



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

April 21, 2015

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Sal Pasceri

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Jeanne Sorg

A Proclamation will be presented to Jesse Hayden by Mayor Sorg.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Mary Aversa

MINUTES APPROVED

March 17, 2015

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**PUBLIC SAFETY
PARKS & RECREATION
PUBLIC UTILITIES
FINANCE & PLANNING
SALARY & PERSONNEL**

Public Safety Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members: Edward Curtis (Chair), Sharon Mc Cormick, Jonathan Sheward. Absent: Mr. Pasceri and Mayor Sorg.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. An update will be provided on the proposed Criterion Bike Race in Ambler. Authorization to hold the event is requested. Derek Dureka will be present to answer any questions.

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Police Department report is **attached**.
2. The Fire Department report is **attached**.
3. The Community Ambulance report is **attached**.
4. Valet parking options for the four restaurants on Butler Avenue between Ridge & Lindenwold was reviewed. A recommendation to implement will be provided.
5. Chief Foley obtained pricing for the relocation of the school crossing signals to be used for Butler Avenue Crosswalks. Staff is researching options for funding, Liquid Fuels would cover this project.
6. The Public Works Report and the Code Enforcement reports were received.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee Members: Frank DeRuosi (Chair), Nancy Deininger, Richard Palumbo, Sharon Mc Cormick. Absent: Mr. Pasceri and Mayor Sorg.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. The Lawn Maintenance Agreement Bid was advertised, a recommendation will be provided. **(attached)**

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Community Park Survey is available on line and at Borough Hall, residents are asked to complete the Survey. The link for the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y8L5GJB>.
2. Staff is reviewing family movie selections and showing dates for the summer *Movies in the Parks* series. All movies are free and will begin at dusk.
3. YMCA Camp Registration will be held May 6, 2015 from 5-7 p.m. at Ambler Borough Hall and from May 7th on at the Ambler Area YMCA. Proof of Ambler Borough residency is required at registration. Camp will run June 22 through July 31 from 8:30-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Camp fee is \$40 per week.
4. A presentation will be made by Maxwell Salvadore for his Eagle Scout Project. He will plant bare root trees in carefully selected locations in Ambler Borough Park.

Public Utilities Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee Members: Peter Amento (Chair), Claudio Zaccone, Edward Curtis. Absent: Mr. Pasceri and Mayor Sorg.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Request authorization for Solicitor to pursue collection of costs associated with repair to the recoating of Houston Tank from U.S. Tank Painting, Inc. of New Jersey in the amount of \$29,255.41.

1. Adopted at Committee Meeting

A recommendation to adopt Ordinance 1082 setting a tapping fee for water connections was approved at the committee meeting. 8-aye.

The following business was discussed.

1. The Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor and Engineer reports were received.
2. Staff is working on the refinancing the Water Bond.
3. Water Department is compiling information and obtaining quotes for new water billing and water infrastructure software system.
4. Borough Solicitor has been in communication with Verizon regarding their request to amend and continue lease agreement at the Houston Tank

Finance and Planning Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee Members: Jonathan Sheward, (Chair) Frank DeRuosi and Nancy Deininger. Absent: Mr. Pasceri and Mayor Sorg.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. That the March 2015 invoices be paid as follows:

#	Fund	Pre Paid March	March 1st Run	March 2nd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$ 38,250.81	\$392,539.12	\$138,604.35	\$569,394.28
2	STREET LGTS		\$5,009.06	\$1,188.17	\$6,197.23
3	FIRE	\$ 254.66		\$4,709.52	\$4,964.18
5	PARKS & REC		\$104.02	\$1,049.99	\$1,154.01
6	WATER	\$ 4,644.20	\$33,610.02	\$45,517.53	\$83,771.75
8	SEWER	\$ 509.31	\$6,117.38	\$8,350.12	\$14,976.81
9	WWTP	\$ 7,431.90	\$51,389.03	\$56,727.65	\$115,548.58
18	RAIL CORRIDOR				\$0.00
19	ROAD OVERLAY				\$0.00
23	DEBT FUND				\$0.00
30	WATER CAPITAL				\$0.00
35	LIQUID FUELS			\$1,609.78	\$1,609.78
TOTALS		\$ 51,090.88	\$488,768.63	\$257,757.11	\$797,616.62
VOID CHECKS			\$0.00		\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 51,090.88	\$ 488,768.63	\$ 257,757.11	\$ 797,616.62

2. A recommendation to adopt Ordinance 1083 for Wireless Communication is requested. **(attached)**
3. The Borough Planning Commission has reviewed the revised Zoning Map amendment to include automotive sales as a permitted use. A recommendation to have the Solicitor prepare the Ordinance for advertisement is requested.

4. Authorization is requested to revise the Resolution authorizing the sale of 122 E. Butler to include the option of an Auction. (**attached**)

Recommended at Committee Meeting

1. **Resolution 2015-06** authorizing application to the Community Development Block Grant program for a sewerage project was adopted. 8-Aye

The following business 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. **Comments are being accepted.**
3. The ZHB has scheduled a continuance in reference to permits issued to Ambler Savings Bank for April 29, 2015 at 7pm.
4. An Ordinance recommending a Zoning Map change for 122 E. Butler from Institutional to Downtown Commercial was advertised for adoption. A hearing is scheduled for May 5, at 6:30pm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX (BPT)**
BPT is an annual \$240 flat tax imposed upon those who conduct business within the Borough. Presently the Borough will not be collecting BPT for 2015 for the conduct of business involving the rental of real estate. At issue, and presently accepted for appeal before the PA Supreme Court is taxation related to rental income. If the Court upholds the tax, Ambler will resume the taxation of rental income.

Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee Members: Claudio Zaccone (Chair), Pete Amento, Edward Curtis, Richard Palumbo. Absent: Mr. Pasceri and Mayor Sorg.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Chief Foley requests an executive session.

Recommendations

Public Safety Committee

An update will be provided on the proposed Criterion Bike Race in Ambler.
Authorization to hold the event is requested

Parks and Recreation

A recommendation to award the Lawn Maintenance Bid will be provided.

Public Utilities Committee

Request authorization for Solicitor to pursue collection of costs associated with repair to the recoating of Houston Tank from U.S. Tank Painting, Inc. of New Jersey in the amount of \$29,255.41.

Finance and Planning Committee

Recommend that the March 2015 invoices be paid in the amount of \$ **797,616.62**.

A recommendation to adopt Ordinance 1083 for Wireless Communication is requested.

A recommendation to have the Solicitor prepare the Ordinance for advertisement to include automotive sales as a permitted use is requested.

Authorization is requested to revise the Resolution authorizing the sale of 122 E. Butler Avenue to include the option of an Auction. (**attached**)

Salary and Personnel Committee