



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COMMITTEE MEETING

February 5, 2019

7:00 p.m.

A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for March 13, at 7:00pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00PM

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

Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mr. Zaccone (Chair)

Mrs. Deininger

Mrs. Siskind

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

The Code Enforcement and the Public Works reports are attached.

2. **FIREWORKS UPDATE**

The Police Department and Code Enforcement Dept. would like to remind residents that fireworks are not permitted to be discharged in the Borough. If you see illegal use of fireworks please contact the Borough Police Department.

Borough of Ambler

Code Enforcement Report for January 2019

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Public Utilities Committee

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mr. Pasceri (Chair)

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Tomlinson

Mrs. Siskind

OLD BUSINESS

1. **WATER AUTHORITY**

Council's PUC Committee members and staff met with our Harrisburg PUC Attorney and the Borough Solicitor to discuss operations options and the logistics of forming a Water Authority. The Solicitor is preparing a notice of action.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.

2. **VALVE REPLACEMENT/EXERCISING PROGRAM**

Staff has prepared a letter to the Borough Solicitor, as required by the PA PUC, who will notify the Agency of water valves replaced in 2018 and valves to be replaced in 2019 as well as valves exercised in 2018 and to be exercised in 2019.

3. **BUTLER PIKE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

Staff requests authorization for the Water Department to have the Water Engineer prepare bid documents and advertise for the Butler Pike Water Main Replacement Project. This project must be completed in 2019 since the County will replace the Prophecy Creek Bridge during the spring of 2020. The Water Engineer notes that the original estimate of \$471,500 is over a year old. Recommend budgeting \$525,000.

4. **WHITEMARSH PIPELINE REPLACEMENT**

Additional pipeline replacement and work is required at Whitemarsh. Based upon a recent site visit, the revised cost has increased from \$82,590 to \$105,740. A smaller Phase II pipeline replacement will also be needed and staff is obtaining quotes.

5. **ANTENNA LEASES**

The Solicitor is requesting authorization to negotiate a lease for the cell towers on Broad Axe and on Houston Road tanks. **(attached)**

6. **WWTP- BUCKS COUNTY**

The DEP is requesting the preparation of an Act 537 Plan update to review the phase out of the Upper Dublin facility and to bring the additional flow to the Ambler WWTP. **(attached)**



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
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January 11, 2019

Ms. Mary Aversa, Manager
Ambler Borough
122 E. Butler Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Mr. Paul A. Leonard, Manager
Upper Dublin Township
801 Loch Alsh Avenue
Fort Washington, PA 19034

Re: Approval Letter - Plan of Study and Task/Activity Report
Act 537 Planning
Upper Dublin Township and Ambler Borough
Montgomery County

Dear Ms. Aversa and Mr. Leonard:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) had authorized the preparation of an Act 537 Official Plan Update on December 29, 2017. The study proposed the phase-out of the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority's (BCWSA) Upper Dublin wastewater treatment facility.

On November 1, 2018, a meeting was held with BCWSA, Upper Dublin Township, Ambler Borough, and DEP to discuss the proposed phase-out of the Upper Dublin facility to Ambler Borough's sewage treatment facility.

DEP requests the following information be provided to facilitate the timely completion of the planning actions:

1. Please submit an updated request for preliminary treatment requirements. Enclosed is our April 30, 2012, response to a similar request.
2. Please submit a feasibility report following DEP's Domestic Wastewater Facilities Manual regarding the proposed modifications at the Ambler Borough sewage treatment facility necessary to accommodate the proposed phase-out of the BCWSA Upper Dublin facility.

Within 30 days of the date of this letter, please confirm your intention to undertake these actions and provide a schedule for submittal of these items.

Ms. Mary Aversa, Manager

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January 11, 2019

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 484-250-5175.

Sincerely,



John M. Veneziale
Sewage Planning Specialist 2
Clean Water

Enclosure

cc: Montgomery County Planning Commission
Montgomery County Health Department
Montgomery County Conservation District
Carroll Engineering Corporation
Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority
Ambler Borough
Environmental Engineering & Management Associates, Inc.
Planning Section
Re 30 (GJE19CLW)011-1

Finance & Planning Committee

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Ms. Tomlinson (Chair)

Ms. Di Pietro

Mrs. McKenna Endicott

OLD BUSINESS

1. **GREEN IMPROVEMENTS**

Draft ordinance language was given to the Borough Planning Commission to review and recommend language to address green improvement options when replacing Borough sidewalks or driveways and the like.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Borough Engineer's report is **attached**.

2. **ZONING HEARING BOARD**

The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on February 12, 2019 on the applications for a garage at Rosemary Avenue and for N. Main Street outdoor storage.

3. **PARKING IMPROVEMENTS**

The Committee would like to discuss parking upgrades for 2019.

4. **LED STREET LIGHTING**

Mike Fuller will make a presentation at the February 19th Council Meeting on the Phase 2 LED streetlight/metered area lighting conversion project we are undertaking with the DVRPC.

5. **DEMOLITION BID OPENING**

Demolition bids were received for the 44 Tennis Avenue demolition project. Borough Engineer has reviewed bids and recommends we award to BRB Contractors for the low bid of \$27,505.36 . **(attached) A recommendation is requested this evening.**

6. **READY FOR 100**

Attached is a Resolution for consideration in the Ready For 100, renewable energy initiative.

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Borough Engineer		
2001-1010	TEA-21 - Ambler Streetscape 2002	Construction underway. Outstanding work includes: SEPTA connection to signal, signal activation, and 30-day test period. Awaiting schedule from SEPTA Re. design work to be completed.
2003-0122-01	Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit	NOI for 2018 Individual MS4 Permit submitted 9/16/17. Awaiting PADEP review of TMDL Strategy & PRP. 2018 Annual Status Report submitted to PADEP 9/28/18. Next Annual Status Report due 9/30/19 for period 7/1/18 thru 6/30/19.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Revised Safety Report approved by PADOT. Revision to Traffic plans underway for submission to DVRPC.
2012-12032	Caddick-AMA-1 and Development	Conditional Use was not granted. Approval of final LD not granted. Review of new CU submission (dated 6/30/17) provided 9/13/2017.
2013-02020	Ambler Crossings	Construction underway. Escrow release for Phase 1 (Boiler House parking) provided 9/27/18.
2014-12015	St. Mary's Villa Residential Redevelopment.- TIS	Lindenwold traffic counts obtained March 2018. Meeting with PennDOT, UDT, and Ambler to discuss potential signal at Lindenwold scheduled 6/7/18.
2017-01010-01	Ambler Pocket Park	Application to National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) 2018 Great Urban Parks Campaign (GUPC) submitted 8/1/18. Park design kick-off meeting held 8/31/18. Preparation of permit applications to allow work in the floodway underway.
2017-01010-02	Ambler Traffic Signals	RRFB permit plans approved by PADOT. PW obtaining quotes for installation of pole foundations.
2017-01105	Ambler Borough 2017 Road Paving	Construction complete. Maintenance Bond Dated 10/31/2017. Maintenance period expires 5/28/18. Maintenance period expires 5/1/2019.
2017-09055	Bridge/Culvert Assessments	Load rating reports Hendricks/Rose Valley provided 7/31/18 & for N. Maple/Tannery Run provided 10/2/18.. Condition assessment of Hendricks/Rose Valley underway. Condition assessment of N. Ridge/ Rose Valley to be completed. Visual assessment of Tannery Run underway.
2018-08087	171 Rosemary Ave - Zaccone Motors	Review of concept plan provided 8/24/18. Pre-application meeting held 9/25/18 with applicant, engineer, & code officer. Review of LD application provided 11/14/18.
2018-10097	44 Tennis Ave - FEMA/FEMA HMGF Demolition	Bids received January 31st. Anticipate award in February, and demolition in March.
2018-11003	119 W. Butler Ave - Bank of America Drive-up ATM	Review of land development application provided 12/8/18.
2019-01010	2019 General Services	
Sewer Engineer		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is under construction
2019-01050	2019 Ambler Borough General Sewer Service	On-going

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Water Engineer		
2012-10043	Loch Ash Dam Annual Inspections	Annual inspection report submitted to DEP on 1/23/19.
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water Main is tested/complete
2017-01110	PWS Applications	Preparing PWS application for Well 8 minor permit amendment. On Hold. Awaiting direction from Water Superintendent.
2017-03065	Prophecy Creek Bridge	Assisting Water Dept. with review of County's plans for bridge replacement project and impact on existing water main. Currently inactive.
2017-03128	Lafayette Ave. Water Main Replacement	Project closeout documents received. Final payment recommended 1/15/19.
2018-01154	Gwynedd Walk (LGT)	Water main construction and testing complete. 18 month maintenance period began 9/4/18.
2018-01171	Mattison Estates (UDT)	Water construction escrow tabulation prepared 1/14/19 for inclusion in developer's agreement
2018-05094	Broad Axe Tank - AT&T Upgrades	Work completed. As-built plans received 1/31/19.
2018-09046	Houston Road Tank -- Sprint Modifications	Plan review underway.
2019-01049	2019 Ambler Borough General Water Service	Ongoing assistance concerning PFAS monitoring, providing information and responses to the public. Assisting water staff with water quality compliance monitoring and reporting.
2019-01134	DRBC Docket Renewal	Preparation of docket renewal application underway.
2019-01169	Butler Pike Water Main Replacement	Design activities underway.



GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.
ENGINEERING & CONSULTING SERVICES

February 1, 2019

Project No. 2018-10097

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
122 East Butler Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Reference: 2016 FMA Acquisition / Demolition Project (Tennis Avenue Demolition Project)
FEMA #FMA-PJ-PA-2016/EMP-2017-FM-E001
Bid Tabulation

Dear Mary:

Bids for the above-referenced project were opened at the public meeting held 10:00 AM January 31, 2019 at Ambler Borough Hall. The scope of work includes the demolition of all structures and restoration of the property at 44 Tennis Avenue. This project is funded in part through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Six bids were received. A copy of the bid tabulation is attached for your review. *We recommend award of the contract to **BRB Contractor's** in the amount of **\$27,505.36** contingent upon Solicitor review of the bids.* We note several bids were submitted without certain required forms. These bids are considered incomplete. These are noted on the bid tabulation.

	TOTAL AMOUNT BID
BRB Contractor's	\$ 27,505.36
Knechel Demolition & Excavation	\$ 30,178.00
Tamco Construction, Inc.	\$ 39,066.00
A. J. Jurich, Inc.	\$ 41,284.00
Haines & Kibblehouse, Inc.	\$ 41,370.00
Centerline Contracting	\$ 52,900.00

As always, please call us if you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance regarding this project.

Sincerely,

James P. Dougherty, P.E.
Senior Project Manager
Gilmore & Associates, Inc.

JPD/sl

Enclosure: Bid Tabulation

cc: Joseph Bresnan, Esq., Dischell Bartle Dooley
Gail Gordon – Finance Manager
Glenn Kucher – Code Enforcement Officer
Marco Resente - Public Works Superintendent
Steve Walsh, P.E., Project Manager – Gilmore & Associates, Inc.

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BID TABULATION

CLIENT: Borough of Ambler
PROJECT NAME: Tennis Avenue Demolition Project
G&A PROJECT #: 2018-10297
BID DATE: Jan/31/2019



ITEM NO.	LOT	ITEM	UNIT	QUANTITY	BRB Contractor's		Knechtel Demolition and Excavation		Tamco Construction, Inc.	
					BID UNIT COST	BID EXTENDED COST	BID UNIT COST	BID EXTENDED COST	UNIT PRICE	BID EXTENDED COST
1	B1	Mobilization/Demobilization	LS	1	\$500.00	\$ 500.00	\$1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2	B2	Clear & Grub	LS	1	\$250.00	\$ 250.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
3	B3	Silt Fence	LF	78	\$4.00	\$ 312.00	\$10.00	\$ 780.00	\$6.00	\$ 468.00
4	B3	Flexible Pavement Removal	SY	325	\$4.25	\$ 1,381.25	\$10.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$2.00	\$ 650.00
5	B3	Concrete Pavement Removal	SY	12	\$15.00	\$ 180.00	\$20.00	\$ 240.00	\$40.00	\$ 480.00
6	B4	Electrical Wiring Removal	LS	1	\$100.00	\$ 100.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
7	B7	Sanitary Sewer Abandon	LS	1	\$200.00	\$ 200.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
8	B5	Asbestos Abatement	LS	1	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00
9	B6	Total Building Demolition	LS	1	\$18,576.00	\$ 18,576.00	\$15,300.00	\$ 15,300.00	\$27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
10	B6	Topsoil	SY	622	\$4.65	\$ 2,893.30	\$6.00	\$ 3,732.00	\$1.50	\$ 933.00
11	B11	Permanent Vegetation - Standard Mix	SY	622	\$1.00	\$ 622.00	\$3.00	\$ 1,866.00	\$1.50	\$ 933.00
TOTAL						\$ 27,505.35		\$ 30,178.00		\$ 39,066.00

COMPLETENESS REVIEW				Attended Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting		N/A		N/A	
Bid Form (Item Bid eBid Form or Document 00 41 00)									
Bid Bond Form (Document 00 43 13) or other Bid Security									
Bidder Acknowledgement Form (Document 00 45 10)									
Bidder Qualification Statement Form (Document 00 45 13) or Construction Contractor's Qualification Statement									
Representations, Certifications and Other Statements of Bidders									
Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder (Document 00 45 19)									
Public Works Employment Verification Form (Document 00 45 22)									
Agreement of Surety Form (Document 00 45 53)									
List of Proposed Subcontractors, Proposed Suppliers, and other									

BID TABULATION

CLIENT: Borough of Ambler
 PROJECT NAME: Tannis Avenue Demolition Project
 G&A PROJECT #: 2018-10097
 BID DATE: Jan/31/2019

CONTRACTOR
 ADDRESS
 CITY, STATE, ZIP
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 FAX
 CONTRACT
 EMAIL

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ITEM NO.	LOT	ITEM	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	BID EXTENDED COST	UNIT PRICE	BID EXTENDED COST	UNIT PRICE	BID EXTENDED COST
1	B1	Mobilization/Demobilization	LS	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
2	B2	Clear & Grub	LS	1	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
3	B3	Slit Fences	LF	78	\$1.00	\$78.00	\$7.35	\$573.30	\$12.00	\$936.00
4	B3	Flexible Pavement Removal	SY	326	\$30.00	\$9,780.00	\$4.75	\$1,548.50	\$12.25	\$3,993.50
5	B5	Concrete Pavement Removal	SY	12	\$18.00	\$216.00	\$22.00	\$264.00	\$30.00	\$360.00
6	B4	Electrical Wiring Removal	LS	1	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
7	B7	Sanitary Sewer Abandon	LS	1	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$2,666.60	\$2,666.60	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
8	B5	Asbestos Abatement	LS	1	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$20,800.00	\$20,800.00	\$20,500.60	\$20,500.60
9	B9	Total Building Demolition	LS	1	\$21,200.00	\$21,200.00	\$8,170	\$8,170	\$10.45	\$10.45
10	B6	Topsoil	SY	622	\$3.50	\$2,177.00	\$2.10	\$1,306.20	\$5.00	\$3,110.00
11	B11	Permanent Vegetation - Standard Mkr	SY	622	\$1.50	\$933.00	\$2.10	\$1,306.20	\$5.00	\$3,110.00
TOTAL						\$41,284.00		\$41,370.00		\$52,900.00

COMPLETENESS REVIEW

Attended Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting										
Bid Form (Per Bid eBid Form or Document 00 41 00)		N/A								
Bid Bond Form (Document 00 43 13) or other Bid Security		x								
Bidder Acknowledgement Form (Document 00 45 10)		x								
Construction Statement Form (Document 00 45 13) or		x								
Construction Contractor's Qualification Statement		x								
Representations, Certifications and Other Statements of Bidders		N/A								
Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder (Document 00 45 19)		x								
Public Works Employment Verification Form (Document 00 45 22)		x								
Agreement of Surety Form (Document 00 45 53)		x								
List of Proposed Subcontractors, Proposed Suppliers, and other		x								

A Vision for A 100% Clean Renewable Energy Future

WHEREAS: Climate change is a global long-term threat to civilization and Earth's living ecosystems;

WHEREAS: More frequent and extreme weather events will become commonplace;

WHEREAS: A major contributor to climate change is the continued use of fossil fuels by individuals, businesses and government agencies;

WHEREAS: Climate change impacts will test our infrastructure, emergency and social services; threaten our access to food, water and energy supplies; and heighten disruption of services, commerce and quality of life;

WHEREAS: The 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris resulted in a consensus among all 195 countries to limit the increase in global average temperatures to well below 2°C, ensure that greenhouse gas emissions will not exceed sinks (total carbon capture) by the second half of this century, and become carbon neutral between 2050 and 2100;

WHEREAS: Ambler Borough has demonstrated a commitment to reducing its energy usage by implementing energy efficiency improvements in the following areas:

- Municipal building energy efficiency improvements, resulting in reduced energy usage and costs
- Lighting and energy system improvements at the Community Center, resulting in reduced energy usage and costs
- LED traffic light upgrades throughout the township resulting in reduced energy usage and costs

WHEREAS: Ambler Borough's Mayor Sorg has made public commitments to solar power and the Paris Accord:

- 43 PA Mayors call for Use of Solar Power: <https://pennenvironment.org/news/pae/180-us-mayors-call-use-solar-power>
- 407 US Climate Mayors commit to adopt, honor and uphold Paris Climate Agreement goals: <https://medium.com/@ClimateMayors/climate-mayors-commit-to-adopt-honor-and-uphold-paris-climate-agreement-goals-ba566e260097>

WHEREAS: Ambler Borough recognizes that it has a responsibility to future generations to take an active stand to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases within the township, and Ambler Borough is committed to be a community characterized by equality, health, safety, livability, prosperity and equity;

WHEREAS: The best strategy for achieving a cost effective, even cost saving, energy source transition is through collaboration with other Montgomery County energy leaders and participating in aggregated procurement contracts - Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for regional wind and solar energy; to this end, Ambler Borough also recognizes the importance of developing a close, working relationship with its electric energy supplier(s) to create the most advantageous and mutually beneficial plan for integrating locally generated and renewable power.

WHEREAS: A renewable energy initiative can produce energy cost savings for residents and local businesses while stimulating new economic activity and local jobs, all while simultaneously mitigating the risks from climate change for everyone;

Be it RESOLVED that:

- Ambler Borough will join other leading towns and cities in the national Ready for 100 movement, to transition to 100% clean, renewable energy for all, and complete this transition to
 - 100% clean renewable electricity by 2035
 - 100% clean renewable energy when replacing heat & transportation equipment & vehicles
 - As vehicles are replaced, priority will also be given to transitioning the Ambler Borough vehicle fleet to 100% renewable energy sources by 2028
- The Ambler Borough Environmental Advisory Committee will provide guidance for commissioning a committee and/or contractor to draft an energy transition plan for achieving these goals by April 22, 2019 [Earth Day], to include interim milestones, financial impacts, equity metrics, potential financing mechanisms and the percentage of renewable energy that is locally produced;
- Renewable energy will be defined as carbon-free and pollution-free energy generated sustainably from renewable sources such as wind, solar, small hydro, tidal, fuel cells and geothermal;
- Locally produced and distributed energy is prioritized whenever feasible for the many advantages it provides to the community;
- All Ambler Borough stakeholders will have the opportunity and will be encouraged to participate in the planning and implementation process;
- Ambler Borough calls on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to set a goal to use 100% renewable energy for all purposes no later than 2050; to adopt codes and standards to increase the efficiency of buildings and appliances; and to increase the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards to levels that put us on track to meet 100% renewable energy goals.
- *Ambler Borough commits to working with other Montgomery County Municipalities and the Montgomery County Planning Commission and/or Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to create an energy planner/advocate position. The energy planner/advocate will develop and implement renewable energy strategies for Montgomery County municipalities, residents, businesses, and institutions. This energy planner advocate would serve for 3 years at an approximate cost of \$100,000 per year, to be funded by a minimum 15 participating municipalities and available grant support.*
- For their renewable energy commitment, we commend the municipalities of Phoenixville, West Chester and Downingtown for being leaders in setting goals for the transition to renewable energy in their communities.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon approval.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Ms. Hertz (Chair)

Mrs. Deininger

Ms. McKenna Endicott

OLD BUSINESS

1. PLASTICS ORDINANCE

The Committee would like to explore a possible Plastics Ordinance in the Borough. They will work with the local businesses and discuss options. **Attached** for consideration is a Resolution on single use plastics.

2. BIKE SAFETY

The Borough will host a training session for cycling safety in March for ages 10-16.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RED-TAIL CONTRACT

Red Tail Restoration quoted a contract price for the year of \$3,800. A recommendation is requested to approve the contract. **(attached)**

2. AMBLER SQUARE

The Borough has submitted the Ambler Square plans to Montgomery County Conservation and the DEP for review and permitting. The Engineer will provide an update.

3. EAC WORKSHOPS

The Ambler Environmental Advisory Council would like to give every homeowner a rain barrel and assess your property's storm water needs to see if it qualifies for a reduced cost rain garden, downspout planter, or permeable conversion. The workshops dates are as follows.

Wednesday February 13 - 6pm at Weavers Way

Friday February 22 - 2pm at Ambler Borough Hall

Thursday March 7 - 6pm - at Weavers Way

Monday March 11 - 6pm - at Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association

Saturday April 13 - 10am at Ambler Borough Hall

**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL SUPPORTING AN
INITIATIVE TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE THE DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF
SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AND EXPANDED POLYESTERSTYRENE (EPS)
PRODUCTS IN AN EFFORT TOWARDS CLEANER WILDLIFE HABITATS,
SAFER WATERWAYS AND OCEANS AND A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ambler seeks a community environment which is sound, clean and healthy, recognizing that the quality of wildlife and marine habitats, waterways and oceans is important to our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastics include water and soda bottles, plastic straws, plastic lids, plastic bags, and plastic utensils; and EPS products include "to-go" containers, leftover food containers ("clamshells"), and drink cups; and

WHEREAS, plastic drinking straws are provided by most establishments that offer cold drinks; and

WHEREAS, single use plastics and EPS products are not biodegradable and break down into smaller pieces that become more difficult to manage; litter our landscape, pollute our waterways and oceans, kill or injure an estimated one million or more sea turtles, seabirds and other wildlife annually, pollute the environment for generations, take 500-1000 years to decompose and, if ignored, create permanent damage to the environment; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 500 million straws are used daily in the United States; and plastic drinking straws deposited in our waterways and oceans pose a great threat to marine and other wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Ambler Borough Council:

HEREBY encourages local merchants, businesses and residents to reduce the distribution and use of plastic drinking straws, plastic stirring sticks and similar items.

HEREBY encourages all citizens to embrace and commit to the Environmental Protection Agency's hierarchy in their daily lives – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

HEREBY encourages all citizens and business owners to voluntarily participate in this initiative to reduce the use of plastic straws; single-use plastics including water and soda bottles, plastic lids, plastic bags, plastic utensils; and EPS products and polystyrene containers and packaging through the use of reusable, compostable and/or recyclable materials.

AND HEREBY encourages those businesses that provide a product for which a straw would be desired to offer paper straws or provide a plastic straw only upon individual request.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Mary Aversa, Secretary

**Borough of Ambler, PA
contract agreement with
Red Tail Restoration & Land Management, LLC**

Red Tail Restoration & Land Management, LLC, hereinafter referred to as "Red Tail Restoration", 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. Work may also be performed in other locations throughout the Borough of Ambler as requested by Borough Council or other persons who have been given the authority by Borough Council to direct work performed by Red Tail Restoration. Services include:

- Removing invasive plants to support native plant diversity and public use of Ambler Borough Park.
- Providing expertise and advice and supporting general conservation tasks as mutually agreed upon by Red Tail Restoration and Borough of Ambler.

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

The Borough of Ambler will not be held responsible for any bodily harm to Red Tail Restoration employees or to the owner of Red Tail Restoration if bodily harm occurs while working at Ambler Borough Park or other requested properties.

Red Tail Restoration 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 \$38 per hour plus material costs. Land Manager will provide approximately 100 hours of service over the course of one year beginning January 15, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The total amount of this contract, excluding material costs preapproved by the Borough of Ambler, shall not exceed \$3,800.00, unless additional work is requested by the Borough of Ambler. The terms of this contract will apply to any additional work requested and agreed upon during this contract period unless noted otherwise in writing.

Borough of Ambler: _____
Name & title printed below signature

Date: _____

Borough of Amber: _____
Name & title printed below signature

Date: _____

Red Tail Restoration: _____
Greg Gagliano, Owner
Red Tail Restoration & Land Management, LLC
P.O. Box 82, Glen Mills, PA 19342
(610) 772-1837 greg@redtailrestore.com

Date: _____

Salary & Personnel Committee

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mrs. Deininger (Chair)

Mr. Pasceri

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Di Pietro

OLD BUSINESS

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

A vacancy exists on the Environmental Advisory Council. Interested residents should forward a letter of interest/resume to the attention of the Borough Manager manager@borough.ambler.pa.us

NEW BUSINESS

1. **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

The Committee will review a Social Media Policy and Code of Conduct Policy and make a recommendation for adoption. (attached)

2. **ZHB ALTERNATE VACANCY**

A request was received to appoint Holden McKinney to the Zoning Hearing Board. (attached)

3. **WWTP VACANCY**

A recommendation will be made for the vacant WWTP position.

Public Comment Procedure:

As a reminder, it will not be the practice of Council to answer questions and/or engage in dialogue with the speaker during the Public Comments section of the meeting. Comments regarding any and all employee issues will not be entertained. Council may address items or questions raised at the next scheduled Committee/Council meeting, but reserves the right to determine agenda items. Council requests that those in attendance refrain from engaging the speaker during public comments. Thank you for your cooperation.
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