



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COMMITTEE MEETING

December 4, 2018

7:00p.m.

BUDGET MEETING 6:00PM

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

Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, December 4, 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.

2. **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

The Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, December 27th from 2 – 7 p.m. at the Ambler Borough Hall gymnasium. You may make an appointment to give by going online to www.redcrossblood.org and entering the sponsor keyword: *ambler* or by calling 1-800-Red-Cross.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

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

2. **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Fire Department is looking to update their fire protection, they will replace a 1998 Pierce engine. The Truck Committee will be going to the plant to review the apparatus for final acceptance in the middle of December (according to current schedules). We expect to put this unit in service early in 2019. Elected officials are always welcome to come by and see the equipment and meet some of our neighbors who volunteer for them. **(attached)**

Borough of Ambler

Code Enforcement Report for November 2018

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Building	7	8	4	8	9	9	9	11	19	15	13		112
Dumpster	0	1	2	1	4	4	3	1	1	3	1		21
Fire	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0		2
Mechanical	3	3	1	3	8	4	2	8	6	4	2		44
Plumbing	7	5	3	6	4	4	3	2	2	6	0		42
Road Opening	1	118	0	2	6	2	2	3	1	0	4		139
Use and Occupancy	0	0	4	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0		9
Vendor Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Zoning	2	0	2	7	7	7	7	4	3	1	2		42
Rental Inspections	26	12	66	82	61	50	34	66	27	30	87		541
TOTALS	46	147	82	109	100	82	62	96	60	59	109		952

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

Section 147(f) Approval and Written Agreement


The undersigned Chief Elected Officials of Lower Gwynedd Township and Borough of Ambler (hereinafter referred to as "Municipality") pursuant to section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "code"), hereby approves entering into an Agreement by Wissahickon Fire Company of Ambler, a Pennsylvania Non-Profit Organization in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$425,000.00 to finance equipment consisting of E-One Typhoon XI Custom Pumper and Emergency Equipment which will be located at the fire house of the Wissahickon Fire Company of Ambler, 245 Race Street, Ambler, PA 19002.

This approval is given following a public hearing held at April 29, 2018 (Date and Time of Public Meeting) at the company's fire station (or other location which was designated in the public notice) and is solely for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of Section 147(f) of the code. **This approval does not in any way constitute any financial involvement or obligation of the Municipality.**

Furthermore, this document acknowledges that for consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Wissahickon Fire Company of Ambler, a Pennsylvania Non-Profit Organization has provided fire fighting and other services for the Municipality for many years and Wissahickon Fire Company of Ambler hereby agrees to meet the requirement to provide fire fighting and other services for Municipality.


Dated as of 11-20-2018

Wissahickon Fire Company of Ambler


Signature


Albert Comly, President
Print Name & Title:

Lower Gwynedd Township


Signature

Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager
Print Name & Title:

Ambler Borough


Signature

Mary E. Averst, Borough Manager
Print Name & Title:

Public Utilities Committee

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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. **ALUMINUM BID**

Quotes were received for Aluminum and the Low bidder, Thatcher Company, specifically identifies in their bid that the price was good for only for 1 year.

Second low bidder, Univar (current supplier), does not take exception to the 3-year term.

Thatcher - Low bid is \$1.24/gallon , Univar- Second low is \$1.32/gallon. The request was for a 3 year contract and the Thatcher quote is considered nonresponsive. **(attached)**

3. **WWTP PS-1 PAINTING**

A recommendation from DVIT was given to paint the structural steel in the wet well of PS-1. We received a quote for \$6,725.00 to complete the job. This can be done under our maintenance program and we have money in the budget. **(attached)**

4. **WWTP EPS-1 & EPS-2**

The bubbler systems in EPS 1 and EPS 2 need to be replaced .They are used to control the level of wastewater in the wells. The system we use now is over 30 years old and not reliable. The new system would use radar to transmit a signal to the water level and turn the pumps on and off. We received 2 quotes for the work one was SIMGA at \$15,584.00 parts only, not installation and the other was parts and installation for \$16,800.00 from Paone Electric. This can be done under our maintenance program and we have money in the budget. **(attached)**

Finance & Planning Committee

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Ms. Tomlinson (Chair)

Ms. Di Pietro

Mrs. McKenna Endicott

OLD BUSINESS

1. **PARKING METER IMPROVEMENTS**

The new parking meters will be installed in the Cavalier and Short Street Lot this week.

2. **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. **Attached** is a letter from the Planning Commission requesting clarification on their approach.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

2. **ZONING HEARING BOARD**

The Borough has rescheduled the following Zoning Hearing Board applications.
Rosemary Avenue – Garage for Vehicle Storage , N. Main Street-Outdoor Storage

3. **2019 BUDGET**

The 2019 Budget is available for inspection.

4. **SEWER RATE ORDINANCE**

The Committee will consider adopting an Ordinance 1111 to increase the Sewer Rate from \$6.00 to \$6.50 for each 1,000 gallons of water usage per quarter. **(attached)**

5. **TRASH COLLECTION FEE RESOLUTION**

The Committee will consider adopting a Resolution increasing the annual trash rate from \$200 to \$250 per year. **(attached)**

6. **REAL ESTATE TAX RATE ORDINANCE 1112**

The Committee will consider adopting an Ordinance Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for 2019. **(attached)**

7. **PLANNING COMMISSION DECEMBER MEETING**

The Planning Commission will have its monthly meeting on December 13, if necessary.

8. **2019 MEETING CALENDAR**

The 2019 meeting schedule will be advertised if there are no objections.

Borough Of Ambler

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November 27, 2018

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

Re: Green Building Regulations

Dear Ms. Aversa:

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to develop an approach to incorporate green building regulations, incentives and/or strategies into our existing Zoning and Subdivision Land Development Codes to maximize sustainability. This initiative could focus on a number of topics such as energy efficiency, water efficiency, indoor environmental quality, thermal comfort, health and productivity among others.

Because "Green Building" regulations are so broad, the Planning Commission voted unanimously at its November 27, 2018, meeting, to begin its mission by narrowing the focus to pervious and impervious coverage calculations and/or incentives to assist in diminishing storm water run-off from individual properties. Accordingly, the Planning Commission is requesting approval from Council to focus on any or all of the three topics listed below to begin the task.

1. Guidelines for new construction / redevelopment
2. Evaluate the existing stormwater management ordinance to reduce the trigger for stormwater management from 1,000 sqft lower based upon a graduated scale for lot size
3. Stormwater management guidelines for rehabilitation of existing properties

The Planning Commission is aware of the importance of many issues involving green building. Therefore, if Council has another issue it would prefer the Commission begin evaluating, kindly advise. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Chairman, Robert Lagreca. Otherwise, we will await further direction from Council.

Very truly yours,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Secretary
Ambler Borough Planning Commission

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. Anticipate completion December pending SEPTA 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-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. 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. Anticipate design complete for Spring 2019 construction.
2017-01010-02	Ambler Traffic Signals	RRFB permit plans approved by PADOT. PW obtaining materials and planning for installation. Pole spot meeting to be scheduled with PADOT.
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.
2018-01010	2018 Ambler Borough General Engineering Services	On going
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 & 48 Tennis Ave - FEMA/PEMA HMGP Demolition	Bid documents preparation underway to allow demolition, stream encroachment, and site restoration. MCCD & PADEP Chapter 106 permit applications submitted 11/27/18.
2018-11003	119 W. Butler Ave - Bank of America Drive-up ATM	Application received 11/1/18 and plan review underway.
Sewer Engineer		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is under construction

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Sewer Engineer		
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
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	Water main construction and testing complete. Final paving complete. Project closeout underway.
2017-11039	Houston Road Tank-AT&T Antennae Modifications	Plan review letter issued on 11/20/17.
2018-01049	2018 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.
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 plan review #2 letter issued on 11/12/2018.
2018-05094	Broad Axe Tank - AT&T Upgrades	Plan review letter issued 6/19/18.
2018-09046	Houston Road Tank - Sprint Modifications	Plan review underway.

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1111

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 939 AND 1062 BY INCREASING THE ANNUAL SEWER RENTAL, AND LEAVING THE REMAINDER OF THE ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

Ambler Borough Council, having determined a need to increase the Borough's sewer rental rate, hereby modifies ordinance 939 and Ordinance 1062 as follows:

Ordinance 939, section 1.A, which was previously modified by ordinance 1062, is modified further and henceforth shall read as follows:

“A charge of \$6.50 for each 1,000 gallons of water usage per quarter.”

References to other rates per 1,000 gallons are of no further effect.

The remainder of Ordinance 939 continues in full force and effect.

The sewer rental set forth herein shall become effective on January 1, 2019.

SO ORDAINED this 18th day of December, 2018.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Attest: _____
Mary Aversa, Secretary

**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MOTNGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 2018-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER REVISING THE ANNUAL
TRASH COLLECTION FEE PER DWELLING UNIT**

WHEREAS, Borough of Ambler sets a trash collection rate per dwelling unit up to four dwellings; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Ambler has determined that an increase in the trash collection rate is necessary.

SO BE IT RESOLVED that an annual trash rate of \$250.00 per year per dwelling unit up to four dwellings is hereby established. This rate is within the maximum charge established by Ordinance 1047.

SO RESOLVED, this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Attest:

BOROUGH OF AMBLER

Mary Aversa, Secretary

BY:

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

ORDINANCE 1112
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2019

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED and is hereby Ordained and Enacted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ambler, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that a Tax be and the same levied on all Real Property within the Borough of Ambler subject to location for the Fiscal Year 2019 as follows:

TAX RATE

For General Purposes, the sum of six and two hundred eighty thousandth (6.28) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of 6.28 cents on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

For Street Lighting Purposes, the sum of two hundred ten thousandth (.210) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of .21 of a cent on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

For Fire Fighting Purposes, the sum of four hundred eighty thousandth (.480) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of 0.48 of a cent on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

For Debt Service Purposes, the sum of 0.0 mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of 0.0 of a cent on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

For Parks and Recreation Purposes, the sum of three hundred ninety thousandth (0.390) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of 0.39 of a cent on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

The same being summarized in tabular form as follows:

TOTAL _____ MILLS	MILLS ON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION	CENTS ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION
Tax Rate General Purpose	6.280 Mills	6.28 Cents
Tax Rate Street Lights	0.210 Mills	0.21 Cents
Tax Rate Fire Protection	4.480 Mills	0.48 Cents
Tax Rate Debt Service	0.0 Mills	0.0 Cents
Tax Rate Parks & Recreation	0.390 Mills	0.39 Cents

Enacted by the Borough of Ambler this ____ day of December, ____.

 Frank DeRuosi, Council President

 Mary Aversa, Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF AMBLER
PUBLIC MEETING CALENDAR 2019

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 2, 2019 (New Year's Day)

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

No Committee Meeting in July

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 (Rosh Hashana)

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 (General Election)

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 (PA Primary)

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Parks & Recreation Committee

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **FRIENDS OF PARKS**

A meeting was held to discuss the program options, an update will be provided..

2. **BIKE SAFETY**

The Borough will host a training session for cycling safety in the spring.

Salary & Personnel Committee

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Mrs. Deininger (Chair)

Mr. Pasceri

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Di Pietro

OLD BUSINESS

1. ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Vacancies 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

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT TESTING

Testing for a new patrolman will be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Committee will review various Social Media Policies and make a recommendation for Consideration.

2. EMPLOYEE VACANCIES

Interviews are being scheduled for the Water and WWTP Positions.

3. VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Several volunteer committee positions expire at the end of the year. Current appointees are being asked whether they will seek re-appointment. Committees with expiring terms include: Planning Commission (2 seats – 4 year term); Vacancy Board (1 seat – 1 year term); and Zoning Hearing Board (1 seat plus 1 alternate seat – 3 year term). Additionally, there currently are two vacant seats on the Environmental Advisory Council and one vacant alternate seat on the Civil Service Commission. **Interested candidates, to be appointed by Borough Council, are asked to send a letter of interest & resume to the Borough Manager at manager@borough.ambler.pa.us or by mail to Borough Manager, Ambler Borough, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002.**

4. EAC VACANCY

Shelly Grinar-Boyd has submitted credentials to request appointment to one of the vacant EAC seats. (**attached**)

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