

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 15, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, March 15, 2016 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. Curtis, Mr. Zaccone, Mr. DeRuosi, Mrs. Deininger, Mrs. McCormick, Mr. Sheward, Ms. Tomlinson and Ms. Hertz. Mayor Sorg, Solicitor Bresnan, Chief Foley and Borough Manager Mary Aversa also were in attendance.

Mr. Pasceri made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 16, 2016 Council Meeting. Seconded. Carried.

Mayor Sorg presented a Proclamation to Mr. Ted Wack, retiring Assistant Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, in appreciation of his 20 years of service to the Borough of Ambler.

Council then proceeded to hear Committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committees of Ambler Borough Council met Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania, 19002. Present: Mr. Pasceri, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Zaccone, Mr. DeRuosi, Mrs. Deininger, Mrs. McCormick, Mr. Sheward, Ms. Tomlinson and Ms. Hertz. 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 no actions this evening.

In other business the following will be discussed:

1. The Police and Fire reports were received.

2. The Ambulance Association report was received.
3. The Public Works and Code Enforcement reports were received.
4. Minutes from the Safety Meeting were received.
5. Mrs. Strus rescinded her resignation from the Civil Service Commission.

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, Ms. Hertz

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

The Committee will consider the following actions this evening:

1. Authorization to approve a park maintenance contract for Ambler Borough Park, not to exceed \$5,000, with Red Tail Restoration.

Recommended at Committee Meeting:

1. Recommend appointment of Ms. Karen Polesir to the Environmental Advisory Council. Seconded. All Aye. Carried.

In other business the following will be discussed:

1. Staff is preparing terms and pricing for rental of the Borough Gym and will make a future presentation to Council.

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. Sal Pasceri, Chairperson

Committee members: Mr. Curtis, Mr. Zaccone

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

The Committee will consider the following actions this evening:

1. A Conditional Use Hearing will be schedule for April 19, 2016 for Crown Castle for Wireless Telecommunications Antennas.

2. Authorization to advertise for bids (award date April 19, 2016) for the Well 8 Chlorine Contact Tank Project which received a Local Share Account Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount of \$134,925.00.

In other business the following was discussed:

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was received.
2. Well 2 electric service has been upgraded with the completion of installation of a new 400 amp 240 volt 3-phase electrical service.
3. Borough Solicitor has reported to the Public Utilities Committee on valve replacements in the water franchise areas that were completed in 2015, and on valve replacements scheduled for 2016, as required by the PUC.
4. The executed Grant Contract has been received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (2015 grant award) for Sewer Improvement projects.
5. Draft comments and related documents are being submitted to the DEP for Alternate TMDL discussion.

Discussion ensued. WWTP dischargers will continue to research possible strategies for action that can further reduce phosphorus concentration effluent limits. The WWTP discharges will require more specific guidance related to nitrogen and ammonia reduction. A strategy and timeline will be forthcoming – it is estimated it will take 24 to 36 months to get a plan in place. Mrs. Aversa stated that the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) announced that the William Penn Foundation (WPF) approved a grant of up to \$1.2 million to PEC and partners to advance the Alternative TMDL planning process. This would require a municipal match of \$250,000. Four wastewater treatment plants and 16 municipalities are part of the intermunicipal agreement to involve in Alternate TMDL discussions.

Mr. Pasceri 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, Ms. Tomlinson

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 **February 2016** invoices in the amount of **\$633,272.52** be paid as follows: General (**\$174,434.84**); Street Lights (**\$5,659.21**); Fire (**\$0.00**); Parks & Rec. (**\$1,148.19**); Water (**\$237,990.67**); Sewer (**\$20,130.82**); WWTP (**\$162,326.80**); Debt Fund (**\$0.00**); Water Capital (**\$21,698.05**); Liquid Fuels (**\$9,883.94**).

2. Consider authorization to sell off five older Borough vehicles and advertise to accept bids for these vehicles.

In other business the following was discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. Proposed Rose Valley Creek Conservation District Ordinances are being reviewed by the Planning Commission.
3. A resolution authorizing the Borough Manager to file a Grant Application with the Montgomery County Housing & Community Development CDBG Block Grant Program is being prepared.

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. Curtis, Frank DeRuosi, Mrs. Deininger

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

The Committee will consider no actions this evening.

Recommended at Committee Meeting:

1. Recommend hiring Mr. William Morales for the Borough Maintenance Repairman position. Seconded. All Aye. Carried.

In other business the following was discussed.

1. Staff will prepare an advertisement for the soon to be vacant position at the WWTP.
2. The Highway Laborer position has been posted and interviews will be scheduled.
3. An Executive Session is needed for an employee issue. [Executive Session was held on an employee matter.]

Mr. Zaccone asked if there were questions or comments from Council or the public. Mr. Pasceri announced the sudden passing of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, Mr. Torma. 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 to approve a park maintenance contract for Ambler Borough Park, not to exceed \$5,000, with Red Tail Restoration. Seconded. Carried.

Approved at Committee Meeting: Recommend appointment of Ms. Karen Polesir to the Environmental Advisory Council. Seconded. All Aye. Carried.

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

Authorization to schedule a Conditional Use Hearing for April 19, 2016 for Crown Castle for Wireless Telecommunications Antennas. Seconded. Carried.

Authorization to advertise for bids (award date April 19, 2016) for the Well 8 Chlorine Contact Tank Project which received a Local Share Account Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount of \$134,925.00. Seconded. Carried.

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

Consideration that **February 2016** invoices in the amount of **\$633,272.52** be paid. Seconded. Carried.

Consider authorization to sell off five older Borough vehicles and advertise to accept bids for these vehicles. Seconded. Carried.

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

Recommended at Committee Meeting: Recommend hiring Mr. William Morales for the Borough Maintenance Repairman position. Seconded. All Aye. 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