



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COMMITTEE MEETING

February 13, 2018

7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY
PUBLIC UTILITIES
FINANCE & PLANNING
PARK & RECREATION
SALARY & PERONNEL

A Town Hall meeting will be advertised for March 14th, at 7:00pm.

Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Claudio Zaccone (Chair)

Sara Hertz

Nancy Deininger

Glynnis Siskind

OLD BUSINESS

1 **ST. MARY'S DEVELOPMENT**

The Borough Engineer discussed the Storm Water Plans and Traffic study for St. Mary's development. Borough Council is discussing options to address the concerns of residents.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

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

Public Utilities Committee

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Sal Pasceri (Chair)

Claudio Zaccone

Francine Tomlinson

Glynnis Siskind.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **AMBLER CROSSINGS**

The applicant for Ambler Crossings has inquired on the water connection fees for the development. The Project was approved with sewer fees required in the review letter. Borough Council granted permission for Staff and the Solicitor to discuss the fees.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

The WWTP Engineer's report is attached.

2. **PA SMALL WATER & SEWER PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION
RESOLUTION 2018-02**

Water Dept. is preparing a grant application to the PA Small Water & Sewer Program for the Butler Pike Water Main Replacement Project with a grant request of \$400,775. This project involves replacement of 1,250 feet of water main along Butler Avenue from Chestnut Street towards Morris Road, crossing beneath the Wissahickon and Prophecy Creeks near the County-owned bridges. Council is asked to consider adoption of **Resolution 2018-02** authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the documents and agreements for submittal of the grant application.

February 7, 2018

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

Re: Status Report – February 2018

Dear Mary,

The status of current active projects is as follows:

- 1.) Wissahickon Creek TMDL – The work by Temple University is proceeding. The four WWTPs have submitted letters to EPA describing the ongoing efforts to reduce phosphorus from the effluent of each WWTP.
- 2.) NPDES Permit – PADEP forwarded to EEMA a preliminary draft NPDES permit. EEMA has been corresponding with PADEP regarding a potential numerical limit for Aluminum. EEMA is furnishing data to PADEP to hopefully support keeping aluminum as a “monitor-report” in the new permit, which would be the same as the previous permit.
- 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 existing chemical storage tanks are being cleaned and inspected in advance of switching from Alum to PolyAluminum Chloride as the chemical utilized for phosphorus removal.

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

**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 2018-02

PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

BUTLER PIKE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED that Borough of Amber, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania hereby requests a PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant of \$400,775.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Ambler Borough Water Department "Butler Pike Water Main Replacement Project."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Applicant does hereby designate Mary Aversa, Ambler Borough Manager, as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Ambler and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Mary Aversa, duly qualified Secretary of the Borough of Ambler, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Ambler Borough Council at a regular meeting held February 20, 2018 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Borough of Ambler and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Ambler this 20th day of February, 2018,

Frank DeRuosi, Borough Council President
Borough of Ambler, Montgomery County

{seal}

Mary Aversa, Secretary
Borough of Ambler, Montgomery County

Attest:

K. Elizabeth Russell, Assistant Secretary
Borough of Ambler, Montgomery County

Finance & Planning Committee

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Ms. Tomlinson (Chair)

Ms. Di Pietro

Mrs. McKenna Endicott

OLD BUSINESS

1. **BAMBOO ORDINANCE**
The Planning Commission has provided the **enclosed** additional language from the County to address the spread of bamboo in the Borough.
2. **PARKING RATES AND HOURS**
The Parking Plan is being discussed and meter options are being explored.
3. **BOROUGH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**
Staff is working to solicit Statements of Qualifications for professional services. **Attached** is detail on the responsibilities and duties of the professionals.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**
The Borough Engineer's report is **attached**.
2. **TRASH FEE RESOLUTION 2018-01**
Consider adoption of a Resolution revising the annual trash collection fee to \$200 per year per dwelling unit as allocated in the 2018 budget. (**attached**)
3. **SEPTA- FARMERS MARKET AGREEMENT**
In the coming weeks Main Street will be requesting a renewal of the lease at the SEPTA Parking Lot for the Farmers Market. A request was received to ask for additional weeks in the lease so the Market season can be extended. Authorization is requested to explore rental options with SEPTA for the 2018 Season.
4. **AMBLER LIBRARY**
Attached please find a letter from the Wissahickon Valley Library requesting support in applying for and in administering grants for their renovation in Ambler. Also attached is the ZHB Decision for the Library.
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
An executive session is needed for a real estate matter.

AMBLER BOROUGH

Status

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Borough Engineer		
2001-1010	TEA-21 - Ambler Streetscape 2002	Construction underway. Boring under SEPTA rail line completed. SEPTA review of Miller's connection to SEPTA controller box underway.
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.
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	Meetings with PennDOT, Developer & Ambler held 3/2/15 & 9/15/15. TIS review provided 6/11/15, 8/11/16. Review of land development storm water management plan provided 12/6/17. Review of pedestrian detour plan provided 2/2/18.
2016-05051	Ambler Borough 2016 Paving Program	Construction complete. Maintenance period expires 5/12/18
2017-01010-02	Ambler Traffic Signals	PADOT comments on pedestrian flasher signal permits received 12/7/17. FHWA rescinded RRFB approval 12/21/17. Plan revisions underway.
2017-01105	Ambler Borough 2017 Road Paving	Construction complete. Maintenance period expires 5/1/2019.
2017-09055	Bridge/Culvert Assessments	Assessment of Hendricks/Rose Valley underway.
2018-01010	2018 Ambler Borough General Engineering Services	PECO Green Regions grant application submitted 12/20/2017.
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.
2017-03065	Prophecy Creek Bridge	Assisting Water Dept. with review of County's plans for bridge replacement project and impact on existing water main.
2017-03128	Lafayette Ave. Water Main Replacement	Water main construction and testing complete. Final paving remains. Payment #1 recommended 1/19/18.

GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Wednesday, February 07, 2018

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No. Project Name

Status

Water Engineer

Project No.	Project Name	Status
2017-11058	Small Water & Sewer Grant Application	Grant application preparation underway.
2018-01040	2018 DRBC Annual Water Audit	Water audit preparation underway.
2018-01049	2018 Ambler Borough General Water Service	On-going
2018-01154	Gwynedd Walk (LGT)	Land development plans reviewed; water review letter # 1 issued 2/2/18.
2018-01171	Mattison Estates (UDT)	Meeting held with Applicant on 1/24/18 to review proposed land development project.

**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 2018-01

**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 \$200.00 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 20th day of February, 2018.

Frank Deruosi, Council President

ATTEST: Mary Aversa, Secretary

Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mrs. Hertz (Chair)

Mrs. Deininger

Mrs. McKenna Endicott.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **COMMITTEE SCOPE**

The committee seeks to expand their title and scope to include additional sustainable Options.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **RECYCLING FUNDS RESOLUTION 2018-03**

The State is considering redirecting, and not distributing, Section 904 recycling performance grant fund monies which have always been distributed to participating municipalities such as Ambler, to be used instead by the State to balance the 2017-18 General Budget of the Commonwealth. Council is asked to consider adoption of **Resolution 2018-03** opposing the use of these funds by the State to balance the State's General Budget.

2. **EARTH DAY RESOLUTION 2018-4**

Attached is Resolution 2018-4 in recognition of Earth Day and encouraging sustainable efforts.

BOROUGH OF AMBLER

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE USE OF RECYCLING
FUNDS TO BALANCE THE 2017-2018 GENERAL BUDGET
OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

WHEREAS, recycling provides many environmental benefits to the citizens of the Commonwealth, including preserving natural resources, reducing carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions, reducing energy consumption, reducing mining waste and conserving landfill space; and

WHEREAS, recycling also provides many economic benefits to the Commonwealth, including providing material feedstock for manufacturing, employment, business development, and state and local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth mandates recycling by this municipality pursuant to the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, 53 P.S. §4000.101 ("Act 101"); and

WHEREAS, Act 101 established a mandatory Two Dollar (\$2.00) per-ton tipping fee imposed on all solid waste processed at resource recovery facilities or disposed of at municipal waste landfills; and

WHEREAS, Act 101 established a Recycling Fund and grant programs to benefit municipalities in the Commonwealth for establishing local recycling programs, distributing public education literature, and supporting materials processing and composting facilities, equipment and technical training; and

WHEREAS, this municipality has engaged and continues to engage in activities that support the implementation of Act 101, including, without limitation, establishing and maintaining a local recycling collection program, providing public education on its website and distributing literature about recycling to its residents; and

WHEREAS, this municipality is entitled to apply for and receive Section 904 Recycling Program Performance Grant funds under Act 101 as compensation for its recycling activities and efforts; and

WHEREAS, Act 44 of 2017 (HB No. 674) directs the Budget Secretary to transfer \$300,000,000 from amounts available in special funds and restricted accounts, including the Recycling Fund, to the General Fund during the 2017-2018 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, this municipality is strongly opposed to the transfer of any Recycling Funds to the General Fund to balance the 2017-2018 budget of the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Ambler, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania does hereby express its opposition to the transfer of any Recycling Funds to the General Fund to balance the 2017-2018 budget of the Commonwealth because it is not in the best interests of Pennsylvania, its municipalities or its residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be sent to this municipality's State Representative(s), State Senator, Governor, and all members of both the House and the Senate Appropriations and Environmental Resources & Energy Committees.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of February, 2018.

Frank DeRuosi, Borough Council President

Attest:

Mary Aversa, Secretary

**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 2018-04

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING
APRIL 22 AS EARTH DAY IN AMBLER BOROUGH
AND ENCOURAGING SUSTAINABLE EFFORTS**

WHEREAS the global community now faces extraordinary challenges, such as global health issues, food and water shortages and economic struggles; and

WHEREAS all people, regardless of race, gender, income or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment with economic growth; and

WHEREAS it is understood that the citizens of the global community must step forward and take action to create a green economy to combat these global challenges; and

WHEREAS a green economy can be achieved on the individual level through educational efforts, public policy and consumer activism campaigns; and

WHEREAS Ambler Borough Council understands the need to focus on creating a sustainable and resilient community by engaging our leaders and citizens in achieving sustainable practices through education and action, and to broaden and diversify this global movement to achieve maximum success; and

WHEREAS *Earth Day* is the beginning of a new year for environmental stewardship commitments, to implement sustainability efforts and to commit to an Earth Day resolution(s); and

WHEREAS Ambler Borough Council encourages its residents, businesses and institutions to use *Earth Day* to celebrate the Earth and commit to building a sustainable and green economy.

WHEREAS it is recognized that Ambler Borough's Environmental Advisory Council, since its inception, has continuously advised the Borough on issues related to environmental impact, and is dedicated to the preservation, protection, development and responsible use of the Borough's natural resources; and

WHEREAS Ambler Borough's Environmental Advisory Council will celebrate the Earth with our community on Saturday, April 21 as host of "EarthFest: Growing Ambler Greener," an Earth Day weekend awareness festival.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Ambler Borough Council hereby pledge to recognize Earth Day on April 22, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor and Ambler Borough Council support green and sustainability initiatives in Ambler Borough, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and encourage other to undertake similar actions.

SO RESOLVED this 20th day of February, 2018.

Frank DeRuosi, Borough Council President

Jeanne Sorg, Ambler Borough Mayor

Mary Aversa, Secretary

Salary & Personnel Committee

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mrs. Deininger (Chair)

Mr. Pasceri

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Di Pietro

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **AFSCME UNION CONTRACT**

A recommendation is requested to approve the AFSCME Union Contract.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session is needed.

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