

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 15, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania, 19002.

This evening, Council Vice President Peter Amento presided. Mr. Amento called the Council Meeting to order. Mayor Sorg then led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2015 Council Meeting. Seconded. Carried. Council then proceeded to hear Committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committees of Ambler Borough Council met Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania, 19002. Present: Mr. Pasceri, Mr. Amento, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Zaccone, Mr. DeRuosi, Mrs. Deininger, Mrs. McCormick, Mr. Sheward and Mrs. Polesir. Mayor Sorg, Solicitor Bresnan, Chief Foley and Borough Manager Mary Aversa also were in attendance. 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 the following actions this evening:

1. Authorization is requested to adopt **Resolution 2015-12** permitting outdoor liquor sales during the Oktoberfest events.
2. Authorization is requested to adopt **Resolution 2015-13** to execute a Winter Traffic Agreement with PennDot.

In other business the following will be discussed:

1. The August 2015 Fire Department and Police reports were received.

2. The August 2015 Ambulance Association report was received.
3. The Public Works and Code Enforcement reports were received.
4. The Lindenwold Avenue traffic study is to be discussed.

Mrs. Aversa stated she had attended a meeting to discuss traffic options relative to the St. Mary's development plans in Upper Dublin Township. She stated it seemed a better option to install a traffic light at Lindenwold Avenue as opposed to at Mattison Avenue. She stated consideration was being given to marking the upper two blocks of Mattison Avenue as 'one way' during certain hours of the day.

Chief Foley stated his department was considering restricted road usage at certain times of day and that there were several signage options to accomplish this. He stated the study results show 58,000 vehicles traversing Lindenwold Avenue in one month. Further, he stated the study showed 2,000 vehicles out of Ambler daily on Lindenwold and 1,000 in to Ambler daily. He stated we have a 'volume' problem and not necessarily a 'speed problem' since the study showed only 8 vehicles travelling in excess of 10 mph over the posted speed limit. He clarified that only State Police may use radar. He added that making stop signs more visible by adding lights to them probably would not be allowed by PennDot since lights usually are only put on new stop signs for a finite period of time. He stated he intends to "busy up the street" with paint and lines at intersections to better caution traffic. Mr. Curtis added that collected violations on this route have doubled in the last month, a tribute the diligence of the PD. Mr. Mark Lowenstein of 326 Lindenwold Avenue addressed his own concerns for safety along Lindenwold Avenue.

5. Staff is determining the number of radios the Borough will need to purchase for Emergency Services (PD, Fire & Ambulance). The County will assist with financing through County 'radio program' assistance.

Mr. Curtis asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. There being nothing further, it was moved the Committee's report be accepted as filed. Seconded, carried.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. DeRuosi, Chairperson

Committee members: Mrs. Deininger, Mrs. McCormick

The Parks and Recreation Committee report was given this evening by Mrs. Deininger.

The Committee will consider no actions this evening.

In other business the following was discussed:

1. Showing date for the final summer 'Movies in the Parks' movie is follows: Cinderella (2015) Pickering Field., Fri., September 18 (at dusk) .
2. The park survey results are being reviewed by the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) which is reviewing proposals for maintenance of Ambler Borough Park.
3. Ambler Borough Park rules are being revised to allow for leased dogs in the Park.
4. Residents are encouraged to contact the Ambler EAC in reference to a discount tree purchasing program available to Ambler residents.
5. Liz Kunzier provided an update on Ambler Main Street events.

Mrs. Deininger asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. There being nothing further, it was moved the Committee's 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 action this evening:

1. Authorization to contract with Munilink for new computer billing and water infrastructure software for the Water Department at a 10-year cost (inclusive) of \$170,000.

In other business the following was discussed:

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 **August 2015** invoices in the amount of **\$465,520.59** be paid as follows: General (**\$265,159.21**); Street Lights (**\$618.58**); Fire (**\$0.00**); Parks & Rec. (**\$10,993.88**); Water (**\$54,438.47**); Sewer (**\$8,708.85**); WWTP (**\$100,327.99**); Rail

Corridor (\$0.00); Road Overlay (\$0.00); Debt Fund (\$0.00); Water Capital (\$13,497.99); Liquid Fuels (\$11,775.62).

In other business the following was discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. The Borough Planning Commission has reviewed the Parking Ordinance and provided draft language for consideration. Further discussion is needed.
3. The new Borough Hall Building dedication has been scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2015, at noon.
4. Staff is preparing for the auction of 122 E. Butler Avenue with Traiman Auction. The second Bidder Open House will be held September 17th from 1-3:00 p.m. or by appointment. The Auction will take place September 24^h at 2:00 p.m.

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.

Approved at Committee Meeting: Recommend awarding the residential trash, recycling and yard waste hauler contract to J.P. Mascaro for the low 5-year bid of \$1,548,348.00 (9-Aye)

Salary and Personnel Committee – Mr. Zaccone, Chairperson

Committee members: Mr. Amento, Mr. Curtis

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

The Committee will make the following recommendation this evening:

1. Recommend posting and placing advertising to conduct interviews for the newly-created Maintenance Worker position. This is a Union position.

In other business the following was discussed:

1. Correspondence was received from a resident requesting that Borough Council and the Mayor forego their salaries.

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 recommends and Mr. Curtis moves:

Recommend adopting **Resolution 2015-12** permitting outdoor liquor sales during the Oktoberfest events. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend adopting **Resolution 2015-13** to execute a Winter Traffic Agreement with PennDot. Seconded. Carried.

Parks & Recreation Committee – The Committee will make no recommendations this evening.

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

Authorization to contract with Munilink for new computer billing and water infrastructure software for the Water Department at a 10-year cost (inclusive) of \$170,000. Seconded. Carried.

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

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

Recommend posting and placing advertising to conduct interviews for the newly-created Maintenance Worker position. This is a Union position. Seconded. Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Russell
Assistant Secretary
Borough of Ambler