

## AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 16, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, April 16, 2013 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. S. Pasceri, Mrs. Strus, Ms. Tomlinson, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Zacccone and Mr. Dooley. Mayor Wahl, Solicitor Bresnan, Chief William Foley and Borough Manager Mary Aversa also were in attendance. Mr. Kenney was absent.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2013 Meeting with suggested revisions. Seconded. Carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Committees of Ambler Borough Council met Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Ave. Present: Mr. Isabella, Mr. Amento, Mrs. Strus, Mr. S. Pasceri, Ms. Tomlinson, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Zacccone and Mr. Dooley. Mayor Wahl, Chief Foley, Solicitor Bresnan and Borough Manager Mrs. Aversa also were present. Mr. Kenney was absent.

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

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

Committee members: Mr. Curtis, Mr. Dooley

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 March 2013 Police Department report, Fire Department report and Community Ambulance report were received.
2. The March 2013 Public Works and Code Enforcement reports were received.
3. The March 2013 Safety Committee Meeting Minutes were received.

Mrs. Strus 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.

**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 the following actions this evening:**

1. Consider adoption of updated Fee Resolution 2013-07 establishing fees for events held in Borough parks.

Discussion ensued. Ms. Tomlinson asked for clarification on the resolution's intent and language. Specifically, she stated it was her understanding that a refundable security deposit would be required for all events and not solely for skate park events. Mrs. Aversa stated she would amend the language. Further, Ms. Tomlinson asked that the language stating usage fees for residents of Ambler Borough, Lower Gwynedd/Whitpain/Upper Dublin Township be clarified for usage fees for non-residents or township neighbors. Mrs. Aversa stated a change would be made in the amendment to state that fees per use for non-residents or township neighbors or for for-profit groups would be set at \$150 per day and would not be capped for events lasting more than two days. Mrs. Aversa further stated that the remainder of the resolution had not changed.

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

1. A list of procedures for events held at Borough parks was approved by Council.
2. Movie Nights in the Parks have been scheduled as follows: "Wreck It Ralph" will be shown June 1<sup>st</sup> at Ricciardi Park; "The Lion King" will be shown July 25<sup>th</sup> at Pickering Field; and "Hotel Transylvania" will be held September 13<sup>th</sup> at Knight Park.
1. YMCA Knight Park Summer Camp registration will be held at Borough Hall on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. camp will run June 24 – August 2 at Mattison Avenue Elementary School. Proof of residency is required.

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 March 2013 WWTP Supervisor's and Engineer's reports were reviewed.
2. Water Supervisor is obtaining quotes to retrofit the aging SCADA (water computer) system. It is anticipated a 2-year equipment purchase and software upgrade will commence in 2013.

Mr. Amento asked if there were questions or comments from Council or the public. Mrs. Aversa stated that Cricket Communications had notified the water department of their intention to continue their telecommunications equipment lease at one of the Borough water tanks. 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 **March 2013** invoices in the amount of **\$750,092.12** are to be paid as follows: General (**\$198,142.84**); Street Lights (**\$1,539.48**); Fire (**\$14,646.33**); Parks & Rec. (**\$1,219.66**); Water (**\$163,629.80**); Sewer (**\$125,006.49**); WWTP (**\$240,179.58**); Rail Corridor (**\$0.00**); Road Overlay (**\$5,958.30**); Debt Fund (**\$0.00**); Water Capital (**\$0.00**); Liquid Fuels (**\$5,289.77**) and voided checks totaling \$230.36.

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

1. The Borough Engineer's March 2013 report was received.
2. Borough Engineers are preparing bid documents for the Lindenwold Parking Deck Project.
3. The Flood Plain Ordinance to modify Borough Code Ch. 27, Part 2 ("Definitions") and Ch. 27, Part 19 ("Floodplain Conservation District.") is in the review process.
4. The Solicitor is awaiting revised language to an Ordinance approving penalty, interest and fee schedule for collection of delinquent real estate taxes is being reviewed by the Borough Solicitor.
5. An amendment to the Transit-Oriented District (TOD) was received and is being reviewed by the Solicitor, Borough Engineer and Planning Commission. A red-line copy has been requested by Council.

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. Pasceri, Chairperson**

Committee members: Mr. Amento and Mr. Zaccone

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

**The Committee will consider no actions this evening.**

**At the Committee Meeting held April 2, 2013 the following actions were considered:**

1. An Executive Session was held in reference to an employee pension request that was approved (8-Aye; 0-Nay) and an update was given on a Union employee grievance.
2. Mr. Paul Dooley was sworn in by Judge Zaffarano as Councilman for Ward 2.

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

1. Volunteers are being sought to serve on the Environmental Advisory Council and Appeals Board.
2. Mr. Steven Ware has notified the Borough of his intention to resign from the Planning Commission. The Borough thanks Mr. Ware for his years of service and dedication to the Borough. The Borough Manager has received a letter of interest from a resident regarding the vacating seat.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Pasceri stated the Committee would make a determination on this matter at the May Council Meeting. Mrs. Aversa stated the position was listed on the Borough website.

Mr. 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.

**Parks & Recreation Committee** – The Committee recommends and Mr. Curtis moves:

Recommended adoption of updated Fee Resolution 2013-07 with suggested fee schedule revisions establishing fees for events held in Borough parks. Seconded. Carried.

**Public Utilities Committee** – The Committee will make no recommendations this evening.

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

Recommend that **March 2013** invoices in the amount of **\$750,092.12** be paid. Seconded. Carried.

**Salary & Personnel Committee** – The Committee will make no recommendations this evening.

**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