

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 18, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania, 19002. The meeting was preceded by an advertised Public Hearing on proposed **Ordinance 1087** (An Ordinance amending the Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, clarify that an approved plan does not expire after five years; that a plan is protected from subsequent zoning changes for five years; leaving the remainder of the Ordinance in full force and effective; effective upon adoption) and on proposed **Ordinance 1088** (An Ordinance of the Borough of Ambler amending the Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to allow for the submission of alternate plans for development simultaneously; authorizing Council to waive the required approval sequence and grant preliminary and final approval simultaneously; leaving the remainder of the Ordinance in full force and effect; effective upon adoption). Motion to approve Ordinance 1087. Seconded. (8-Aye). Carried. Motion to approve Ordinance 1088. Seconded. (8-Aye). Carried.

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. Mayor Sorg then proceeded to thank all of the volunteers who had assisted with the Criterium Bike Race.

Roll Call – Present: 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. Mr. Pasceri was absent.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the July 21, 2015 Council. Seconded. Carried. Council then proceeded to hear Committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committees of Ambler Borough Council met Tuesday, August 4, 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. 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. Mr. Zaccone was absent. 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. Recommend adoption of a Proclamation in support of the American Disabilities Act.

In other business the following was discussed:

1. The July 2015 Fire Department and Police reports were received.
2. The July 2015 Ambulance Association report was received.
3. The Public Works and Code Enforcement reports were received.
4. A resident from Lindenwold Avenue would like to discuss possible traffic calming options with Borough Council.

Mr. Mark Lowenstein of 326 Lindenwold Avenue addressed his concerns for safety along Lindenwold Avenue. He noted that Lindenwold Avenue has become a major commuter cut-through for vehicles, including EMS vehicles and SEPTA. He stated he had observed the drivers considered the stop sign at Park and Lindenwold Avenues to be “optional.” He added that he was circulating a petition already endorsed by 50 individuals in support of traffic calming measures. Chief Foley stated the Police Department is compiling preliminary numbers on vehicular speed, time of day and volume of traffic. He added he would prefer to conduct a comprehensive survey on Lindenwold, Euclid and Mattison Avenues. Mr. Curtis stated the Committee would address this issue seriously.

5. A Resolution will be forthcoming permitting outdoor liquor sales during Oktoberfest.
6. Meetings are scheduled to determine 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.
7. The Criterium Bike race was discussed.

Mr. Curtis asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. Mrs. Deininger noted that several parking meters were not functioning along Butler Avenue at the Presbyterian Church. She asked the Borough Manager to schedule staff to look at the meters. 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 Mr. DeRuosi.

The Committee will consider the following actions this evening:

1. Consider a revision of Park Rules to allow leased dogs in Ambler Borough Park.

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 which is reviewing proposals for maintenance of Ambler Borough Park.

Mr. DeRuosi 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 Sprint lease agreement at Houston Tank.

In other business the following was 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. WWTP has requested that the purchase of VFD’s for P-3 in PS-1 and P-4 in EPS-1 from Universal Motors be tabled since the company has stated that the WWTP which is municipal and not industrial, is out of territory.

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 **July 2015** invoices in the amount of **\$494,365.21** be paid as follows: General (**\$195,451.23**); Street Lights (**\$10,152.01**); Fire (**\$0.00**); Parks & Rec. (**\$8,237.75**); Water (**\$92,791.15**); Sewer (**\$19,858.31**); WWTP (**\$167,084.22**); Rail Corridor (**\$0.00**); Road Overlay (**\$0.00**); Debt Fund (**\$0.00**); Water Capital (**\$0.00**); Liquid Fuels (**\$790.54**).

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 Borough's Trash Bid has been advertised.
4. Staff is preparing for the auction of 122 E. Butler Avenue with Traiman Auction. Bidder Open Houses will be held September 10th and 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.

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 not recommendations this evening.

In other business the following was discussed:

1. The maintenance position job description is being prepared and a cost analysis is being completed.
2. An Executive Session is required. [Council held an Executive Session. Mr. Amento addressed the public and stated the Executive Session was regarding a personnel matter.]

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 adoption of a Proclamation in support of the American Disabilities Act. Seconded. Carried.

Parks & Recreation Committee – The Committee recommends and Mr. DeRuosi moves:

Consider a revision of Park Rules to allow leased dogs in Ambler Borough Park. Seconded. (7-Aye; 1-Nay [Mrs. McCormick]). Carried.

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

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

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

Consideration that **July 2015** invoices in the amount of **\$494,365.21** be paid. Seconded. Carried.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Russell
Assistant Secretary
Borough of Ambler