

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 15, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, May 15, 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.

Roll Call – Present: Mr. Isabella, Mr. Amento, Mr. G. Pasceri, Mr. Kenney, Mr. S. 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.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the April 17, 2012 meeting. Seconded. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committees of the Ambler Borough Council met on Tuesday, May 1, 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, Ms. Tomlinson, Mr. Curtis and Mr. Zaccone. Mayor Wahl, Chief Foley, Solicitor Bresnan and Borough Manager Mrs. Aversa also were present. Mrs. Strus was absent.

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 April 2012 Police Department and Fire Department reports were received.
2. The April 2012 Public Works and Code Enforcement reports were received.
3. Street sweeping has resumed as of April 2nd.

Mrs. Strus asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. Mrs. Strus acknowledged the Ambler Police Department during National Police Week this week, and stated the Borough would provide an appreciation luncheon. 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: June 1st "Toy Story 3" at Ricciardi Park (raindate June 8th); September 7th movie to be determined at Pickering Field (raindate September 14th). BANDS: July 13th and August 3rd at Knights Park.
2. Camp registration for 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 no actions this evening:

In other business the following was reviewed this evening:

1. The April 2012 WWTP Supervisor's and Engineer's reports were reviewed.

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 Mr. Kenney.

The Committee will consider the following actions this evening:

1. Consideration that **APRIL 2012** invoices in the amount of **\$739,834.89** be paid as follows: General (**\$276,234.98**); Street Lights (**\$2,034.79**); Fire (**\$58,176.57**); Parks & Rec. (**\$16,783.20**); Water (**\$117,624.21**); Sewer (**\$118,497.79**); WWTP (**\$160,808.63**); Rail Corridor (**\$0.00**); Road Overlay (**\$0.00**); Debt Fund (**\$0.00**); Water Capital (**\$0.00**); Liquid Fuels (**\$2,165.51**) with voided checks totaling \$12,490.79.
2. The Committee will consider a recommendation to award a feasibility study for the Lindenwold lot/parking deck based upon quotes obtained from the Harmon Group and Tim Haas Engineers.

Discussion ensued. Ms. Tomlinson stated she did not feel as though she was comparing cost quotes for comparable scopes of work and stated her concern about the potential for run-away costs for reimbursable expenses. Mr. S. Pasceri also stated his concern about reimbursable expenses. Jim Dougherty, Borough Engineer, stated that the Borough would not necessarily have to contract with the same engineering firm for the feasibility study and for the preliminary design phase of the project. He recommended awarding to Harmon Group which provided the lowest quote, even though reimbursable expenses were open-ended. Mr. Kenney suggested a cap on reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$500.00.

3. General Code is completing final additional updates to the Code of Ordinances and will be preparing an Ordinance Adopting the Revised Code of Ordinances. Authorization is requested to advertise the Ordinance for adoption.
4. A request was received to adopt an emergency resolution to save our economy in support of the Glass-Steagall Act, National Banking and NAWAPA.

Mr. Kenney stated the Committee would table discussion on this request. A brief discussion, however, ensued wherein Mr. Kenney pointed out that this was a request from LaRouchePAC. Mr. Kenney stated he was not interested in aligning with a PAC and that he would prefer removing this item from any future Committee agenda. The Committee agreed.

In other business the following was reviewed this evening:

1. The Borough Engineer's April 2012 report was received.
2. Staff has prepared a list of streets for paving in 2012-2013.

3. Staff has met with the surrounding Townships to discuss the possibility of a Boys' and Girls' Club program in our area.
4. The 16th Annual Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, May 19 from 10:00-3:00 p.m. (raindate Sunday, May 20th). The First Annual Art Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th from 11:00-7:00 p.m. (raindate Sunday, June 17th).

Mr. Kenney 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. S. Pasceri.

The Committee will consider no actions this evening:

No other business was reviewed this evening.

Mr. S. Pasceri 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 no recommendations this evening stated Mr. Amento.

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

Recommend the April bills totaling \$739,834.89 be paid. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend awarding the feasibility study contract for the Lindenwold Lot/Parking Deck project to Harmon Group with the stipulation that miscellaneous expenses will be capped at \$500.00. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend advertising for adoption an Ordinance Adopting the Revised Code of Ordinances. 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
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Borough of Ambler