

## AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 15, 2015

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

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

**Roll Call** – Present: Mr. Pasceri, Mr. Amento, 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. Curtis was absent.

Mr. Pasceri made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 4, 2015 MS4 TMDL Special Meeting. Seconded. Carried. Mr. Pasceri then made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2015 Council Meeting. Seconded. Carried. Council then proceeded to hear Committee reports.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Committees of Ambler Borough Council met Wednesday, November 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. Zaccone, Mr. Curtis, Mr. DeRuosi, Mrs. Deininger, Mrs. McCormick and Mr. Sheward. Mayor Sorg, Solicitor Bresnan, Chief Foley and Borough Manager Mary Aversa also were in attendance. Mrs. Polesir 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 Mrs. Polesir.

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

**In other business the following will be discussed:**

1. The November 2015 Police and Fire reports were received.

2. The November 2015 Ambulance Association report was received.
3. The Public Works and Code Enforcement reports were received.

Mrs. Polesir asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. Chief Foley voiced his appreciation to volunteers and members of the West Conshohocken, Upper Dublin, Lower Gwynedd and Whitpain police forces as well as the Wissahickon Fire Company for their outstanding service during the Clydesdales Parade. He stated the crowd estimate was 15,000. Liz Kunzier of Ambler Main Street stated the Clydesdales crew loved the parade route, thanked the volunteers and would be interested in meeting again to discuss a future parade. 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 adoption of **Ordinance 1091** amending Park Rules to permit walking of leashed dogs in Ambler Borough Park.

**Recommended at Committee Meeting:**

1. With a request to participate in the Edgewood Preserve Project, Council considered adoption of Resolution 2015-18, outlining the \$20,000 contribution details towards purchase of parcel lot #13 on Edgewood Drive. Seconded. Carried. (8-Aye).

**In other business the following will be discussed:**

1. Liz Kunzier of Ambler Main Street provided an update to Council on Ambler Main Street Events, noting the schedule for final Saturday events before the Christmas holiday and noting that Restaurant Week will occur the second week of January, 2016.

Mr. DrRuosi 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.

**Recommended at the Committee Meeting:**

1. Recommend awarding the contract for emergency replacement of water main on Marion Avenue to Caddick Construction for the low quote of \$85,019.50.

**In other business the following was discussed:**

1. The WWTP Supervisor's and Engineer's reports were reviewed.
2. Correspondence from the DEP in reference to the annual Loch Alsh Dam inspection was received.

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 **November 2015** invoices in the amount of **\$989,648.40** be paid as follows: General (**\$246,526.06**); Street Lights (**\$5,696.15**); Fire (**\$641.78**); Parks & Rec. (**\$6,853.87**); Water (**\$126,985.91**); Sewer (**\$41,692.18**); WWTP (**\$190,806.87**); Debt Fund (**\$0.00**); Water Capital (**\$50,415.71**); Liquid Fuels (**\$320,029.87**).
2. Consider adoption of **Ordinance 1092** Fixing the Real Estate Tax for the Year 2016.
3. Consider adoption of **Resolution 2015-17** Setting Budget Appropriations for 2016.
4. Consider adoption of **Resolution 2015-14** Recognizing the Actuarial Condition of the Borough's Police Pension Plan.
5. Consider adoption of **Resolution 2015-15** Recognizing the Actuarial Condition of the Borough's Municipal Pension Plan.
6. Consider adoption of **Resolution 2015-16** Recognizing the Actuarial Condition of the Borough's Defined Contribution Municipal Pension Plan.

**Approved at Committee Meeting:**

1. Consider appointment of Zelenkofske-Axelrod LLC as Borough Auditors. Seconded. Carried. (8-Aye).

**In other business the following was discussed:**

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. The property located at 122 E. Butler Avenue has been advertised for Sealed Bid.
3. Proposed Rose Valley Creek Conservation District Ordinances are being discussed and will be reviewed by Council in January before being sent back to the Planning Commission and the County Planning Commission for review and comment.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Bresnan stated the County has 30 days in which to respond. 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 consider the following actions this evening:**

1. Recommend adopting **Resolution 2015-19** recognizing the service of Councilperson Karen Polesir.
2. Recommend adopting **Resolution 2015-20** recognizing the service of Council Vice President Peter Amento.

**In other business the following was discussed:**

1. Appointed volunteer terms that expire December 31, 2015 include: Vacancy Board (1 year term) – one seat; Planning Commission (4 year term) – three seats; Zoning Hearing Board (3 year term) – one seat & one alternate seat; Civil Service Commission (6 year term) – one seat. Letters of interest will be accepted through December 18.
2. Appointed volunteer vacancies currently include: Appeals Board (3 year term) – one seat; and Environmental Advisory Council (3 year term) – two seats.

**Executive Session:** An Executive Session was held on an employee matter and a legal issue.

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:

Consider adoption of **Ordinance 1091** amending Park Rules to permit walking of leased dogs in Ambler Borough Park. Seconded. Carried.

*Recommended at Committee Meeting:* With a request to participate in the Edgewood Preserve Project, Council considered adoption of Resolution 2015-18, outlining the \$20,000 contribution details towards purchase of parcel lot #13 on Edgewood Drive. Seconded. Carried. (8-Aye).

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

Recommend awarding the contract for emergency replacement of water main on Marion Avenue to Caddick Construction for the low quote of \$85,019.50. Seconded. Carried.

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

Consideration that **November 2015** invoices in the amount of **\$989,648.40** be paid. Seconded. Carried.

Consider adoption of **Ordinance 1092** Fixing the Real Estate Tax for the Year 2016. Seconded. Carried.

Consider adoption of **Resolution 2015-17** Setting Budget Appropriations for 2016. Seconded. Carried.

Consider adoption of **Resolution 2015-14** Recognizing the Actuarial Condition of the Borough's Police Pension Plan. Seconded. Carried.

Consider adoption of **Resolution 2015-15** Recognizing the Actuarial Condition of the Borough's Municipal Pension Plan. Seconded. Carried.

Consider adoption of **Resolution 2015-16** Recognizing the Actuarial Condition of the Borough's Defined Contribution Municipal Pension Plan. Seconded. Carried.

*Approved at Committee Meeting:* Consider appointment of Zelenkofske-Axelrod LLC as Borough Auditors. Seconded. Carried. (8-Aye).

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

Recommend adopting **Resolution 2015-19** recognizing Councilperson Karen Polesir. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend adopting **Resolution 2015-20** recognizing Council Vice President Peter Amento. Seconded. Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Russell  
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Borough of Ambler