

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 19, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Wednesday, May 19, 2010 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, Mr S. Pasceri, Mrs. Strus, Ms. Tomlinson, and Mr. Curtis. Mayor Wahl, Chief Foley, Solicitor Bresnan and Mrs. Aversa also were present. Mr. Amento, Mr. Kenney and Ms. Maxion were absent.

A motion was made to approve the April 20, 2010 Minutes with revisions suggested by Ms. Tomlinson. Seconded. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committees of the Ambler Borough Council met on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Ave. Present: Mr. Isabella, Mr. Amento, Mr. Kenney, Mr S. Pasceri, Ms. Maxion, Mrs. Strus, Ms. Tomlinson, and Mr. Curtis. Chief Foley, Solicitor Bresnan and Mrs. Aversa also were present. Mr. G. Pasceri and Mayor Wahl were absent.

At the Council Meeting this evening, the Committees conducted business as follows:

Public Safety Committee – Mrs. Strus, Chairman

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

The Public Safety Committee report was given this evening by Mrs. Strus.

The Committee will consider the following actions this evening:

1. Recommend approval to allow installation of disabled parking signs on the 200 block of Park Avenue and the 200 block of S. Main Street.

Mrs. Strus stated the Committee would table the recommendation and would consider it at the June Committee Meeting.

In other business the following was reviewed:

1. The Police Department and Fire Department April 2010 reports were received.
2. The April 2010 Public Works, Safety Minutes and Code Enforcement reports were reviewed.
3. The Police Department has submitted a grant to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for \$10,000 for traffic equipment.
4. The Fire Marshall has recommended that the Borough adopt the 2009 International Fire Code. The Fire Marshall will attend the June Council Meeting to answer questions from Council.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Ms. Maxion, Chairman

Committee members: Mr. Amento, Mrs. Strus, Ms. Tomlinson

The Parks and Recreation Committee report was given this evening by Mrs. Strus.

The Committee will make no recommendations this evening:

In other business the following was reviewed:

1. A memorandum outlining recommended language offered by the EAC for use in creating a Wetlands Ordinance was sent to the Planning Commission.
2. Registration for the 2010 Ambler YMCA Summer Camp is underway. Registration forms may be picked up at the Ambler YMCA.
3. The Committee plans to hold three movie nights this summer, in June, July and August. Details are forthcoming.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Strus stated movies would be shown at Pickering Field, Knight Park and Ricciardi Park throughout the summer on Friday nights. Films and exact dates have yet to be selected.

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

Public Utilities Committee – Mr. Amento, Chairman

Committee members: Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Kenney, and Mr. Curtis.

The Public Utilities Committee report was given this evening by Mr. S. Pasceri.

The Committee will consider the following actions this evening:

1. Recommendation to purchase the fine screens/washing compactor replacement equipment from the lowest responsive bidder, Hydro-Dyne Engineering, Inc., at a cost of \$339,700.00.
2. Recommendation for the plant engineer to prepare RFP's for the removal of existing fine screens and ram compactor and to install the new fine screens, controls and washing compactor.
3. Recommendation to award the 2010 sanitary sewer repair bid to Allstate Power-Vac for the bid amount of \$200,880.00.

Discussion ensued. Ms. Tomlinson asked whether the bid award amounts were at or under 2010 budget costs. Mrs. Aversa stated that the entire fine screens/washing compactor replacement project had been budgeted at \$450,000. She stated the sanitary sewer repair project had been awarded a \$200,000 grant (budgeted) and that the Borough had budgeted 20 percent matching funds.

In other business the following was reviewed:

1. The April 2010 WWTP Supervisor's and Engineer's reports were reviewed.
2. The Borough currently is reviewing customer interest in purchasing water line insurance. The Water Department is reviewing insurance particulars and costs.
3. Well 15 (Brookfield Lane) has been capped due to low gallons per minute yield and water mineral results that would have been too costly to treat.
4. The Water Department and Borough Engineer await DEP's final approval of the rehabilitation plans for Loch Alsh Reservoir.

Mr. S. Pasceri 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. S. Pasceri, Ms. Maxion, and Ms. Tomlinson.

The Finance and Planning Committee report was given this evening by Ms. Tomlinson.

The Committee will consider the following actions this evening:

1. Recommend that the **April** invoices in the amount of **\$490,111.77** be paid as follows: General (**\$179,454.71**); Street Lights (**\$5,849.15**); Fire (**\$46,633.79**); Parks & Rec. (**\$3,520.65**); Water (**\$90,815.80**); Sewer (**\$12,429.23**); WWTP (**\$151,206.21**); Rail Corridor (\$0.00); Road Overlay (\$0.00); Debt Fund (\$0.00); Water Capital (\$0.00); Liquid Fuels (**\$229.73**), and with voided checks totaling \$27.50.
2. Recommend approval of a proposal for website design by Measured EFX at a cost of \$14,700 to update the Borough Website and an expenditure of \$465.00 per quarter for associated fees for hosting and provided secure webmaster services.

Discussion ensued. Ms. Tomlinson stated she felt the hosting fees were set too high and asked Mrs. Aversa to look into the matter further. Ms. Tomlinson stated the Committee would table the recommendation and would consider it at the June Committee Meeting.

In other business the following was reviewed:

1. The Borough Engineer's April report was reviewed.
2. The Planning Commission is reviewing the Sign Ordinance for possible amendments to building setback, sign height and neon or florescent lighting.
3. A request was received recommending that the Zoning Ordinance for MR-Mixed Residential Dwelling Units be changed to include a maximum impervious coverage per dwelling type. Code Enforcement Department is reviewing all zoning ordinances to verify limits in each zoning district.
4. The Planning Commission will review the Parking Ordinance to identify a need for possible amendments to be drafted which would allow inclusion of metered parking in parking calculations for businesses in the Downtown Commercial District.
5. The Ambler TRID draft report was received.

A request was received for the Mayors of Maida (Italy) and Ambler to execute a document to be drafted declaring a 'twinship' (sister cities) between the two municipalities in recognition of their long-standing relationship.

Ms. Tomlinson 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. G. Pasceri, Mr. Kenney, and Mrs. Strus

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

The Committee will consider no actions this evening.

In other business the following was reviewed:

1. A draft job description for the Borough Treasurer is being reviewed and will be included in June's agenda packet.
2. The Borough is accepting applications from college students who are residents of the Borough for summer employment.

Discussion ensued. Mr. S. Pasceri stated that all summer positions have been filled.

Mr. S. Pasceri 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 make no recommendations this evening stated Mrs. Strus.

Parks & Recreation Committee – The Committee will make no recommendations this evening stated Mrs. Strus.

Public Utilities Committee – The Committee recommends and Mr. S. Pasceri moves:

Recommendation to purchase the fine screens/washing compactor replacement equipment from the lowest responsive bidder, Hydro-Dyne Engineering, Inc., at a cost of \$339,700.00. Seconded. Carried.

Recommendation for the plant engineer to prepare RFP's for the removal of existing fine screens and ram compactor and to install the new fine screens, controls and washing compactor. Seconded. Carried.

Recommendation to award the 2010 sanitary sewer repair bid to Allstate Power-Vac for the bid amount of \$200,880.00. Seconded. Carried.

Finance & Planning Committee – The Committee recommends and Ms. Tomlinson moves:

Recommend that the **April** invoices in the amount of **\$490,111.77** be paid. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend approval of a proposal for website design by Measured EFX at a cost of \$14,700 to update the Borough Website and an expenditure of \$465.00 per quarter for associated fees for hosting and provided secure webmaster services. Tabled.

Salary & Personnel Committee – The Committee will make no recommendations this evening stated Mr. S. Pasceri.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Russell
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Borough of Ambler