

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 19, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, April 19, 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. Zacccone, 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 March 15, 2016 Council Meeting. Seconded. Carried.

Chief Foley presented wristwatches to Sargent Rob Hoffman and Sargent Jeff Borkowski in recognition of their efforts and the efforts of their families for 20 years of service to the Ambler Police Department and Ambler community.

A presentation was made to Council by Zelenkofske-Axelrod LLC accountant Jeff Weiss on the draft audit report distributed to Council. He stated the audit shows a 'net pension asset' and that Borough reserves are in line.

Council then proceeded to hear Committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committees of Ambler Borough Council met Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania, 19002. Present: Mr. Curtis, Mr. Zacccone, 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 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. Authorization to direct the Borough Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance providing for signage on Mattison and Euclid Avenues.
2. Consider adoption of **Resolution 2016-06** designating Borough Manager as agent for application to FEMA to recoup some of the Borough's January Blizzard Costs. FEMA will pay 75% of eligible total costs for a 48 hour period associated with the January 22 - 23 snow event. Borough is making application for total costs of \$30,864.78.

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. Community Ambulance Association of Ambler has asked the Borough to appoint a resident to serve on the CAAA Board. Interested residents should send a letter of interest to the Borough Manager or to Borough Council. CAAA meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at the CAAA facility.

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 holding the Criterium Bike Race in Ambler on August 13th.

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.
2. Registration for the YMCA Knight Park Summer Camp is scheduled for May 4th (5-7 p.m.) or at the YMCA beginning May 5th. Camp will run June 20 – July 29 from 8:30-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at a cost of \$40 per child per week.

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. Authorization is requested to award the contract for the Well 8 Chlorine Contact Tank Project to lowest bidder Zimmerman Environmental at a total base bid price of \$109,757, contingent upon final bid document review by the Borough engineer and solicitor. The Commonwealth Financing Authority Local Share Account Grant for this project is \$134,925 with a required 25% total project cost match by the Borough. Bids were as follows: Zimmerman Environmental \$109,757; Derstine Company LLC \$118,000; TTI Environmental, Inc. \$125,662; Blooming Glen Contractors WW \$131,737; Aqua Resources, Inc. \$146,203; and A.J. Jurich, Inc. \$149,730.
2. Authorization to contribute \$6,000 toward Upper Dublin Township's curb and sidewalk replacement project at the Loch Alsh Dam site, as part of a 1970 Agreement with Upper Dublin.

In other business the following was discussed:

1. The Water Department will undertake hydrant flushing late nights from April 4–May 2. Areas scheduled to be flushed will be listed as 'Announcements' on the Borough website and will be updated daily.
2. A Conditional Use Hearing is scheduled for May 3 at 7:00 p.m. for Crown Castle for installation of Wireless Telecommunication Antennas in the Borough.

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 **March 2016** invoices in the amount of **\$779,164.52** be paid as follows: General (**\$432,278.36**); Street Lights (**\$6,528.16**); Fire (**\$6,853.23**); Parks & Rec. (**\$226.26**); Water (**\$147,929.73**); Sewer (**\$29,832.94**); WWTP (**\$149,131.09**); Debt Fund (**\$0.00**); Water Capital (**\$6,384.75**); Liquid Fuels (**\$0.00**).
2. Consider adoption of **Resolution 2016-04** ratifying the County's Revised Municipal Waste Management Plan which was adopted on March 3, 2016.
3. Consider adoption of **Resolution 2016-05** removing Nationwide Trust Co. as Trustee, replacing with Reliance Trust for the Borough Deferred Compensation Plan 457b, effective May 1, 2016 and authorizing the plan record-keeper as Mass Mutual to act as Agent of the Trustee.

Discussion ensued. Finance Manager Gail Gordon stated these are employee personal plans, not Borough pension plans, and employees will undertake the same kind of investments at a cheaper service cost.

4. A recommendation to send to the Planning Commission a request to provide input on potential uses for the land parcel at the corner of Butler and Park Avenues that the Borough now legally owns.
5. A recommendation to advertise for adoption an Ordinance to establish a Human Relations Commission and declare it to be a violation to discriminate in employment or public housing on the basis of among other things, sexual orientation.

Approved a Committee Meeting:

1. Recommendation to adoption **Resolution 2016-03** authorizing the Borough Manager to file a grant application with the Montgomery County Housing & Community Development CDBG Program for sidewalk installation along North Bethlehem Pike. Seconded (8-Aye). Carried.
2. Recommendation to advertise for adoption and schedule a hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance that certain uses permitted by special exception in the Borough's residential zoning districts be permitted only in the Institutional Zoning District given the inventory of institutionally-zoned parcels and because adding non-residential uses in fully-developed residential neighborhoods would be inconsistent with the overall feel of such neighborhoods. Seconded (8-Aye). Carried.

In other business the following was discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. Proposed Rose Valley Creek Conservation District Ordinances have been advertised for adoption with a hearing scheduled for May 3, 2016 at 7:15 p.m.

3. Staff is preparing an advertisement to sell off five older Borough vehicles and advertise to accept bids for these vehicles.
4. Council has received the draft 2015 Financial Statement.

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 appointing Mr. Ryan Kennedy as Alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded (8-Aye). Carried.

In other business the following was discussed.

1. Consideration will be made to fill the vacant WWTP position.
2. Consideration will be made to fill the vacant Highway Laborer position.
3. An Executive Session is needed. [The Executive Session was held on a Salary & Personnel issue and an update will be provided at the May Committee Meeting.]

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:

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snow event. Borough is making application for total costs of \$30,864.78. Seconded. Carried.

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

Authorization to approve holding the Criterium Bike Race in Ambler on August 13th. Seconded. Carried.

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

Authorization is requested to award the contract for the Well 8 Chlorine Contact Tank Project to lowest bidder Zimmerman Environmental at a total base bid price of \$109,757, contingent upon final bid document review by the Borough engineer and solicitor. Seconded. Carried.

Authorization to contribute \$6,000 toward Upper Dublin Township's curb and sidewalk replacement project at the Loch Alsh Dam site, as part of a 1970 Agreement with Upper Dublin. Seconded. Carried.

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

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Consider adoption of **Resolution 2016-04** ratifying the County's Revised Municipal Waste Management Plan which was adopted on March 3, 2016. Seconded. Carried.

Consider adoption of **Resolution 2016-05** removing Nationwide Trust Co. as Trustee, replacing with Reliance Trust for the Borough Deferred Compensation Plan 457b, effective May 1, 2016 and authorizing the plan record-keeper as Mass Mutual to act as Agent of the Trustee. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend to send to the Planning Commission a request to provide input on potential uses for the land parcel at the corner of Butler and Park Avenues that the Borough now legally owns. Seconded. Carried.

Recommend to advertise for adoption an Ordinance to establish a Human Relations Commission and declare it to be a violation to discriminate in employment or public housing on the basis of among other things, sexual orientation. Seconded. Carried.

Approved a Committee Meeting: Recommendation to adoption **Resolution 2016-03** authorizing the Borough Manager to file a grant application with the Montgomery County Housing & Community Development CDBG Program for sidewalk installation along North Bethlehem Pike. Seconded (8-Aye). Carried.

Approved a Committee Meeting: Recommendation to advertise for adoption and schedule a hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance that certain uses permitted by special exception in the Borough's residential zoning districts be permitted only in the Institutional Zoning District given the inventory of institutionally-zoned parcels and because adding non-residential uses in fully-developed residential neighborhoods would be inconsistent with the overall feel of such neighborhoods. Seconded (8-Aye). Carried.

Salary & Personnel Committee – The Committee will make no recommendations

Recommended at Committee Meeting: Recommend appointing Mr. Ryan Kennedy as Alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded (8-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