **advertising** for adoption an Ordinance to allow for the installation of a stop sign at North Ridge Avenue and Belmont Avenue.

**In other business the following was discussed:**

1. The Police Department and Fire Company reports for May 2009 were received.
2. The May 2009 Public Works and Code Enforcement reports were reviewed.
3. The deterioration of the Borough alleys was discussed and staff will provide alternatives for repair. Staff provided a list of Borough-owned alleys. Current surfaces at these locations are pervious and this will need to be considered when repairs are made.

Discussion ensued. Mayor Wahl noted that stone had been added to the depressions on Euclid Avenue and he thought this was an excellent solution.

4. Resident concerns about the behavior of youth in Borough parks and on Borough streets in the Williams Development were discussed. The Police Department will increase patrols and residents were advised to call 911 for after-hour complaints.

Discussion ensued. Chief Foley stated that the police had pursued two juvenile complaints and one parking complaint relative to this issue.

Mr. Isabella asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. Mrs. Pieri expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Aversa, the Police Department and Wissahickon Fire Co. for their assistance to residents during the recent flood cycle. She noted that the Borough had provided a dumpster to residents at Church and Main Streets who had been flooded out. She asked Mrs. Aversa to assist residents regarding insurance claims, in particular in filing with FEMA/PEMA . There being no further questions or comments, it was moved the report be accepted as filed. Seconded, carried.

**Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Pieri, Chairman**

Committee members: Mrs. Pieri, Mr. G. Pasceri, Ms. Maxion

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The Parks and Recreation Committee report was given this evening by Ms. Pieri.

**The Committee will recommend the following:**

1. Recommend awarding the purchase and installation of surveillance/video equipment at Knight Park to 3i Protect in the amount of \$8,894.

Discussion ensued wherein it was agree to table the recommendation to allow for further review at the July 7, 2009 Committee Meeting.

**In other business the following was discussed:**

1. Staff is researching the possibility of future improvements to Knight Park, including upgrades from the Station Square Project.
2. Knight Park Camp registration is still open. Interested residents may inquire at the Ambler YMCA.

Mr. Isabella asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. There being none, it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

**Public Utilities Committee – Mr. Amento, Chairman**

Committee members: Mr. Amento, Mrs. Judy Baigis, Mr. S. Pasceri

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**The Committee will recommend the following:**

1. Recommend adoption of **Ordinance 1039** which establishes connection fees, criteria for imposition of tapping fees and the calculation of the applicable number of EDUs.
2. Recommend awarding the bid for the recoating of Broad Axe Tank to U.S. Tank Painting of Millstone Township, NJ for the lowest, responsive bidder cost of \$53,300.00.
3. Recommend **advertising** for bid the WWTP permanent chemical feed pumps and additional 1,500 gallon storage tank.

**In other business the following was discussed:**

1. The May WWTP Supervisor's and Engineer's reports were reviewed.
2. The Borough has been awarded funding for the grant application submitted for the reconstruction of Loch Alsh Reservoir.
3. Water distribution system flushing (hydrants) is underway and occurs between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Mr. Isabella asked if there were questions or comments from Council or the public. There being none, it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

**Finance and Planning Committee - Mr. Kenney, Chairman**

Committee Members: Mr. Kenney, Mrs. Pieri and Mrs. Baigis

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The Finance and Planning Committee report was given this evening by Mr. Kenney.

**The Committee will recommend the following:**

1. Recommend that the **May** invoices in the amount of **\$363,154.72** be paid as follows: General (\$11,690.08); Street Lights (\$4,699.73); Fire (\$0.00); Parks & Rec. (\$2,737.50); Water (\$4,504.69); Sewer (\$612.79); WWTP (\$22,310.08); Rail Corridor (\$0.00); Road Overlay (\$0.00); Debt Fund (\$0.00); Water Capital (\$0.00); Liquid Fuels (\$687.38); with end of month cycle totaling \$47,242.25, voided checks totaling \$ -2,737.50 and **May** bills totaling \$318,649.97.

2. Recommend the Solicitor prepare an Ordinance placing the Sign Ordinance back in the Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion ensued. It was decided by Council to table the recommendation and send the proposed Ordinance to the Planning Commission for review.

**In new business:**

1. Council recommended the appointment of Mr. William E. Lutz to fill the vacancy on the Appeals Board. (8-Aye).
2. Council voted to appoint Patricia Strus to fill the vacant Ward II seat (7-Aye, 1-Nay [Mrs. Pieri]). Mrs. Strus was appointed to the Park & Recreation Committee and to the Salary & Personnel Committee.

**In other business the following was discussed:**

1. The Borough Engineer's May 2009 report was reviewed.
2. A letter was received from the Borough's Planning Commission requesting new matters or topics the Borough would like the County to review. The County Planning Commission is also inquiring if there are any new subject areas they would like to have studied.

Mr. Isabella asked if there were questions or comments from Council or the public. There being none, it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

**Salary and Personnel Committee – Mr. S. Paceri, Chairman**

Committee members: Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Amento, Ms. Maxion

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The Salary and Personnel Committee report was given this evening by Mr. S. Pasceri.

**The Committee will make no recommendations at this time.**

**In other business the following was discussed:**

1. Minutes from the May 2009 Safety Meeting were received.
2. Summer employment positions have been filled.

Mr. Isabella asked if there were questions or comments from Council or the public. There being none, it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**Public Safety Committee** – The Committee will recommend and Mr. G. Pasceri moves:

Recommend adoption of **Ordinance 1038** relative to Worker’s Compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters and ambulance employees who service Borough residents. Seconded, Poll Council: All Aye. Carried.

Recommend **advertising** for adoption an Ordinance addressing leaf waste recycling in accordance with the request of NMCRC. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend adoption of an intergovernmental cooperation agreement along with supporting **Resolution 2009-9** resulting from revisions to General NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from MS4s (PAG-13) and the upcoming expiration and renewal of current PAG-13 permits. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend installation of a handicap parking space on the 200 block of South Main Street. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend, per recommendation of the Police Department, **advertising** for adoption an Ordinance to allow for the installation of a stop sign at North Ridge Avenue and Belmont Avenue. Seconded. Carried.

**Parks & Recreation Committee** – States Mrs. Pieri, the Committee will make no recommendations at this time.

**Public Utilities Committee** – The Committee recommends and Mr. Amento moves:

Recommend adoption of **Ordinance 1039** which establishes connection fees, criteria for imposition of tapping fees and the calculation of the applicable number of EDUs. Seconded, Poll Council: All Aye. Carried.

Recommend awarding the bid for the recoating of Broad Axe Tank to U.S. Tank Painting of Millstone Township, NJ for the lowest, responsive bidder cost of \$53,300.00. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend **advertising** for bid the WWTP permanent chemical feed pumps and additional 1,500 gallon storage tank. Seconded. Carried.

**Finance & Planning Committee** – The Committee recommends and Mr. Kenney moves:

Recommend that the **May** invoices in the amount of **\$363,154.72** be paid. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend referring an Ordinance placing the Sign Ordinance back in the Zoning Ordinance to the Planning Commission for review and for subsequent **advertising**. Seconded. Carried.

At the June 2, 2009 Committee Meeting, Council recommended the appointment of Mr. William E. Lutz to fill the vacancy on the Appeals Board. (8-Aye).

At the June 2, 2009 Committee Meeting, Council voted to appoint Patricia Strus to fill the vacant Ward II seat (7-Aye, 1-Nay [Mrs. Pieri]). Mrs. Strus was appointed to the Park & Recreation Committee and to the Salary & Personnel Committee.

**Salary & Personnel Committee** – States Mr. S. Pasceri, the Committee will make no recommendations at this time.

There being no further business, Mr. Isabella moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Russell  
Administrative Assistant  
Borough of Ambler