



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

August 16, 2016

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Sal Pasceri

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Jeanne Sorg

ROLL CALL: Ms. Mary Aversa

MINUTES APPROVED

July 19, 2016

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC UTILITIES

FINANCE & PLANNING

PARKS & RECREATION

SALARY & PERSONNEL

Public Safety Committee

The Committee Meeting was held August 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee members: Edward Curtis (Chair), Sharon Mc Cormick, Jonathan Sheward.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. **ARMY CORPS GRANT**

Please see the **attached** grant forms that the Army Corp submitting to have the Non-Structural Flood Proofing Committee come into the Borough to help teach residents about options they have to reduce flood damage. Also to bring the committee in to physically visit some sites and assess them for flood proofing methods that could be of a specific benefit. The estimated budget for this project includes only in-kind services from the Borough, some of which were completed during the large flood study that is completed for the Rose Valley Creek.

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Police Department report will be provided.
2. The Fire Department report is **attached**.
3. The Community Ambulance report is **attached**.
4. The Public Works report is attached and Code Enforcement report was received.

Partner Support Form: Interagency Flood Risk Management Project FY17 Proposal

1. Proposal Name:	Rose Valley Creek Watershed Outreach, PA, Nonstructural Flood Proofing Methods
2. Name of Supporting Partner's Organization and Submitter's Name Please check one: <input type="checkbox"/> State lead of a Silver Jackets team (required for Silver Jackets submission) <input type="checkbox"/> Special study partner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Borough of Ambler, Mary Aversa
3. Partner Goals Describe how the proposal helps achieve state or community goals in reducing flood risk.	From the State HMP: Goal 1: Protect lives, property, environmental quality, and resources of the Commonwealth, including RL and SRL properties. Goal 2: Enhance consistent coordination, collaboration, and communications among stakeholders. Goal 3: Provide a framework for active hazard mitigation planning and implementation. Other areas from the HMP: Determining the areas impacted by identified hazards that affect the lives and property of Pennsylvania citizens. Demonstrating a firm commitment to hazard mitigation principles. Improving community resiliency following a disaster event.
4. Partner Role Describe the role this partner anticipates taking in the conduct of the proposed effort, if funded.	The Borough will be available for support. Inter agency coordination will help ensure we can answer all types of questions asked at the seminars as well as discuss topics the community is interested in. The Borough can help organize and plan the meeting as well as locations for the Outreach Seminars. They can also help notify the local residents of the seminars.
5. Long-Term Outcomes Describe any anticipated actions after the proposed effort is complete that this partner intends to take to further or maintain long-term flood risk reduction or management outcomes.	The goal is to reduce flood risk, loss of property and loss of life. Long term efforts can include working with Townships and residents on reducing the cost of flood insurance and planning of small projects. The education for the community can help in future planning and decision making.
6. Other (optional) Provide any additional desired information	
7. Signature: _____ Date: _____	

Interagency Flood Risk Management Project (FPMS) FY17 Proposal Template

1. Proposal Name:	Rose Valley Creek Watershed Outreach, PA, Nonstructural Flood Proofing Methods
2. Interagency Team Name: Silver Jackets team or, if not a formally recognized team, list of participating organizations.	Silver Jackets, FEMA, Temple University, Borough of Ambler, Upper Dublin Township, Whitpain Township
3. USACE POC: Include name, title, and District.	Eric Majusiak, Civil Engineer, Philadelphia District
4. Proposal Description: In 200 words or less, describe what the issues are and how the proposed work would address them.	Recent emergency environmental clean up has caused some major construction and lead to a detailed flood study in the area. Much of Borough of Ambler, Upper Dublin Township and Whitpain Township are susceptible to flooding. Many residents have voiced concern over future flood damages and what they could do to reduce it. It is very important to help educate the local population in non-structural flood proofing methods. Non-structural measures can significantly reduce flood damage to home and businesses. USACE National Non-structural Flood Proofing Committee can help educate the local community on many of the effective flood proofing measures they can implement. USACE will work with FEMA, Borough of Ambler, Upper Dublin Township, and Whitpain Township to organize the educational workshops. We would also like to provide some guidance on Flash Flood Products available through the NWS since there are no gage related services available for this area.
5. Anticipated Results: In 150 words or less, describe anticipated results and outcomes, or specify N/A when appropriate. Hover mouse over entry fields for prompting questions.	
A. Directly protects life safety, reduces or prevents increases in flood risk, and/or increases resiliency <i>(Selection criterion 1)</i>	Flood proofing workshops help communities improve there Hazard Mitigation plans and come up with ways to become more resilient. Non-structural flood proofing reduces a communities flood risk as well as reduces the chance for loss of life during a flood event. These workshops will help give the residents a better understanding of alternative options. Predictive modeling can help the locals plan for specific events faster as well. Utilizing the NWS to help educate the public about how to use these predictive products as well as help determine if any new products could be available in the future for the community.
B. Promotes shared responsibility for flood risk management by prompting actions by others in support of risk reduction <i>(Selection criterion 2)</i>	Non-structural flood proofing is on a smaller scale and even a home by home bases. This allows local government and and local residents to get involved and help make there properties more resilient. The local residents may not know there are techniques they can use to help protect themselves from flood damage and increase their resiliency.
C. Addresses Priority in State or Local Hazard Mitigation Plan <i>(Selection criterion 3)</i>	From the State HMP: Goal 1: Protect lives, property, environmental quality, and resources of the Commonwealth, including RL and SRL properties. Goal 2: Enhance consistent coordination, collaboration, and communications among stakeholders. Goal 3: Provide a framework for active hazard mitigation planning and implementation. Other areas from the HMP: Determining the areas impacted by identified hazards that affect the lives and property of Pennsylvania citizens. Demonstrating a firm commitment to hazard mitigation principles. Improving community resiliency following a disaster event.
D. Optional: illustrates innovation through nonstructural flood risk management, particularly in evaluating benefits and/or advance development of policy; improves environmental function; or results in non-monetary social benefits (excluding life safety, resilience, or raising awareness) <i>(Selection criterion 5)</i>	The National Non-structural Flood Proofing Committee are the leading experts at USACE for non-structural flood proofing. Having people from the committee visit sites and help the locals understand there options will be very socially beneficial buy offering options for future planning. This can also help preserve the sensitive environment and marshland from large scale structural projects that can negatively impact the environment. Involving the local governments we can help mold future policy to take into account non-structural flood proofing. Involving the National Weather Service can help residents learn the best way to plan for floods, such as when to start moving items planned around flooding to higher elevations.

Interagency Flood Risk Management Project (FPMS) FY17 Proposal Template

6. Leveraged Resources:

Please quantify resources required for proposal implementation, including those invested by others for the effort such as other tribal, federal, state, regional, or local agencies. Describe partner roles in conducting the proposed effort; include description of USACE role. Proposals should be developed in conjunction with partners, and listed points of contact must have reviewed and be supportive of the proposal. Please separate contribution estimates for any pre-existing work from new work. *(Selection criterion 4)*

Participating agency/partner	Point of contact; date coordinated	Activities/ tasks (describe specific role for proposed effort)	Contribution amount (est.)	In-kind or cash?	Pre-existing work or new work? (Select one)	Duration/ completion date
FEMA	Bob Pierson	FEMA funded H&H Study; Help with any NFIP questions, coordination, and public education.	\$200k	In Kind	New Work & Pre-Existing Study	12 months
USACE	Eric Majusiak	Mapping and LOMR Application for FEMA Study	\$25k	In-kind	Pre-Existing	12 months
Borough of Ambler	Mary Aversa	Coordination with local communities, public meeting set-up, local support.	\$10k	In Kind	New Work	12 months
Upper Dublin	Paul Leonard	Coordination with local communities, public meeting set-up, local support.	\$5k	In Kind	New Work	12 months
Whitpain Township	Roman Pronczak	Coordination with local communities, public meeting set-up, local support.	\$5k	In Kind	New Work	12 months
PEMA	Tom Hughes	Coordination/outreach	\$5k	In Kind	New Work	12 months
Temple U Center for Sustainable Communities	Rick Fromuth	Technical Contractor for FEMA Study; Coordination/outreach	\$5k	In Kind	New Work	12 months

7. Funding Information: Please specify all information required to create a MIPR.

Request Amount	Technical POC	Financial POC	Organization Code	Breakdown of Costs (Labor, Contract Services, Travel, etc.)	Expected Delivery of Funds (Date)
FY17					
FY18					

8. Coordination and Attachments: Specify the date and name that this proposal was coordinated with each of the following.

_____ District FPMS Program Manager (PM)	_____ Division FPMS Program Manager
_____ District Flood Risk Management PM	_____ Division Flood Risk Management PM
_____ District Silver Jackets PM, if applicable	_____ Division FRM Business Line Manager
_____ Other: _____	_____ Division Silver Jackets PM, if applicable
_____ Other: _____	_____ Other: _____

Support from partner(s) is attached: form preferred, letter acceptable, must be from State if Silver Jackets submission.

9. Additional Comments (optional):

10. Submission. Attach all supporting documents into a single .pdf and provide to Division FPMS PM. Use naming convention of "District_Proposal_Name" (e.g., LRE_Muskegon_River_Flood_Warning_System).

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4. Partner Role Describe the role this partner anticipates taking in the conduct of the proposed effort, if funded.	The Borough can help pinpoint the locations to concentrate the effort on. They can also help with notifying the residences of the effort. The Borough will be available for support. Inter agency coordination will help ensure all possible solutions to reduce flooding are looked at as well as reducing the duplication of effort. The Borough will attend meetings as well as possibly joining the assessment team on site visits.
5. Long-Term Outcomes Describe any anticipated actions after the proposed effort is complete that this partner intends to take to further or maintain long-term flood risk reduction or management outcomes.	The goal is to reduce flood risk, loss of property and loss of life. Long term efforts can include working with residents to facilitate projects that can help their resiliency.
6. Other (optional) Provide any additional desired information	
7. Signature: _____ Date: _____	



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Fire Chief Monthly Report July 2016

Total Calls: 53

14 Ambler Boro
23 Lower Gwynedd
16 Mutual Aid

Attendance to Fire Calls: 721

Attendance to Weekly Fire Schools: 122

Respectfully Submitted,

Fire Chief Phil Koller

Wissahickon Fire Company
Year 2016 Summary

Types of Calls	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Total YTD	
Accident Standby	1			1	1								3	1.0%
AFA Actual	12	9	3	9	6	4	13						56	19.4%
AFA False	5	10	5	7	7	7	17						58	20.1%
Brush				3	1	2							6	2.1%
CO Detector	4	2		2	2	2	5						15	5.2%
Commercial Building	3	1	4	1	2	5	2						18	6.3%
Elevator Rescue				1	2	2	1						6	2.1%
EMS Assist	4						1						5	1.7%
FAST Team Assist	2			2	2	3	3						12	4.2%
Fluids on Highway				1	1								2	0.7%
Gas Odor Inside	4	2	1	2		1							10	3.5%
Gas Odor Outside	1		2		1	2	2						8	2.8%
Hazardous Materials Incndnt													-	0.0%
Helicopter Landing	1												1	0.3%
LDH Drill	-												-	0.0%
Non Commercial Building	6	3	2	4	1	5							21	7.3%
Officer Investigation	3	3	3	1	1	4	4						19	6.6%
Ornamental Fireplace													-	0.0%
Residential Rescue	1			1			1						3	1.0%
Search													-	0.0%
Smoke in Area													-	0.0%
Special Service	3												-	0.0%
Standby	-	1	2		1		2						5	1.7%
Task Force Assignment													4	1.4%
Traffic Unit Assist		1		2									-	0.0%
Trash				1									3	1.0%
Unknown Type							1						1	0.3%
Vehicle Fire	1	1	1	1									2	0.7%
Vehicle Leaking Fuel	-				1								4	1.4%
Vehicle Rescue	-	3	2	1	1	2							9	3.1%
Water Flow Actual													-	0.0%
Water Flow False													-	0.0%
Water Rescue	1	3	5	1	1	3	1						15	5.2%
Wires													1	0.3%
Total	52	39	31	39	31	43	53	-	-	-	-	-	288	100.0%

Townships	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Total YTD	
Ambler	25	15	14	14	9	13	14						104	36.1%
Lower Gwynedd	20	13	12	16	16	16	23						116	40.3%
Abington													-	0.0%
Bridgeport													-	0.0%
Bryn Athyn													-	0.0%
Total														



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Ambler Borough Statistics – 2016

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls in Borough</u>	<u>Total Calls for CAAA</u>
January	56	223
February	34	171
March	34	214
April	51	193
May	55	218
June	57	220
July	51	216
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YTD Totals	339	1455

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Public Utilities Committee

The Committee Meeting was held August 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Sal Pasceri (Chair), Claudio Zaccone, Edward Curtis.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. The Engineer has recommended the bid for the reconditioning of the T-8 Gravity Thickener be awarded to Blooming Glen Contractors Inc. for \$64, 847.00. **(attached)**
2. Quotes are being obtained for a new skid-steer, details will be provided.
3. The Bid for the Sludge Hauling and Disposal was advertised on PennBid, the bid opening is scheduled for August 16, at 10:00am. A recommendation is expected.

Adopted at Committee Meeting

1. Ordinance- 1101 authorizing participation in the Inter-Governmental Agreement for the TMDL and MS4 alternative was adopted. 9-Aye

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Engineers report was received.
2. Plans for the Verizon Monopole to be placed on the Borough Hall Property were received.
3. Water Department is scheduling emergency replacement of 20 feet of water main at Butler Park Condos.
4. Water Dept. will be replacing several valves to coordinate with late summer paving projects. Two valves will be replaced on Maple Avenue. Three valves will be replaced along Bethlehem Pike (PennDOT milling & paving project).
5. The Bid for the 2016 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project will be advertised on PennBid with the opening scheduled for September 1, 2016.



July 29, 2016

Ms. Mary Aversa
Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: Ambler WWTP
Thickener T-8 Refurbishment
RFP Recommendation

Dear Bruce:

Proposals were received by the Borough through July 28, 2016, in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Refurbishment of the Gravity Sludge Thickener at the Ambler Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Three (3) firms were contacted and invited to submit proposals. All three firms submitted proposals, as follows:

	<u>Price</u>
Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc.	\$ 64,847.00
Derstine Company LLC	\$ 107,000.00
Heisey Mechanical, Ltd.	\$ 116,750.00

Environmental Engineering & Management Associates, Inc. has reviewed the proposals and recommends Award to Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc.

Very truly yours,
Environmental Engineering &
Management Associates, Inc.

William A. Brown II, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Finance and Planning Committee

The Committee Meeting was held August 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Jonathan Sheward (Chair), Frank DeRuosi and Francine Tomlinson.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. That the July 2016 invoices be paid as follows:
Budget report to be provided.

#	Fund	JULY 1ST RUN	JULY 2ND RUN	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$83,209.13	\$ 86,892.30	\$170,101.43
2	STREET LGTS		\$ 5,750.65	\$5,750.65
3	FIRE			\$0.00
4	REFUSE	\$4,462.71	\$30,431.92	\$34,894.63
5	PARKS & REC	\$5,279.11	\$1,237.07	\$6,516.18
6	WATER	\$26,740.97	\$54,067.36	\$80,808.33
8	SEWER	\$3,289.72	\$6,737.02	\$10,026.74
9	WWTP	\$279,608.77	\$58,759.23	\$338,368.00
23	DEBT FUND			\$0.00
30	WATER CAPITAL	\$2,299.66		\$2,299.66
35	LIQUID FUELS	\$755.46		\$755.46
TOTALS		\$405,645.53	\$243,875.55	\$649,521.08
VOID CHECKS		\$0.00		\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 405,645.53	\$ 243,875.55	\$ 649,521.08

2. Renovation options and estimates for renovations of the Borough Hall Gym were provided, a recommendation is requested.

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. The **attached** resumes were received for consideration in appointment to the Human Relations Commission.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee Meeting was held August 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Frank DeRuosi (Chair), Nancy Deininger and Sara Hertz.

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business will be discussed.

1. The **attached** was received in reference to the PECO Grant. The Borough was not granted funding this round.
2. Pricing and terms for rental of the Borough Gym was received, comments or suggestions are requested
3. Staff is looking into repairing or replacing signage and purchasing additional soccer nets.
4. Mr. David Morgan would like address Council regarding shade trees in the borough and possible grant opportunities.
5. Mr. DeRuosi would like to discuss public comment procedures.



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August 3, 2016

Mary Aversa
Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Dear Ms. Aversa:

Thank you for submitting a proposal for your Edgewoods Preserve Open Space Preservation project to PECO's Green Region Open Space Grant Program.

While your application was well-crafted and interesting, the project was not selected to receive funding at this time. We received 55 applications and were unable to fund several excellent projects. However, we encourage you to consider submitting this project in a future grant round.

We do wish you success as the Borough of Ambler moves forward with this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Holly M. Harper.

Holly M. Harper
PECO Green Region Open Space Program Administrator

Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee Meeting was held August 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Claudio Zaccone (Chair), Edward Curtis , Frank De Ruosi and Nancy Deininger.

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business will be discussed.

1. An executive session is needed to provide an update on the Police Contract Negotiations.
2. Mr. Nicholas Boccuti has submitted his resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board.
(attached)

Recommendations

Public Safety Committee

Authorization is requested to participate in the grant with the Army Core to have the Non-Structural Flood Proofing Committee come into the Borough to help teach residents about options they have to reduce flood damage.

Parks and Recreation

Public Utilities Committee

The Engineer has recommended the bid for the reconditioning of the T-8 Gravity Thickener be awarded to Blooming Glen Contractors Inc. for \$64, 847.00.

Quotes are being obtained for a new skid-steer, a recommendation is expected.

The Bid for the Sludge Hauling and Disposal was advertised on PennBid, the bid opening is scheduled for August 16, at 10:00am. A recommendation is expected.

Finance and Planning Committee

Recommend the July 2016 invoices be paid in the amount of **\$649,521.08**.

Renovation options and estimates for renovations of the Borough Hall Gym were provided, a recommendation is requested.

Salary and Personnel Committee