



AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

July 21, 2026

7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Liz Iovine called the Ambler Borough Council meeting of June 16, 2026, to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Iovine led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were: Ms. Iovine, Mr. Orehek, Ms. Sheedy, Ms. Henderson, Ms. Roecker Coates, Mr. Hui, Mr. Brubaker, Ms. Morrison Daku, Ms. Pavlovic, Mayor Sorg, Police Chief Jeff Borkowski, Borough Manager Kyle Detweiler, Solicitor Glassman.

IV. Mayor's Moment – Fabulous Flores, CEO of Holocaust Awareness Museum & Education Center.

V. Public Hearing to Occur as Advertised – Ordinance Amending Dedication of Recreation Land

VI. Confirmed Appointments – Matthew Beinhauer, Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC – Presentation of 2025 Audited Financial Statements.

VII. Citizens Comments – Agenda Items only.

VIII. Motion Minutes for Consideration – June 16, 2026, Council Business Meeting.
Carried 9 – AYE

IX. Finance Director's Report

A written report was submitted for the record.

X. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

Ms. Sheedy asked if accreditation costs could be budgeted moving forward.

Ms. Roecker Coates noticed grant funding availability for violence against women and asked if we could apply for some funding to address those issues.

Chief we can apply for funding through the county.

XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A written report was submitted for the record.

XII. INTERDEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Public Works Department

A written report was submitted for the record.

Mr. Pagano reported that the work on the multipurpose courts is well on its way, new benches are ordered.

Ms. Sheedy asked for dates for the new swing sets in Borough Park.

Mr. Pagano, within the next week or two it will be installed.

Mr. Orehek asked about the better pathway access to Tennis Ave.

Mr. Pagano clarified.

Ms. Henderson expressed concern about the broken sidewalk in front of Porter and Bridgets.

Mr. Kucher explained that it is the property owner's responsibility and they are aware of and are addressing the issue.

Ms. Henderson also inquired as to the timeline for the yellow line and curb painting.

Mr. Pagano clarified timeline.

Ms. Iovine asked a question regarding additional park apparatus added by residents, and what is the proper protocol for Removal.

Mr. Pagano clarified.

B. Water Department Report

A written report was submitted for the record.

Mr. Smallberger said that the DEP report was good.

C. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

A written report was submitted for the record.

Mr. Orehek asked a question regarding mosquito inspection.

Mr. Evans explained the process.

D. Code Enforcement Report

A written report was submitted for the record.

E. Manager's Report- Kyle Detweiler

A written report was submitted for the record.

XV. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS' REPORTS

A. Borough Engineer's Report – Theresa Funk, GFT Inc.

A written report was submitted for the record.

B. Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineer's Report – William Brown, HRG Inc.

A written report was submitted for the record.

XVI. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Administration & Finance – Karen Sheedy, Chair

1. Motion – Approval of the June 2026 Bill Payment List - \$1,160,282.78 **Carried 9 – AYE**

B. Code Enforcement & Planning – David Hui, Chair

1. Motion to approve Preliminary Final Land Development plans for Ambler Crossings Phase II ** **Carried 9 – AYE**

John Zaharchek made some remarks to Council regarding his work with the Borough over the past 20 years and expressed his gratitude.

C. Parks, Recreation & Community Relations – Jennifer Henderson, Chair

1. Riccardi Park Court Improvement Update.

Ms. Henderson asked about improvements to the parks.

Mr. Pagano gave a brief explanation as to the progress.

Mr. Detweiler gave an update on the Verizon cameras and the progress. He also

suggested to have a Multipurpose court ribbon cutting dedication when all of the improvements are complete.

2. "Coffee with a Council Member" Schedule

Council members weighed in on the importance of signing up.
Discussion ensued,

Ms. Sheedy asked if Council could make the ordinance permanent at Riccardi and Ambler Borough Park.

Mr. Kucher replied that it could be investigated.

D. Public Safety – Redmond Brubaker, Chair

Mr. Brubaker added that the next meeting Wiss. Fire Co would be presenting regarding the fire alarm.

E. Public Works – Lou Orehek, Chair

1. Motion to approve valves. Valve actuator replacement - vault Chamber No.5 – Edwin Elliot & Co. **** Carried 9-AYE**
2. Motion to approve 18" & 20" Butterfly valves Install – Municipal Maintenance Co. ******
3. Mr. Smallberger is guiding a Tour August 8th of the water department sites and extended the invitation to council.

XIV. Other Business

1. Solicitor Item – Resolution No. 2026-12 – Longfield Deed of Dedication. **Carried 9-AYE**

Public Comment:

Anna Lee Lapinski 136 Rosemary Ave read a statement regarding trees downtown.

Ms. Iovine explained that the EAC is aware of the need to maintain the trees and currently is working on a plan.

Ms. Iovine made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:15. **Carried 9-AYE**

ADJOURNMENT