

## AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 22, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002. The meeting was held Wednesday due to Pennsylvania Primary Elections held Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. President Antonio Isabella presided.

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

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

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2013 Meeting. Seconded. Carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Committees of Ambler Borough Council met Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Ave. Present: Mr. Amento, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mrs. Strus, Ms. Tomlinson, Mr. Curtis and Mr. Zaccone. Chief Foley, Solicitor Bresnan and Borough Manager Mrs. Aversa also were present. Mr. Isabella, Mr. Kenney, 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 the following actions this evening:**

1. Consider the request of the Wissahickon Fire Company to waive the permit requirement for the roofing project over the engine room section of the firehouse. The estimated project cost is \$50,000 and work will begin end of May or early June.
2. Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2013-08** adopting the 2012 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan which is required for receipt of certain Federal disaster grants.

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

1. The April 2013 Police Department report and Fire Department report were received.
2. The April 2013 Public Works 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.**

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

1. 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 was held at Borough Hall on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Summer Camp will run June 24 – August 2 at Mattison Avenue Elementary School. Residents still may register at the Ambler YMCA.

Mr. Curtis asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. Mr. Curtis asked the Borough Manager to determine the Ambler Junior Baseball playing field assignments this spring. He stated he had seen AJB teams playing on fields in other communities and that he had not seen games played at Pickering on Thursday evenings. Mrs. Aversa responded that CYO traditionally had used that field on Thursday evenings and on certain Saturdays and that she would ascertain whether they still had need of the fields.

Chief Foley announced that the Diabetes Run would be held the morning of June 1<sup>st</sup> and that he had offered Ricciardi Park as a ‘watering hole.’ Additionally, he announced that the Skate Park event had been rescheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> at Knight Park. 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 2013 WWTP Supervisor's and Engineer's reports were reviewed.
2. Water Supervisor has obtained a draft Preliminary Engineering Report for the proposed Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition (SCADA) System maintenance/upgrade project. A cost proposal for electrical installation, engineering and the purchase of components will be forthcoming.
3. The Borough must update its NPDES Ordinance which sets local discharge limits to be compliant with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System. The Borough Solicitor will prepare an Ordinance for adoption by Council 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 Mr. Kenney.

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

1. Consideration that **April 2013** invoices in the amount of **\$794,545.40** are to be paid as follows: General (**\$144,852.31**); Street Lights (**\$12,068.08**); Fire (**\$34,909.93**); Parks & Rec. (**\$3,449.91**); Water (**\$99,119.71**); Sewer (**\$275,674.76**); WWTP (**\$217,160.43**); Rail Corridor (**\$0.00**); Road Overlay (**\$7,108.44**); Debt Fund (**\$0.00**); Water Capital (**\$0.00**); Liquid Fuels (**\$201.83**).

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

1. The Borough Engineer's April 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. The Solicitor has stated that County's sense of urgency had evaporated after the New Year and that a bill was in

the State Assembly to allow municipalities not to be required to turn over 5% of collections to the County.

5. An amendment to the Transit-Oriented District (TOD) was received and is being reviewed by the Solicitor, Borough Engineer and Planning Commission.
6. The Borough is working with the Borough Engineer to prepare bid documents for the repaving of a large portion of Butler Avenue.

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. Isabella.

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

**An Executive Session was held and a recommendation was made to approve the recommended discipline for two employees.**

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

1. Volunteers are sought to serve on the Environmental Advisory Council and Appeals Board.
2. Mr. Steven Ware has notified the Borough that he has rescinded his resignation from the Planning Commission.
3. The Borough will be hiring laborers for seasonal employment.
4. Staff will be advertising for the position of Finance Manager for a vacancy due to retirement that will occur in December.
5. A Committee is to be formed by Council President Isabella to undertake municipal union employee contract negotiations.

Mr. Isabella 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 recommends and Mrs. Strus moves:

Recommend waiving the permit requirement for the Wissahickon Fire Company for the roofing project over the engine room section of the firehouse. The estimated project cost is \$50,000 and work will begin end of May or early June. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2013-08** adopting the 2012 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan which is required for receipt of certain Federal disaster grants. Seconded. Carried.

**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:

Recommend that **April 2013** invoices in the amount of **\$794,545.40** 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  
Manager's Assistant  
Borough of Ambler