

## AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 19, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002. President Antonio Isabella presided.

Council Vice President Peter Amento led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

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

A motion was made to approve Minutes of the March 15, 2011 meeting as submitted. Seconded. Carried.

Stu Rosenthal, of Gilmore & Associates introduced himself to Council. Mr. Rosenthal will replace the retiring Bob Schmauk of Gilmore & Associates as Borough Water Engineer.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Committees of the Ambler Borough Council met on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Ave. Present: Mr. Isabella, Mr. G. Pasceri, Mr. Kenney, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mrs. Strus, Ms. Tomlinson and Mr. Curtis. Mayor Wahl, Chief Foley, Solicitor Bresnan and Mrs. Aversa also were present. Mr. Amento and Ms. Maxion were absent.

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

#### **Public Safety Committee – Mrs. Strus, Chairperson**

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. Authorization is requested to advertise for bid the purchase and installation of solar panel school zone safety flashers (\$77,500 CDBG grant allocated) to be installed at Mattison Avenue Elementary School and St. Anthony-St. Joseph Elementary School.

**The following was authorized at the Committee Meeting:**

1. Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2011-06** requesting project approval by PA DOT Secretary to install flashing school zone devices at Mattison Avenue Elementary School intersections. [This is a required PA DOT procedural resolution.] (7-Aye; 0-Nay)
2. Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2011-07** requesting project approval by PA DOT Secretary to install flashing school zone devices at St. Anthony-St. Joseph Elementary School intersections. [This is a required PA DOT procedural resolution.] (7-Aye; 0-Nay)

**In other business the following was reviewed this evening:**

1. The Police Department and Fire Department March 2011 reports were received.
2. The March 2011 Public Works, Safety Minutes and Code Enforcement reports were received.
3. An ordinance is under review intended on preventing vacant buildings from becoming a safety issue.

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, Chairperson**

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

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

**The Committee will consider the following actions this evening.**

1. Authorization is requested to award the recoating of the Pickering Field basketball court to A. Giuliani for the low quote of \$8,465.00 to overlay the court with 1 ½" of top blacktop and for \$633.00 to stripe the basketball court.

**In other business the following was reviewed this evening:**

1. The 'Movie Night in the Park' and 'Band Night in the Park' schedule for the 2011 season is as follows:
  - Band Night – "Six Packs" plays May 6<sup>th</sup> at Knight Park from 7:00-8:30 pm.
  - Movie Night – "Toy Story 3" at Pickering Field on June 24<sup>th</sup> at dusk
  - Movie Night – "How to Train Your Dragon" at Ricciardi Park July 22 at dusk
  - Movie Night – "Megamind" at Knight Park on August 19<sup>th</sup> at dusk

2. Ambler/YMCA Summer Camp will run from June 20-July 29, 2011 from 9:00-3:00 pm daily. Registration will be held at Borough Hall on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm.
3. The soccer nets were placed at Ricciardi Park temporarily.

Ms. Tomlinson 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, Chairperson**

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

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

**The Committee will consider the following actions this evening:**

1. Consider awarding the contract for the Shear Gates-Clarifier Scum Pipes bid to Eastern Environmental Contractors in the amount of \$14,480.00.
2. Consider authorizing the WWTP plant engineer to prepare bid documents and specs and to advertise for installation of electric actuators on the slide gates located on tank T-3. [This item was budgeted at \$40,000 in Capital.]
3. Authorization to advertise for adoption an Ordinance establishing streamlining provisions amending portions of Chapter 18 “Sewers and Sewage Disposal” of Borough Code to incorporate revisions made to CFR 403 Regulations.

**In other business the following was reviewed this evening:**

1. The March 2011 WWTP Supervisor’s and Engineer’s reports were received.
2. The Water Line Protection Program brochure has been mailed to water customers.
3. A grant application for \$250,000 for the Houston Road Tank Lead Paint Removal Project has been submitted to CDBG.

Mr. Amento 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, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Mr. S. Pasceri, Ms. Maxion, and Ms. Tomlinson.

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

**The Committee will consider the following actions this evening:**

1. Consideration that **MARCH 2011** invoices in the amount of **\$361,285.23** be paid as follows: General (**\$129,878.87**); Street Lights (**\$2,398.53**); Fire (**\$162.51**); Parks & Rec. (**\$7,083.18**); Water (**\$98,711.43**); Sewer (**\$17,632.85**); WWTP (**\$105,847.53**); Rail Corridor (**\$0.00**); Road Overlay (**\$0.00**); Debt Fund (**\$0.00**); Water Capital (**\$0.00**); Liquid Fuels (**\$326.10**) and check voids totaling \$756.10.
2. Consider advertising for adoption the proposed Vending Machine Ordinance.

**In other business the following was reviewed this evening:**

1. The Borough Engineer's March 2011 report was received.
2. The Committee is considering the creation of a new zoning district for Downtown Commercial properties that are not on Butler Avenue wherein parking requirements would be based on square footage. The Committee will receive input from the Code Enforcement Officer and Borough Solicitor before forwarding to the Planning Commission.
3. An Executive Session was held to discuss two legal issues, the Quinn legal suit and possible acquisition not related to the Quinn filing.

Mr. Kenney 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, Chairperson**

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 this evening:**

1. An Executive Session was held to discuss an arbitration issue, a union employee disciplinary issue and a police department employee matter.

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 recommends and Mrs. Strus moves:

Recommend advertising for bid the purchase and installation of solar panel school zone safety flashers (\$77,500 CDBG grant allocated) to be installed at Mattison Avenue Elementary School and St. Anthony-St. Joseph Elementary School. Seconded. Carried.

Authorized at Committee Meeting:

Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2011-06** requesting project approval by PA DOT Secretary to install flashing school zone devices at Mattison Avenue Elementary School intersections. (7-Aye; 0-Nay)

Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2011-07** requesting project approval by PA DOT Secretary to install flashing school zone devices at St. Anthony-St. Joseph Elementary School intersections. (7-Aye; 0-Nay)

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Recommend authorizing the WWTP plant engineer to prepare bid documents and specifications and to advertise for installation of electric actuators on the slide gates located on tank T-3. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend advertising for adoption an Ordinance establishing streamlining provisions amending portions of Chapter 18 “Sewers and Sewage Disposal” of Borough Code to incorporate revisions made to C.F.R. 403 Regulations. Seconded. Carried.

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

Recommend that **MARCH 2011** invoices in the amount of **\$361,285.23** be paid.  
Seconded. Carried.

Recommend advertising for adoption the proposed Vending Machine Ordinance.  
Seconded. Carried.

**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  
Administrative Assistant  
Borough of Ambler