

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 21, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania, 19002. The meeting was preceded by an advertised Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance 1086 relating to conditional use approval for buildings greater than 8,000 square feet in the business district and regarding grandfathered drive-thru's. Motion. Seconded. (6-Aye). Carried.

This evening, Council President Sal Pasceri presided. Mr. Pasceri called the Council Meeting to order. Mayor Sorg conducted the swearing in of Council Person Karen Polesir. Mayor Sorg then led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2015 Council Meeting and of the Special Meeting held July 23, 2015. Seconded. Carried. Council then proceeded to hear Committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committees of Ambler Borough Council held no meetings in July. 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 will be discussed:

1. The June 2015 Fire Department report was received. The May and June 2015 Police reports were received.

2. The June 2015 Ambulance Association report was received.
3. The Public Works and Code Enforcement reports were received.
4. The Safety Committee Meeting Minutes were received.

Mr. Curtis asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. Mrs. McCormick inquired as to the Borough's progress in keeping the Skate Park clean. Ms. Aversa stated signs had been posted and that the issue was being tracked. Mr. Curtis added that the Borough could consider shutting down the Skate Park for a period of time if park users do not comply. 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. McCormick.

The Committee will consider no actions this evening.

In other business the following will be discussed:

1. Showing dates for the summer Movies in the Parks series are as follows:

Big Hero 6 (2014), New Borough Hall, Thurs., Aug 6 (7:00 p.m.)

Cinderella (2015) Pickering Field., Fri., Sept. 18 (at dusk)

2. The Borough has applied for the 2015 Growing Greener Watershed Protection grant. Funding has been requested for the retrofit installation of catch basin inlet filters with hydrocarbon capturing inserts within the storm water system.
3. Ms. Chris Raines, Ambler's Environmental Advisory Council, Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association and Penn State Extension's Master Watershed Stewards conducted a Service Day clean-up in Ambler Borough Park to remove invasive species. The Borough appreciates their combined efforts in beautifying the park and in protecting our natural resources.

Mrs. McCormick 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 approve the proposed Verizon lease agreement at Houston Tank.

In other business the following will be discussed:

1. The WWTP Supervisor's and Engineer's reports were reviewed.
2. Water Department is compiling information and obtaining quotes for a new water billing and water infrastructure software system.
3. Staff is working with the Water Engineer on the purchase and installation of an electric operative valve at Loch Alsh Reservoir.
4. WWTP has retained the services of Mr. John Hall to address the new (phosphorus) permit discharge limits.
5. Financing for the Water Bond is complete.

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 **June 2015** invoices in the amount of **\$1,143,034.46** be paid as follows: General (**\$743,940.81**); Street Lights (**\$5,806.54**); Fire (**\$29,153.24**); Parks & Rec. (**\$5,772.75**); Water (**\$79,386.18**); Sewer (**\$132,215.15**); WWTP (**\$139,879.79**); Rail Corridor (**\$0.00**); Road Overlay (**\$0.00**); Debt Fund (**\$0.00**); Water Capital (**\$6,880.00**); Liquid Fuels (**\$0.00**).
2. Recommend adoption of **Ordinance 1086** requiring Conditional Use approval on future use from Council and to regulate Drive-Thru Service along Butler Avenue.
3. Consideration to contract with Traiman Real Estate Auction Company relative to the sale of 122 E. Butler Avenue (old Borough Hall).

4. Consider advertising for adoption an Ordinance granting Council express authority to waive the ordinance requirement that each development step (tentative, preliminary, final) be voted on separately before moving on to the next step.
5. Consider advertising for adoption an Ordinance amending the Subdivision and Land Development language to clarify that an approved plan does not expire after five years.
6. Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2015-10** recognizing the Municipal Records Act.
7. Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2015-11** authorizing the destruction of documents.
8. Recommend advertising the Borough's Trash Bid. Bid specs are currently being prepared.
9. Consider advertising for adoption an Ordinance amending the Zoning Map to include automotive sales as a permitted use.

In other business the following will be discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. A Parking Ordinance is being prepared by the Borough Solicitor.
3. A parking lot dedication ceremony will be held on July 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Borough Hall. The new building dedication ceremony will be scheduled.
4. An Executive Session is required.

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

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

The Committee will consider the following actions this evening:

1. The WWTP vacancy was advertised and interviews were held. A recommendation to hire Stephan Clayton is requested.

In other business the following will be discussed:

1. Applications are being accepted for seasonal work.

Mr. Curtis 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 recommendation this evening.

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

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

Authorization to approve the proposed Verizon lease agreement at Houston Tank. Seconded. Carried.

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

Consideration that **June 2015** invoices in the amount of **\$1,143,034.46** be paid. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend adoption of **Ordinance 1086** requiring Conditional Use approval on future use from Council and to regulate Drive-Thru Service along Butler Avenue. Seconded. Carried.

Consideration to contract with Traiman Real Estate Auction Company relative to the sale of 122 E. Butler Avenue (old Borough Hall). Seconded. Carried.

Consider advertising for adoption an Ordinance granting Council express authority to waive the ordinance requirement that each development step (tentative, preliminary, final) be voted on separately before moving on to the next step. Seconded. Carried.

Consider advertising for adoption an Ordinance amending the Subdivision and Land Development language to clarify that an approved plan does not expire after five years. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2015-10** recognizing the Municipal Records Act. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2015-11** authorizing the destruction of documents.
Seconded. Carried.

Recommend advertising the Borough's Trash Bid. Bid specs are currently being prepared.
Seconded. Carried.

Consider advertising for adoption an Ordinance amending the Zoning Map to include automotive sales as a permitted use. Seconded. Carried.

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

The WWTP vacancy was advertised and interviews were held. A recommendation to hire Stephan Clayton is requested. 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