



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COMMITTEE MEETING

August 7, 2018

7:00 p.m.

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

Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. Zaccone (Chair)

Mrs. Deininger

Mrs. Siskind

OLD BUSINESS

1. **ST. MARY'S DEVELOPMENT**

The Borough has submitted a letter to PennDOT with documentation supporting a signal being warranted. With the future construction of the St. Mary's Villa project, the Borough requests PennDOT reconsider having the St. Mary's Villa project install this signal at Bethlehem and Lindenwold as part of their Highway Occupancy Permit.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

The Code Enforcement report and Public Works report are **attached**.

2. **MISSION LIFELINE BRONZE AWARD**

The American Heart Association is in attendance at this evening's meeting to present the Mission Lifeline Bronze Award, a designation for treatment of patients who experience severe heart attack, to the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler.

3. **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

A Red Cross Blood Drive has been scheduled at the Borough Hall Gym on Friday, September 7, 2018 (2-7 p.m.) Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Ambler.

4. **HENDRICKS STREET BRIDGE**

The enclosed report for the Bridge at Hendricks Street is being discussed by staff. The Bridge weight restrictions will be posted and staff will reach out to the public to raise awareness of the new limits. We are also preparing to do the same procedure for Maple Avenue.

Borough of Ambler

Code Enforcement Report for July 2018

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Building	7	8	4	8	9	9	9						54
Dumpster	0	1	2	1	4	4	3						15
Fire	0	0	0	0	1	1	0						2
Mechanical	3	3	1	3	8	4	2						24
Plumbing	7	5	3	6	4	4	3						32
Road Opening	1	118*	0	2	6	2	2						131
Use and Occupancy	0	0	4	0	0	1	2						7
Vendor Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Zoning	2	0	2	7	7	7	7						32
Rental Inspections	26	12	66	82	61	39	34						320
TOTALS	46	147	82	109	100	71	62						617

*February Road Opening Permits number associated with the ongoing PECO service upgrades throughout the Borough

Public Utilities Committee

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. Pasceri (Chair)

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Tomlinson

Mrs. Siskind

OLD BUSINESS

1. WATER AUTHORITY UPDATE

The Borough Solicitor will provide an update on discussions held with the Harrisburg attorney regarding forming a Water Authority.

NEW BUSINESS

1. WWTP ENGINEER REPORT

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

2. PFAS WATER QUALITY UPDATE

Attached is an updated Notice prepared by the Borough's engineers at Gilmore & Associates regarding PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) that appears on the Borough website. These are the chemicals in the news found around military bases. The Notice includes background information, previous sampling results, and updated information since the 2016 sampling and Notice. Water Dept. will voluntarily resample its distribution points in August/September 2018.

3. WWTP AEROBIC DIGESTERS

Approval is requested to start the upgrade to convert the digesters over to aerobic digesters. We need to upgrade the electric for the new blowers, this will go out for bid. In addition we need to remove the lids and install the piping for the air flow, this will go out for bid. We have budgeted \$700,000 for this project for 2018 that should cover the entire project.

4. WWTP CLARIFIER ET2 and ET3

Approval is requested to award the rebuilding of the Clarifier project to BDI for their low quote of \$18,358.00. (**attached**)

5. WISSAHICKON CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIP

Additional time and funding is needed to complete the Water Quality Improvement Plan (TMDL Alternative) and to have it reviewed and accepted by the Management Committee, the 13 municipalities, 4 WWTP's, and finally by the PADEP and EPA. They anticipate that an additional \$5,000 contribution is needed from each of the 17 shareholders to fund the technical expertise and the legal advisor through the end of 2018. To fund the completion of the study and the submission to PADEP and EPA for their approval, the Inter-Governmental Agreements will be extended for one additional year. The requested contribution for the work to be completed in 2019 is \$10,000 for each shareholder. (**attached**)



August 3, 2018

Ms. Mary Aversa
Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: Status Report – August 2018

Dear Mary,

The status of current active projects is as follows:

- 1.) Wissahickon Creek TMDL – The work by Temple University is proceeding. Temple University has begun sharing some of the data collected over the past two years and some of their impressions of that data.
- 2.) NPDES Permit – PADEP issued a revised draft NPDES permit for the Borough of Ambler WWTP based upon comments PADEP received from EPA. An aluminum limit is being proposed.
- 3.) 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, multiple chemical addition locations, and converting the digesters to aerobic digestion.
- 4.) Conversion of Digesters – EEMA is proceeding with the design to convert the digesters from anaerobic digestion (without air) to aerobic digestion (with air).
- 5.) Chemical Tank Product Conversion – The WWTP is now using PolyAluminum Chloride as the chemical utilized for phosphorus removal. EEMA is working with plant personnel to identify optimum dosing rates.

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

AMBLER BOROUGH WATER DEPARTMENT
INFORMATION REGARDING PFOA AND PFOS IN WATER SUPPLY

Ambler Borough Water Department continues to remain active and updated regarding issues related to polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). In May 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) issued a lifetime health advisory of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for the combined concentration of two of these chemicals, PFOS and PFOA. Although this health advisory is neither regulated nor enforceable, in October 2016, Ambler tested each of its water sources and its storage tanks for these contaminants, and found all sources and tanks to be significantly below the lifetime health advisory. The maximum combined concentration of PFOS/PFOA was found to be 13 ppt, and the average of all sources was 8 ppt. The following summarizes the results from the October 2016 sampling:

Well No. or Location	PFOA Concentration (ppt)	PFOS Concentration (ppt)	EPA Health Advisory (ppt)
2	13	ND	70
4	9	ND	70
6	9	ND	70
7	8	ND	70
8	4	ND	70
9	10	ND	70
11	8	ND	70
12	7	ND	70
14	6	ND	70
Whitemarsh WTP	10	ND	70
Loch Aish Tank	12	ND	70
Broad Axe Tank	7	ND	70
Houston Road Tank	7	ND	70

Notes:

ND = Not Detected

WTP = Water Treatment Plant

All samples collected on October 31, 2016 and analyzed by Eurofins QC, Inc.

The USEPA health advisory was based on the best science available to identify the combined concentration of PFOA and PFOS in drinking water below which adverse health effects are not anticipated to occur over a lifetime of exposure for the most sensitive members of the population. In June 2018, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health, released a draft report which further analyzes the toxicity and potential exposures from these chemicals. This report is currently under review by USEPA, as well as many other scientific organizations, and ATSDR is accepting public

comment on the report until August 20, 2018. Elements of the report indicate a lower lifetime health advisory may be recommended for PFOS, PFOA, and other chemicals in the family of PFAS. Research is still ongoing and data continues to be gathered.

USEPA recently hosted a community event in Horsham to allow area water suppliers, regulators, government officials, and residents to receive updates as to the status of issues related to PFAS and to voice their concerns. Ambler Borough's professional staff was present at this event and remains updated in the most current information available regarding these chemicals.

Ambler Borough has scheduled additional testing of all of its sources for PFOS and PFOA. This testing will be conducted in August/September 2018. The results of this sampling will be released as they become available. The Borough will evaluate the need for further testing following receipt of these results and, as always, in accordance with any recommendations and requirements from our federal and state regulators.

PFOS and PFOA have greatly affected communities, especially those closest to former and current military installations, where firefighting foam historically used in training exercises has been found to contain these chemicals, resulting in high concentrations of PFOS and PFOA in public and private wells on and around these military bases. This has not been the case with water sources owned and operated by Ambler Borough.

Ambler Borough remains committed to providing the highest quality drinking water to all customers. The Borough's water continues to be in compliance with all regulations of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Additional information regarding PFAS can be found at the following websites:

<https://www.epa.gov/pfas>

<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/index.html>

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/pfcs>

Mary Aversa

From: Ambler WasteWater <awwtpsupt@borough.ambler.pa.us>
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 8:00 AM
To: maversa@borough.ambler.pa.us
Subject: Clarifiers

Mary I have 3 quotes for rebuilding clarifiers #2 and #3 BDS was \$73,301.00, Blooming Glen was \$29,965.54 and BDI was \$18,358.00. I would recommend going with BDI, we did some investigating and received some good feedback about the work they do. If you need any more information let me know. Thanks Pat

Finance & Planning Committee

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. Tomlinson (Chair)

Ms. Di Pietro

Ms. McKenna Endicott

OLD BUSINESS

1. **CDBG GRANT PROJECT – MUNICIPAL PUBLIC RESTROOMS**
Solicitations of bids for the Municipal Building Public Restrooms Architectural Barrier Removal Project (CDBG Grant) have been advertised. Bid opening is scheduled for September 10th at 11:00 a.m. at Borough Hall.

2. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RFQs**
Request for qualifications of professional services (Solicitor, Municipal Engineer, Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineer and Building Inspector) will be advertised. The Borough will accept sealed qualifications submittals until 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 14, 2018. The proposal for the Auditor will be advertised upon approval.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**
The Borough Engineer's report is **attached**.

2. **CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE**
Borough Departments will investigate ways for the Borough to include sustainable energy practices and recommend cost saving improvements in the 2019 Budget.

3. **COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**
The County's updated Hazard Mitigation Plan is being reviewed by Ambler's Planning Commission. A Municipal Adoption Resolution is **attached**.

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Borough Engineer		
2001-1010	TEA-21 - Ambler Streetscape 2002	Construction underway. Outstanding work includes: DuraTherm decorative crosswalks, signal activation, and 30-day test period. 8 week lead time for DuraTherm material. Anticipate completion September/October.
2003-0122-01	Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit	NOI for 2018 Individual MS4 Permit submitted 9/16/17. Next Annual report due 9/30/18 for period 3/16/16 thru 6/30/18. Response to DEP comments on NOI underway. Preparation of 2018 Annual Report underway.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Plan revision underway for resubmission to DVRPC.
2012-12032	Caddick-AMA-Land 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.
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 (NRPAA) 2018 Great Urban Parks Campaign (GUPC) submitted 8/1/18.
2017-01010-02	Ambler Traffic Signals	Revised RRFB permit plans resubmitted to PADOT on 6/7/2018 to address review comments.
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 report of Hendricks/Rose Valley provided 7/31/18. Condition assessment of Hendricks/Rose Valley & N. Ridge/ Rose Valley to be completed.
2018-01010	2018 Ambler Borough General Engineering Services	On going
2018-05050	Quinn - 325 Valley Brook Rd Zoning Permit Review	Zoning Permit review provided 6/22/18 by email.
Sewer Engineer		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is under construction
2018-01050	2018 Ambler Borough General Sewer Service	On-going
Water Engineer		
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water Main is tested/complete
2016-04009	Maple Ave Water Main Replacement	Field survey completed. Awaiting further direction from Water Superintendent.
2017-01110	PWS Applications	Preparing PWS application for Well 8 minor permit amendment. On Hold. Awaiting direction from Water Superintendent.

GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Water Engineer		
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	Water main construction and testing complete. Final paving remains.
2017-11039	Houston Road Tank-AT&T Antennae Modifications	Plan review letter issued on 11/20/17.
2017-11058	Small Water & Sewer Grant Application	Grant application submitted to DCED on 2/22/18.
2018-01049	2018 Ambler Borough General Water Service	On-going
2018-01154	Gwynedd Walk (LGT)	Water main construction underway.
2018-01171	Mattison Estates (UDT)	Water plan review #1 letter issued on 4/17/2018. Water tapping fee determination letter sent to Applicant on 7/1/18.
2018-05094	Broad Axe Tank - AT&T Upgrades	Plan review letter issued 6/19/18.

**Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Municipal Adoption Resolution**

Resolution No. _____

<Borough/Township of Municipality Name>, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

WHEREAS, the <Borough/Township of Municipality Name>, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires State and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, the <Borough/Township of Municipality Name> acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Montgomery County Planning Commission in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of <Borough/Township of Municipality Name>, and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by natural hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body for the <Borough/Township of Municipality Name>:

- The Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the <Borough/Township>, and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

ADOPTED, this _____ day of _____, 2018

ATTEST:

<BOROUGH/TOWNSHIP OF MUNICIPALITY NAME>

_____ By _____
By _____
By _____

Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. Hertz (Chair)

Mrs. Deininger

Ms. McKenna Endicott

OLD BUSINESS

1. FRIENDS OF BOROUGH PARKS

The committee is looking into various “Friends of Park” programs to gather information and possible program guidelines for Ambler Parks. A link to the survey is posted on the borough's website. It will run through 8/16. <https://goo.gl/forms/rODiH9hrKRwkYcDX2>

2. SUMMER PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Scheduled summer events are as follows:

- **Movie Night** – August 24 (7:30pm) – “Toy Story” – Knight’s Park
- **Yoga** –Aug. 28 (7:00pm) & Aug. 25 (9:30am) – Pickering Field
- **Mindfulness** –Aug. 7 (7:00 pm) & Aug. 9 & 16 (9:00am) – Ricciardi Park

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PLANT AMBLER VOLUNTEERS

Consider adoption of a Resolution Recognizing Plant Ambler Volunteers. (**attached**)



**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2018-**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
PLANT AMBLER VOLUNTEERS**

WHEREAS, *Plant Ambler* volunteers have been making Ambler a more attractive place to live and work by providing gardening and landscaping displays such as spring pansies, fall mums and winter greens throughout the Borough since 1973; and

WHEREAS, *Plant Ambler* is a community-beautification effort staffed entirely by knowledgeable and dedicated community volunteers and supported by donations; and

WHEREAS, *Plant Ambler* volunteers are always willing to share their enthusiasm about gardening with "green" newcomers who appreciate the valuable lessons learned as these volunteers demonstrate how to till the soil and not to water the weeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Ambler Borough Council and the Mayor of Ambler, on behalf of all our residents, do hereby recognize Hilary Heckman and all the *Plant Ambler* volunteers as being truly philanthropic people who we value and thank you for volunteering your time & energy, skills & effort, and hard work these past 45 years towards the beautification of Ambler Borough.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Jeanne Sorg, Mayor

Mary Aversa, Secretary

Salary & Personnel Committee

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mrs. Deininger (Chair)

Mr. Pasceri

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Di Pietro

OLD BUSINESS

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Vacancies exist 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. **CIVIL SERVICE RULES**

Attached are the Civil Service rules that will be sent to the commission for approval.

2. **POLICE DEPARTMENT TESTING**

Testing for a new patrolman is being scheduled.

3. **WWTP ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDANT**

A recommendation is requested to hire Jarret Evans as the Waste Water Plant Assistant Superintendent .

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session will be held at 6:00pm on August 7th for a personnel matter.

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.

Ambler Borough Council