

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 19, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002. President Antonio Isabella presided.

Mayor Wahl led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Mrs. Aversa expressed condolences on behalf of Borough employees on the death of WWTP employee Larry Lofgen

Roll Call – Present: Mr. Isabella, Mr. Amento, Mr. G. Pasceri, Mrs. Strus, Ms. Tomlinson, Mr. Curtis and Mr. Zaccone. Mayor Wahl, Solicitor Bresnan, Chief William Foley and Borough Manager Mary Aversa also were in attendance. Mr. Kenney and Mr. S. Pasceri were absent.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2012 meeting. Seconded. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committees of the Ambler Borough Council met on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Ave. Present: Mr. Isabella, Mr. Amento, Mr. G. Pasceri, Mr. Kenney, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mrs. Strus, Ms. Tomlinson, Mr. Curtis and Mr. Zaccone. Mayor Wahl, Chief Foley, Solicitor Bresnan and Borough Manager Mrs. Aversa also were present.

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

Public Safety Committee – Mrs. Strus, Chairperson

Committee members: Mr. G. Pasceri and Mr. Curtis

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

The Committee will consider no actions this evening.

In other business the following was reviewed this evening:

1. The May 2012 Police Department and Fire Department reports were received.
2. The May 2012 Public Works and Code Enforcement reports were received.

In other business, Mrs. Strus stated her concern about the duration of time that has elapsed since the closure of S. Spring Garden Street due to the Finn McCool's building collapse, and asked what options were available to the Borough so that the road might be reopened. Mrs. Aversa responded that the building has been stabilized, but that the need for a 'fall zone' meant that cars could not be permitted on the street. Solicitor Bresnan stated that the delay is an insurance issue and that a structural engineer would need to determine whether Finn McCool's could safely reopen for business and whether there was a chance the building might again collapse out onto the street. Mrs. Strus asked whether the insurance company or building owner might be contacted by Mr. Bresnan to expedite the insurance review process. It was agreed Mr. Bresnan would write a letter to the owner of the building to encourage the owner to settle with the insurance company.

Mrs. Strus asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. Chief Foley announced that an arrest was imminent related to four burglaries of businesses that took place over the weekend. He added that North Wales Borough had also experienced a burglary and that the arrest would benefit that Borough as well. There being nothing further, it was moved the report be accepted as filed. Seconded, carried.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Curtis, Chairperson

Committee members: Mr. Kenney and Ms. Tomlinson

The Parks and Recreation Committee report was given this evening by Mr. Curtis.

The Committee will consider no actions this evening.

In other business the following was reviewed this evening:

1. The schedule for this summer's Movies in the Parks and Band Nights in the Parks was announced: September 7th the movie 'The Lorax' will be shown at Pickering Field (raindate September 14th). Band Nights (the band 'Six Pack') will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 13th and August 3rd at Knights Park.
2. The 2012 YMCA Summer Camp Program is underway.

Mr. Curtis asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. There being nothing further, it was moved the report be accepted as filed. Seconded, carried.

Public Utilities Committee – Mr. Amento, Chairperson

Committee members: Mr. S. Pasceri and Mr. Zaccone

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

The Committee will consider the following actions this evening:

1. Authorization is requested to have the plant engineer prepare the RFP for the first phase of paving needed at the WWTP.

Approved at the Committee Meeting:

1. Recommending awarding to A.C. Schultes at the lowest quote of \$24,740 the contract to perform a TV inspection, scrub/acid clean and perform a subsequent pump test at Well 8, which has been shut down for repair, before installing a new or repaired motor and pump. Need for and cost for a new or repaired pump is not part of the contract price. [Seconded, all Aye, carried.]

In other business the following was reviewed this evening:

1. The May 2012 WWTP Supervisor's and Engineer's reports were reviewed.
2. The Houston Road Tank Recoating Project has been advertised and bid documents are available at no cost on the PennBid website. Bid opening is July 10th so that Council may make an award at the July Council Meeting.

Mr. Amento asked if there were questions or comments from Council or the public. There being nothing further, it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Finance and Planning Committee - Mr. Kenney, Chairperson

Committee Members: Mrs. Strus 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. Consideration that **MAY 2012** invoices in the amount of **\$755,126.71** be paid as follows: General (**\$127,761.48**); Street Lights (**\$10,179.29**); Fire (**\$3,780.51**); Parks & Rec. (**\$3,941.41**); Water (**\$110,408.07**); Sewer (**\$267,167.04**); WWTP (**\$231,924.71**); Rail Corridor (**\$0.00**); Road Overlay (**\$0.00**); Debt Fund (**\$0.00**); Water Capital (**\$0.00**); Liquid Fuels (**\$0.00**) with voided checks totaling \$835.80.

Approved at the Committee Meeting:

1. Recommendation to approve the Land Development for 150 N. Main /Street (Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard) involving an addition to house a 'cold box'. [Seconded, all Aye, carried.]

In other business the following was reviewed this evening:

1. The Borough Engineer's May 2012 report was received.
2. Staff has prepared a list of streets for paving in 2012. Streets include Fairview Avenue (from Hendricks Street to Bethlehem Pike); Southern Avenue (from Park Avenue to Church Street); North Street (from Trinity Avenue to Rosemary Avenue); and N. Main Street (from Butler Avenue to Tennis Avenue). Additionally scheduled: 14 curb ramps on Butler Avenue in anticipating of Avenue repaving in 2013.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Baigis of Tennis Avenue asked which criteria were used to determine the paving list. Mrs. Aversa stated that the Borough is waiting to receive grant money for several curb and sidewalk projects located on streets that certainly do need repair or repaving, but that cannot be scheduled until these projects are completed.

3. Staff has met with the surrounding Townships to discuss the possibility of a Boys' and Girls' Club program in our area.
4. General Code has forwarded final updates to the Code of Ordinances to Code Enforcement where a final review is underway. An Ordinance for Adoption has been prepared and will be advertised once review is completed.
5. Council has determined that there will be no Committee Meetings held in July or August. Regular Council Meeting, however, will be held on July 17 and August 21.

Ms. Tomlinson asked if there were questions or comments from Council or the public. There being nothing further, it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Salary and Personnel Committee – Mr. S. Paceri, Chairperson

Committee members: Mr. Amento and Mr. Zaccone

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

The Committee will consider no actions this evening:

In other business the following was reviewed this evening:

1. Two seasonal employees (college students who are Ambler residents) have been hired. The Borough will also take on three high school students who are part of the County's Youth Workforce Intern Program for five weeks (salaries to be paid by the County).

Mr. Amento asked if there were questions or comments from Council or the public. There being nothing further, 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 Mr. Curtis.

Public Utilities Committee – The Committee will make the following recommendations this evening stated Mr. Amento:

Recommend authorizing the plant engineer to prepare the RFP for the first phase of paving needed at the WWTP. Seconded. Carried.

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

Recommend the May bills totaling **\$755,126.71** be paid. Seconded. Carried.

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

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