



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

March 15, 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Sal Pasceri

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Jeanne Sorg

ROLL CALL: Ms. Mary Aversa

*******A proclamation will be presented to Mr. Ted Wack recognizing his service to the Borough.**

MINUTES APPROVED

February 16, 2016

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC UTILITIES

FINANCE & PLANNING

PARKS & RECREATION

SALARY & PERSONNEL

Public Safety Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on March 1, 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 make no recommendations.

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. The Public Works report and Code Enforcement reports were received.
5. Minutes from the Safety Meeting were received.
6. Mrs. Strus rescinded her resignation from the Civil Service Commission.



COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, AMBLER
P.O. BOX 98
AMBLER, PENNSYLVANIA 19002

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

BUSINESS 215-643-6517
FAX 215-643-5212

Ambler Borough Statistics – 2016

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls in Borough</u>	<u>Total Calls for CAAA</u>
January	56	223
February	34	171
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YTD Totals	90	394

Serving Ambler Borough, Lower Gwynedd and Upper Dublin Townships, since 1941.

**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	1.1%
AFA Actual	12	9											21	23.3%
AFA False	5	10											15	16.7%
Brush													-	0.0%
CO Detector	4	2											6	6.7%
Commercial Building	3	1											4	4.4%
Elevator Rescue													-	0.0%
EMS Assist	4												4	4.4%
FAST Team Assist	2												2	2.2%
Fluids on Highway													-	0.0%
Gas Odor Inside	4	2											6	6.7%
Gas Odor Outside	1												1	1.1%
Hazardous Materials Incdnt													-	0.0%
Helicopter Landing	1												1	1.1%
LDH Drill	-												-	0.0%
Non Commercial Building	6	3											9	10.0%
Officer Investigation	3	3											6	6.7%
Ornamental Fireplace													-	0.0%
Residential Rescue	1												1	1.1%
Search													-	0.0%
Smoke in Area													-	0.0%
Special Service	3												3	3.3%
Standby	-												-	0.0%
Task Force Assignment													-	0.0%
Traffic Unit Assist		1											1	1.1%
Trash													-	0.0%
Unknown Type													-	0.0%
Vehicle Fire	1	1											2	2.2%
Vehicle Leaking Fuel	-												-	0.0%
Vehicle Rescue	-	3											3	3.3%
Water Flow Actual													-	0.0%
Water Flow False													-	0.0%
Water Rescue													-	0.0%
Wires	1	3											4	4.4%
Total	52	38	-	90	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											40	44.4%
Lower Gwynedd	20	13											33	36.7%
Abington													-	0.0%
Bridgeport													-	0.0%
Bryn Athyn													-	0.0%
Cheltenham													-	0.0%
Conshohocken													-	0.0%
Doylestown (Bucks County)													-	0.0%
East Norriton													-	0.0%
Hatboro													-	0.0%
Hatfield													-	0.0%
Horsham	1	2											3	3.3%
Lansdale													-	0.0%
Limerick													-	0.0%
Montgomery	2	1											3	3.3%
New Hanover													-	0.0%
Norristown													-	0.0%
North Wales													-	0.0%
Plymouth													-	0.0%
Springfield													-	0.0%
Telford													-	0.0%
Upper Dublin	3	1											4	4.4%
Upper Gwynedd													-	0.0%
Upper Merion													-	0.0%
Upper Moreland													-	0.0%
Upper Providence													-	0.0%
Upper Uwchlan - Chester County													-	0.0%
Warrington - Bucks County													-	0.0%

Public Utilities Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on March 1, 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 recommendation.

1. A Conditional Use Hearing will be scheduled for Crown Castle for Wireless Telecommunication Antennas in the Borough.
2. Bid documents have been prepared by the engineer for the Well 8 Chlorine Contact Tank Project. A Local Share Account Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority was awarded in the amount of \$134,925.00. Authorization to advertise for bids, with award date set at April 19, 2016 is requested.

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Waste Water Treatment Plant Engineer's report is attached.
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 franchise areas completed in 2015 and valve replacements scheduled for 2016, as required by the PUC
4. **Attached** please find the Grant Contract received from the Department of Housing and Community Development for Sewer Improvements.
5. **Attached** please find the latest draft comments and related documents to be submitted to the DEP for the Alternate TMDL discussions.



March 11, 2016

Ms. Mary Aversa
Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
122 East Butler Ave.
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: Status Report – February 2016

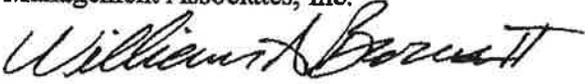
Dear Mary,

The status of current active projects is as follows:

- 1.) Replacement of PS-1 Pump Controller – The Borough has issued a purchase order to Sigma Controls. The equipment is in fabrication.
- 2.) Wissahickon Creek TMDL – EPA has published the draft TMDL for the Wissahickon Creek. Comments were submitted to EPA on and July 30, 2015. PADEP is proposing an alternative TMDL.
- 3.) Replacement of VFDs – The Superintendent proposed, and EEMA agrees, that it is more prudent to have a service firm perform preventive maintenance and assess the functionality of the existing drives rather than to replace drives based solely on age.
- 4.) NPDES Permit and TMDL Compliance– EEMA is working with WWTP personnel to prioritize repair, replacement and refurbishment of certain critical process related valves and pumps. To meet the total phosphorus limits proposed by DEP, all processes at the WWTP will need to perform optimally. EEMA is also investigating additional chemical storage.
- 5.) Digester Cleaning – This year EEMA is pursuing cleaning and refurbishment of the gravity thickener, which is the tank used to store sludge prior to the sludge being pumped to the digesters.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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 on March 1, 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 February 2016 invoices be paid as follows:

#	Fund	PRE PAID FEBRUARY	FEB 1ST RUN	FEB 2ND RUN	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$ 19,477.87	\$50,493.94	\$ 104,463.03	\$174,434.84
2	STREET LGTS		\$4,902.27	\$ 756.94	\$5,659.21
3	FIRE				\$0.00
5	PARKS & REC		\$1,088.20	\$ 59.99	\$1,148.19
6	WATER	\$ 443.01	\$184,559.55	\$ 52,988.11	\$237,990.67
8	SEWER	\$ 431.76	\$7,988.50	\$ 11,710.56	\$20,130.82
9	WWTP	\$ 126.00	\$70,216.98	\$ 91,983.82	\$162,326.80
23	DEBT FUND				\$0.00
30	WATER CAPITAL		\$21,698.05		\$21,698.05
35	LIQUID FUELS		\$9,883.94		\$9,883.94
TOTALS		\$ 20,478.64	\$350,831.43	\$ 261,962.45	\$633,272.52
VOID CHECKS			\$0.00		\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 20,478.64	\$ 350,831.43	\$ 261,962.45	\$ 633,272.52

2. A recommendation is requested to prepare an advertisement to accept Bids for the Borough vehicles that are being replaced.

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. The proposed Rose Valley Creek Conservation District Ordinances are being reviewed by the County Planning Commission.
3. A **Resolution 2016-02** authorizing the Borough Manager to file a grant application with the Montgomery County Housing & Community Development CDBG Program is being prepared.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue Committee Members: Frank DeRuosi (Chair), Nancy Deininger and Sera Hertz.

The Committee will make no recommendations.

1. Please see the **attached** memo from the EAC, they would like to get approval for a Park Maintenance Contract not to exceed 5K with Red Tail Restoration for Ambler Borough Park.

Recommended at the Committee Meeting:

1. Ms. Karen Polesir was appointed to the Environmental Advisory Committee at the Committee meeting.

The following business will be discussed.

1. Staff will be preparing pricing and terms for rental of the Borough Gym and will present to Council for consideration.

**Borough of Ambler, PA
Contract Agreement with
Red Tail Restoration & Land Management, LLC**

Red Tail Restoration & Land Management, LLC, hereinafter referred to as "Land Manager", will provide professional services to restore and maintain the ecological health of Ambler Borough Park, which is located off Edgewood Drive in Ambler, PA 19002. Services include:

- Complete treatment of Japanese Knotweed patch and extended treatment along Rose Creek corridor south, primarily through cut-stump treatments.
- Removing other invasive plants in a manner that is most likely to support native plant diversity within the allotted timeframe.
- Providing expertise and advice and supporting general conservation tasks as mutually agreed upon by Land Manager and Borough of Ambler.

The Borough of Ambler agrees to fully indemnify and hold harmless Land Manager from any litigation that may arise out of the above mentioned duties for which the Land Manager has been contracted to perform, unless due to gross error in the work performed by the Land Manager.

The Land Manager agrees to fully indemnify and hold harmless the Borough of Ambler from any litigation that may arise out of bodily harm or injury to Land Manager or Land Manager employees that occurs while working at Ambler Borough Park or other requested properties.

The Land Manager will operate as an independent contractor and will submit monthly invoices to the Borough of Ambler, PA for services performed. Work will be charged at \$40 per hour plus material costs. Land Manager will provide approximately 125 hours of service over the course of 9 months beginning Apr 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The total amount of this contract shall not exceed \$5000.00, unless additional work is requested by the Borough of Ambler.

Borough of Ambler: _____
name & title printed below signature

Date: _____

Land Manager: _____
Greg Gagliano, Owner
Red Tail Restoration & Land Management, LLC
P.O. Box 82
Glen Mills, PA 19342

Date: _____

Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on March 1, 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 consider the following recommendations.

Recommended at the Committee Meeting:

1. A recommendation was received at the committee Meeting to hire William Morales for the Borough Maintenance Position. (9-Aye)

The following business will be discussed.

1. Staff will prepare an advertisement for the soon to be vacant position in the WWTP.
2. The Highway Laborer Position has been posted, interviews will be scheduled.
3. An executive session is needed for an employee issue.

Recommendations

Public Safety Committee

Parks and Recreation

1. Authorization is requested to approve a Park Maintenance Contract not to exceed 5K with Red Tail Restoration for Ambler Borough Park.

Public Utilities Committee

1. Recommend a Conditional Use Hearing be scheduled for Crown Castle for Wireless Telecommunication Antennas in the Borough.
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Finance and Planning Committee

1. Recommend the February 2016 invoices be paid in the amount of \$ **633,272.52**.
2. A recommendation is requested to prepare an advertisement to accept Bids for the Borough vehicles that are being replaced.

Salary and Personnel Committee