

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 17, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002. Council Vice President Peter Amento presided.

Mr. Amento called the Council Meeting to order. Mr. Amento led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

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

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2013 Meeting with one revision. . Seconded. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committees of Ambler Borough Council met Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Ave. Present: Mr. Amento, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Pasceri, Mrs. Strus, Ms. Tomlinson, Mr. Curtis, and Mr. Zaccone. Mayor Wahl, Chief Foley, Solicitor Bresnan and Borough Manager Mrs. Aversa also were present. Mr. Dooley and Mayor Wahl were 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 November 2013 Police Department and Fire Department reports were received.
2. The November 2013 Ambulance Association report was received.
3. The November 2013 Public Works, Safety and Code Enforcement reports 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 no actions this evening.

There was no further discussion of business.

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 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 **November 2013** invoices in the amount of **\$447,632.73** are to be paid as follows: General (**\$167,723.18**); Street Lights (**\$8,507.76**); Fire (**\$664.54**); Parks & Rec. (**\$15,662.87**); Water (**\$123,892.69**); Sewer (**\$16,714.19**); WWTP (**\$109,921.89**); Rail Corridor (**\$0.00**); Road Overlay (**\$0.00**); Debt Fund (**\$0.00**); Water Capital (**\$0.00**); Liquid Fuels (**\$9,913/65**), with voided checks totaling **\$5,368.04**.
2. Consider adoption of the **2014 Budget**.

3. Consider adoption of **Ordinance 1077** Fixing the Real Estate Tax for the Year. 2014.
4. Consider adoption of **Resolution 2013-23** setting Budget Appropriations for 2014.

Approved at Committee Meeting:

1. Consider adoption of **Ordinance 1076 (General Obligation)** increasing the indebtedness of Ambler Borough. Seconded. Carried.

In other business the following was reviewed this evening:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. 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.
3. A resolution from municipalities intending to remain as Member Municipalities of the Waste Authority was requested.
4. The Sewer Planning Module for Ambler Crossing which was approved by the Planning Commission was received.
5. The 2014 Meeting Schedule was received and will be advertised.
6. The Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

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. 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 the following actions this evening:

1. Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2013-17 through 2013-22** recognizing the service of our Elected Officials.

In other business the following was reviewed this evening:

1. The union contract negotiations continue and an Executive Session is needed. [At the conclusion of the Executive Session Mr. Pasceri stated that nothing had been resolved

between the Committee and the Union and that Council should be prepared in January to address the negotiations.]

2. Mr. Frank DeRuosi was nominated and unanimously appointed to the vacant Council seat in Ward 3.
3. The Committee is accepting applicant letters of interest/resumes for members of the community to serve on several Borough committees, boards and councils with terms ending December 31, 2013: Vacancy Board (1 seat); Planning Commission (3 seats); Zoning Hearing Board (1 seat); Environmental Advisory Council (4 seats); Appeals Board (2 seats); and Civil Service Commission (1 seat). Letters of interest/resumes must be received by **December 27th**. The Committee will offer nominations and make appointments at the January Committee meeting.

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 will make no recommendations this evening.

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

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

Consideration that **November 2013** invoices in the amount of **\$447,632.73** are to be paid. Seconded. Carried.

Consider adoption of the **2014 Budget**. Seconded. (5-Aye; 2-Nay [Mr. Kenney, Ms. Tomlinson]). Carried.

Consider adoption of **Ordinance 1077** Fixing the Real Estate Tax for the Year. 2014. Seconded. (5-Aye; 2-Nay [Mr. Kenney, Ms. Tomlinson]). Carried.

Consider adoption of **Resolution 2013-23** setting Budget Appropriations for 2014. Seconded. Carried.

Approved at Committee Meeting:

Consider adoption of **Ordinance 1076 (General Obligation)** increasing the indebtedness of Ambler Borough. Seconded. Carried.

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

Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2013-17** recognizing the service of Council Member **Thomas Kenney**. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2013-18** recognizing the service of Council Member **Patricia Strus**. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2013-19** recognizing the service of Council Member **Francine Tomlinson**. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2013-20** recognizing the service of Council Member **Paul Dooley**. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2013-21** recognizing the service of Council Member **Mayor Bud Wahl**. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2013-22** recognizing the service of Council Member **Antonio Isabella**. Seconded. Carried.

Approved at Committee Meeting:

Consider appointment of Mr. Frank DeRuosi to the vacant Council seat in Ward 3. Seconded. Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Russell
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Borough of Ambler