

## AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 15, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002. Council President Sal Pasceri presided.

Mr. Pasceri called the Council Meeting to order. Mayor Sorg led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call** – Present: Mr. Pasceri, Mr. Amento, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Zaccone, Mr. DeRuosi, Mrs. Deininger, Mrs. McCormick, Mr. Palumbo and Mr. Sheward. Mayor Sorg, Solicitor Bresnan, Chief William Foley and Borough Manager Mary Aversa also were in attendance.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2014 Council Meeting. Seconded. Carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Committees of Ambler Borough Council met Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Present: Mr. Pasceri, Mr. Amento, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Zaccone, Mr. DeRuosi, Mrs. Deininger, Mrs. McCormick, Mr. Palumbo and Mr. Sheward.. Mayor Sorg, 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 – Mr. Curtis, Chairperson**

Committee members: Mrs. McCormick, Mr. Sheward

The Public Safety 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 March 2014 Police Department and Fire Department reports were received.
2. The March 2014 Ambulance Association report was received.
3. The March 2014 Public Works and Code Enforcement reports were reviewed.
4. A meeting to discuss private alleys will be scheduled.

Discussion ensued. Mayor Sorg stated that she and Council President Pasceri would be talking with affected residents to help them coordinate their efforts. She stated he had walked the alleys and recognized the each has different issues. She noted that privately-owned alleys pre-date the concept of home owners' associations. Mr. Pasceri stated they would be speaking with residents who have come forward seeking assistance in facilitating repair of the alleys.

Mr. Curtis asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. He stated that he had received a large event application. The application was being reviewed for any additional requirements by the Borough. There being nothing further, it was moved the report be accepted as filed. Seconded, carried.

**Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. DeRuosi, Chairperson**

Committee members: Mrs. Deininger, Mrs. McCormick, Mr. Palumbo

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

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

1. Ambler Junior Baseball's travel team has asked for approval to use a portable home run fence for its travel games.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Pasceri noted that AJB prepared a letter for Pickering Field neighbors but did not go door-to-door for owner agreement to use a home run fence. Mrs. Aversa stated her understanding that the fence would be put up before a game and taken down right afterwards. As such, this was not considered by AJB to be a permanent improvement. She added that AJB has provided Council with a schedule of games when the fence would be in use. Mr. Palumbo stated that travel team was added to AJB's line-up at the end of last season.

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

1. Staff is scheduling Movies in the Parks for the summer.

Mr. DeRuosi asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. Mrs. Baigis of Tennis Avenue asked whether swings would be installed at Ricciardi Park. Mrs. Aversa stated improvements were being made at other parks this year and that residents near Ricciardi Park wanted rubberized matting, which raises the total cost of swing improvements. She stated swings would be considered in next year's budget. There being nothing further, it was moved the report be accepted as filed. Seconded, carried.

**Public Utilities Committee – Mr. Amento, Chairperson**

Committee members: Mr. Curtis, Mr. Zaccone

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

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

1. Consider authorizing the plant engineer to prepare an RFP for the Control Building roof. [This is a budgeted capital project.]
2. Consider authorizing the plant engineer to prepare an RFP for the removal and replacement of the pump controller in PS-1. [Estimated project cost of \$50,000.]
3. Consider purchasing a 60Hz-85kW generator for Well 14 from Cummins Power at the lowest responsive quote of \$43,100.
4. Consider awarding contract for the removal of old blacktop and resurfacing of the Loch Alsh wellhouse access road to Tedesco Paving, Inc. at the low quote of \$7,150.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Sheward asked whether the Borough considers looking at permeable asphalt. Mrs. Aversa replied permeable asphalt was not applicable for this job because of proximity of the reservoir and that there are a lot of gravel areas already at Loch Alsh. Solicitor Bresnan stated permeable asphalt does not work well for a high volume application.

5. Authorization to purchase through CoStars a truck to replace the truck damaged during the February ice storm. Recommend purchasing a 2014 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD, ¾ ton, 4-wheel drive for a total purchase price of \$27,614.20.
6. Award to contract for the Digester ET-17 to Eastern Environmental Contractors at the low bid price of \$152,700. [Bid opening was set after the agenda was prepared and it was noted that this item had been discussed at Committee. Mr. Amento presented all bid results at this evening's Council Meeting.]

**Recommended at Committee Meeting:**

1. Recommend Phase I cleaning award to Franc Environmental, Inc. for the low quote of \$72,425.00. Seconded. (9-0 Aye). Carried.

**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. Sheward, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Mr. DeRuosi, Mrs. Deininger

The Finance and Planning Committee report was given this evening by Mr. Sheward.

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

1. Consideration that **March 2014** invoices in the amount of **\$396,826.87** are to be paid as follows: General (**\$147,150.44**); Street Lights (**\$5,045.51**); Fire (**\$9,514.43**); Parks & Rec. (**\$1,414.79**); Water (**\$74,071.63**); Sewer (**\$10,121.45**); WWTP (**\$161,590.63**); Rail Corridor (**\$0.00**); Road Overlay (**\$0.00**); Debt Fund (**\$0.00**); Water Capital (**\$0.00**); Liquid Fuels (**\$15,276.43**) with voided checks totaling \$27,358.44.

**Recommended at Committee Meeting:**

1. Recommend contracting with D'Huy Engineering for project management consulting services for the conversion of Mattison Avenue Elementary School to the new Ambler Borough Hall. Recommend awarding the architectural and engineering services contract for the project to Phillips Associates under the terms of the proposal. Seconded. (9-Aye). 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. An Executive Session was held. An Executive Session is needed.

Mr. Sheward 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. Zaccone, Chairperson**

Committee members: Mr. Amento, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Palumbo

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

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

1. Chris Gennell has resigned as a Zoning Hearing Board Alternate. Recommend appointing applicant Elise Kelly, a former ZHB member, to the vacant position.

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

1. Sue McDowell has submitted her resignation from the Environmental Advisory Council effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. The EAC has several vacancies is looking for interested candidates.

Mr. Zaccone 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. DeRuosi moves:

Authorization for Ambler Junior Baseball's travel team to use a portable home run fence for its travel games which will be set-up before a game and removed afterwards. Seconded. Carried.

**Public Utilities Committee** – The Committee recommends and Mr. Amento moves:

Authorizing the plant engineer to prepare an RFP for the Control Building roof. Seconded. Carried.

Authorizing the plant engineer to prepare an RFP for the removal and replacement of the pump controller in PS-1. Seconded. Carried.

Authorizing purchasing a 60Hz-85kW generator for Well 14 from Cummins Power at the lowest responsive quote of \$43,100. Seconded. Carried.

Awarding contract for the removal of old blacktop and resurfacing of the Loch Alsh wellhouse access road to Tedesco Paving, Inc. at the low quote of \$7,150. Seconded. Carried.

Purchase through CoStars a 2014 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD, ¾ ton, 4-wheel drive for a total purchase price of \$27,614.20. Seconded. Carried.

Awarding a contract for the Digester ET-17 to Eastern Environmental Contractors at the low bid price of \$152,700. Seconded. Carried.

### **Recommended at Committee Meeting:**

Recommend Phase I cleaning award to Franc Environmental, Inc. for the low quote of \$72,425.00. Seconded. (9-0 Aye). Carried.

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

Recommend that the March 2014 invoices in the amount of \$396,826.87 be paid. Seconded. Carried.

**Salary & Personnel Committee** – The Committee recommends and Mr. Zaccone moves:

Recommend appointing Elise Kelly as Alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded. Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Russell  
Assistant Secretary  
Borough of Ambler