



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

January 20, 2015

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Sal Pasceri

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Jeanne Sorg - "Mayor's Moment"

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Mary Aversa

******* SPECIAL MEETING 6:30 PM*******

MINUTES APPROVED

December 16, 2014

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Public Safety Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on January 6, 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.

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business was discussed.

1. The Police Department report is **attached**.
2. The Fire Department report is **attached**.
3. The Community Ambulance report is **attached**.
4. Chief Foley is looking into the removal of the school crossing signals and possible relocation – retrofit for Butler Avenue Crosswalks, at the request of Mr. Curtis.
5. The Ambler Watersheds Final Report has been released. The report is posted on our website. [AmblerWatersheds_FinalReport_CSC-Temple_2014.pdf](#)
6. The Minutes from the Safety Meeting were received.
7. The Public Works Report and the Code Enforcement reports were received.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on January 6, 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.

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business was discussed.

1. The Committee will work on preparing a survey to gather Community input for the future use of Borough Park including the FEMA revisions and recommendations in the study.
2. The option of extended summer camp hours for the 2015 Camp Program will be discussed with the Ambler YMCA.
3. The Lawn Maintenance Agreement Bid is up for renewal, staff will research options.

Public Utilities Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on January 6, 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.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. Consider advertising for adoption **Ordinance 1081** setting Water Rates for Borough Customer (Water Service inside the Borough). (The PUC Water Tariff Rate Schedule was received) A draft ordinance setting the rate for Borough Customers will be provided.

The following business was discussed.

1. The Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor and Engineer reports were received.

Finance and Planning Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on January 6, 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.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. That the December 2014 invoices be paid as follows:

#	Fund	Pre Paid Run Dec	December 1st run	January 1st Run	December 2nd Run	January 2nd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$ 8,637.98	\$232,257.37	\$75,032.55	\$210,392.02	\$15,286.96	\$541,606.88
2	STREET LGTS		\$5,449.17			\$4,713.64	\$10,162.81
3	FIRE		\$8,365.77		\$204.86		\$8,570.63
5	PARKS & REC		\$168.13		\$68.41		\$236.54
6	WATER	\$ 328.00	\$42,950.77	\$15,843.85	\$9,190.95	\$8,986.44	\$77,300.01
8	SEWER	\$ 328.00	\$63,296.25	\$2,857.73	\$3,610.34	\$116,128.38	\$186,220.70
9	WWTP		\$106,145.48	\$17,815.43	\$17,516.43	\$15,795.77	\$157,273.11
18	RAIL CORRIDOR						\$0.00
19	ROAD OVERLAY						\$0.00
23	DEBT FUND						\$0.00
30	WATER CAPITAL						\$0.00
35	LIQUID FUELS	\$ 2,852.45		\$656.00			\$3,508.45
	TOTALS	\$ 12,146.43	\$458,632.94	\$112,205.56	\$240,983.01	\$160,911.19	\$984,879.13
	VOID CHECKS		\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
	GRAND TOTAL						\$984,879.13

2. **LOCAL SERVICE TAX**

Attached please find 4 Resolutions needed for collection of our LST (Local Service Tax) by Berkheimer for the Borough. **(attached)**

Consider adoption of **Resolution 2015-01** executing an agreement with Berkheimer as collector of Local Services Tax from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017.

Consider adoption of **Resolution 2015-02** appointing Finance Manager Gail Gordon as liaison between Ambler Borough and Berkheimer.

Consider adoption of **Resolution 2015-03** authorizing Berkheimer as its Tax Hearing Officer for Adjudication of Appeals.

Consider adoption of **Resolution 2015-04** authorizing Berkheimer to impose and retain costs of collection on delinquent taxes.

3. **GLEN MAWR – FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN**

The Planning Commissions Review letters and the Engineer's review letter was received. A Recommendation for approval is requested for the Subdivision Plan for the Glen Mawr Home Sites – 212 Wood Street LLC, subject to the applicant satisfying the requirements set forth in the recommendation letter. **Attached** is a letter from the applicant.

The following business was discussed.

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. The Borough has requested the Planning Commission review the Parking Ordinance for specific uses.
3. The draft language for the Communication Ordinance is **attached**. This will be given to the Planning Commission for review.
4. The Planning Commission is reviewing the zoning to include automotive sales as a permitted use.
5. The ZHB has scheduled a continuance in reference to permits issue to Ambler Saving Bank for February 26, 2015 at 7pm.
6. Correspondence and a Release between the County and the Borough regarding the dissolution of the Waste System Authority was received.

Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee Meeting was held on January 6, 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.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Interviews were held for the Vacant Account Clerk position. A recommendation will be provided.
2. **Planning Commission Vacancy-** A resume from Josh Kanaplue was received for the vacant Planning Commission seat. (**attached**) A recommendation is requested.

EAC Vacancy- A recommendation to appoint Alex Pratt to the vacant EAC Position was received.

The following business was discussed.

APPROVED AT COMMITTEE MEETING

Nominations for individuals to serve on volunteer committees, commissions and boards are as follows: (9-Aye)

- **Appeals Board:** (1 year term)
 1. William Lutz, Jr. (incumbent)
 2. One Additional Vacancy
- **Environmental Advisory Committee:** (3 year term)
 1. Two Additional Vacancies
- **Planning Commission:** (4 year term)
 1. Robert LaGreca (incumbent)
 2. One Additional Vacancy
- **Vacancy Board:** (1 year term)
 1. Normal LaMastra (incumbent)
- **Zoning Hearing Board:** (3 year term)
 1. Michael Williams (incumbent)

2. Elise Kelly – Alternate – (incumbent

Recommendations

Public Safety Committee

Parks and Recreation

Public Utilities Committee

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Finance and Planning Committee

Recommend that the December 2014 invoices be paid in the amount of **\$\$984,879.13**.

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Salary and Personnel Committee

A recommendation is requested to appoint Josh Kanaplue to the vacant Planning Commission seat.

A recommendation is requested to appoint Alex Pratt to the vacant EAC Position.

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