



**BOROUGH OF AMBLER**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**September 3, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

**Public Safety Committee**

Tuesday, September 3, 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. **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> (2-7 p.m.) in the Borough Hall Gym. An appointment to give may be made at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (keyword 'ambler') or by calling 1-800-Red Cross.

## Borough of Ambler Code Enforcement Report for August 2019

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
<b>Building</b>	5	9	16	16	17	12	13	17					105
<b>Dumpster</b>	1	2	2	1	3	4	1	3					17
<b>Fire</b>	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0					2
<b>Mechanical</b>	2	5	4	2	6	1	0	4					24
<b>Plumbing</b>	3	5	3	4	8	1	5	6					35
<b>Road Opening</b>	2	2	5	0	2	1	0	1					13
<b>Use and Occupancy</b>	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	1					7
<b>Vendor Sales</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
<b>Zoning</b>	3	1	2	3	6	7	3	5					30
<b>Rental Inspections</b>	9	12	0	180	14	14	29	37					295
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>74</b>					<b>528</b>

\*\* First batch of inspection notices for the 2019 rental inspection program were sent out in March; the April rental inspection total also includes two large apartment complexes in the Borough \*\*\*

**Public Utilities Committee**

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Mrs. Siskind (Chair)

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Tomlinson

Mr. Pasceri

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **WATER AUTHORITY ORGANIZATIONAL PROCESS**

The Committee is receiving nominations of individuals for appointment to the Ambler Water Authority Board of Directors. The Solicitor has prepared a proposed Ordinance to organize a municipal water authority under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act. Council will consider advertisement for public meetings and for adoption of the Ordinance once Council has appointed applicants to the nine-member Board. **(attached)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.

2. **WWTP – GRIT CLASSIFIER REPLACEMENT**

WWTP has received quotes for high priority replacement of the Grit Classifier. This is a maintenance project. Quotes received are as follows: JDV Equipment - \$65,390 plus installation; **Kappe - \$52,200 installed**; KWS -\$68,000 plus installation; Hydro International - \$185,000 plus installation; and BDI - \$32,055 plus fabrication plus electrical plus installation. WWTP requests accepting the **Kappe** quote. The unit installed will be identical to the current grit classifier which was installed in 1996. [There is a 14-16 week order for the Grit Classifier. WWTP asks Council to consider this matter at the Committee Meeting.] [Capital Budget 2019]

3. **DIGESTER MAINTENANCE**

Authority is requested to request bid's for the electrical connection needed for the 5 new blowers to be installed on the digesters.

4. **WWTP – REBUILT CLARIFIER ET-#3**

WWTP has received quotes for rebuilding the ET-#3 Clarifier. This is a maintenance project. Two quotes were received: **BDI - \$31,650**; and Blooming Glen - \$29,965.54. BDI is familiar with this system having rebuilt two other clarifiers last year. WWTP is reluctant to work with Blooming Glen since 'change orders' will very likely be required. WWTP therefore requests accepting the **BDI** quote. [There is a one- to two-month lag time with the rebuild. WWTP asks Council to consider this matter at the Committee Meeting.] [Budgeted 2019]

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DECLARING THE INTENTION AND DESIRE OF AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL TO ORGANIZE A MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ACT, 53 PA.C.S.A. 5603, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "AMBLER WATER AUTHORITY"; SETTING FORTH THE FORM OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION; APPOINTING THE FIRST MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE AUTHORITY; DESIGNATING THE PURPOSES FOR THE AUTHORITY AND ESTABLISHING THE TERRITORY THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION; AUTHORIZING ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ORGANIZE THE AUTHORITY; PROVIDING CERTAIN OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR THE AUTHORITY; EFFECTIVE ON THE EARLIEST APPLICABLE EFFECTIVE DATE PROVIDED FOR IN THE BOROUGH CODE; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to public notice as required by the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act, a hearing on this ordinance was held on \_\_\_\_\_ and

WHEREAS, it is being the desire and intention of the Ambler Borough Council to organize a municipal water authority, it is hereby ORDAINED as follows:

1. The Ambler Borough Council hereby states its intention to organize a Municipal Authority under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act.
2. The purpose of the Authority is to provide water service as heretofore provided by the Borough of Ambler and in the same territory as previously.
3. The Articles of Incorporation are approved for recording with the Department of State's Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations in the following form:

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

In conformity with the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1945, as amended, at section 53 PA.C.S.A. 5603, the Borough of Ambler ("Borough"), pursuant to an Ordinance adopted by Borough Council after notice and hearing, does hereby file these Articles of Incorporation and in connection therewith does represent and certify:

- A. The name of the Authority shall be the "AMBLER WATER AUTHORITY".
- B. The Authority is formed under the Municipal Authorities Act of 1945.
- C. No other Authority has ever been formed in the Borough for the provision of water service. The only authority ever created was a parking authority, which no longer operates.
- D. The municipality that is incorporating the Ambler Water Authority is the Borough of Ambler, Pennsylvania. The names and addresses of the Ambler Borough Council as presently constituted are:

Frank DeRuosi, President	Ward 3	131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002
Sara Hertz, Vice-President	Ward 2	131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002
Nancy Deininger	Ward 1	131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002
Erin McKenna Endicott	Ward 1	131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002
Francine Tomlinson	Ward 1	131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002
Glynnis Siskind	Ward 2	131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002
Claudio Zaccone	Ward 2	131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002
Nellie DiPietro	Ward 3	131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002
Salvatore Pasceri	Ward 3	131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002

E. The names, addresses and terms of office of the first members of the Board of the Ambler Water Authority are:

i. From Ambler Borough:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Term of Office</i>
		One year from the first Monday in January, 2020
		Two years from the first Monday in January, 2020
		Three years from the first Monday in January, 2020
		Four years from the first Monday in January, 2020
		Five years from the first Monday in January, 2020

ii. From Lower Gwynedd Township:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Term of Office</i>
		One year from the first Monday in January, 2020

iii. From Upper Dublin Township:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Term of Office</i>
		Two years from the first Monday in January, 2020

iv. From Whitemarsh Township:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Term of Office</i>
		Three years from the first Monday in January, 2020

v. From Whitpain Township

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Term of Office</i>

Four years from the first Monday in January, 2020

All terms of office begin on the first Monday of January, 2020. All vacancies will be filled by Ambler Borough Council. At all times, the Board will be comprised of five Ambler Borough citizens, taxpayers or business owners, and one citizen, taxpayer or business owner from the service area portion of each township to which service is provided, namely, Lower Gwynedd, Upper Dublin, Whitmarsh, and Whitpain townships.

- F. The term of existence of Ambler Water Authority shall be 50 years, subject to additional periods of time as may be established through Articles of Amendment. Ambler Borough, by affirmative vote of a majority of Borough Council, reserves the right to dissolve the Authority at any time, provided, that it assumes ownership, operational responsibility, and any Authority debt obligations, entirely.
- G. The Authority service area shall be the same service area into which Ambler Borough has heretofore provided water service. That service area is depicted on a map attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

IN WITNESS THEREOF, Ambler Borough Council has caused these Articles of Incorporation to be duly executed on behalf of the Borough by its duly authorized officers this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Aversa, Secretary

- 4. The first members of the Board of the Authority as identified herein are hereby appointed members of the said Board for the terms as set forth herein.
- 5. The President of Borough Council and the Secretary are authorized to execute the Articles of Incorporation and any ancillary documents required to effectuate the filing of the Articles, including the publication of a notice of intention to file the Articles of Incorporation, a certified copy of this ordinance, and proofs of publication, with the Department of State.
- 6. The purposes and projects of the Ambler Water Authority shall be as follows:  
  
The Authority shall have all of the purposes, powers and rights recognized by the Municipal Authorities Act as they relate to water supply works and water distribution systems, except however, that the Authority shall not expand the distribution system without approval from Borough Council.
- 7. The water supply and distribution system will continue to be owned by Ambler Borough, and will be leased to the Authority for a period of 99 years. Operations will be pursuant to by-laws which shall be consistent with the Articles of Incorporation and this ordinance.

8. Ambler Borough staff will operate the system as previously, and bill the time spent on water-related matters to the Authority.
9. The Borough Manager will be the Executive Director of the Authority. The Borough finance manager will be the Authority finance manager.
10. The Authority will from time to time establish and revise fees for water service to reflect the costs of providing service. Water billing will continue to be handled by Borough staff and monies will be maintained in separate Authority accounts.
11. Should any part of this ordinance be found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then to the extent possible, such invalid portion shall, if possible, be severed from the remainder, which shall continue in full force and effect.
12. This ordinance is effective on the earliest applicable date recognized by section 3301.3 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

SO ORDAINED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Aversa, Secretary



**Finance & Planning Committee**

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Ms. Tomlinson (Chair)

Ms. Di Pietro

Ms. McKenna Endicott

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **WIRELESS FACILITIES REGULATION**

The Planning Commission is preparing language to amend our wireless ordinance and fee schedule to comply with the FCC order as well as develop design requirements.

2. **AMBLER BOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Committee will consider creation of a Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) or Historical Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Borough Engineer's report will be provided.

2. **CAVALIER LOT PAVING**

Quotes are being requested for the resurfacing of the Cavalier Parking Lot, an update will be provided.

3. **STREET LIGHT UPGRADE**

A Resolution was approved and detail was provided for the Regional Street Light Procurement Project Upgrade. A representative was available at the Council meeting to answer questions. A decision is requested on manual versus network control system and lighting temperature.

4. **RF100 TRANSITION PLAN**

To prepare for the RF100 a consultant is being considered at an approximate cost of \$15,000. This will be for a plan relative to Ambler's specific needs.

5. **PENSION PLAN UPDATE**

The Borough Pension Plan update will be provided by Joe Duda at the Council meeting in September.

6. **RESOLUTION 2019-07 – AMBLER STREETScape -MAPLE AVENUE SIGNAL**

Consider adoption of Resolution 2019-07 Authorizing Execution of the Transportation Enhancements Program Federal Aid Reimbursement Agreement for the Ambler Streetscape Project. **(attached)**

7. **AMBLER LIBRARY – GRANT**

The Wissahickon Library Ambler Branch is requesting of Borough Council assistance in jointly applying for a 1 million dollar RACP grant. **(attached)**

# AMBLER BOROUGH

## Status

Project No.	Project Name	Status
<b>Borough Engineer</b>		
2001-1010	TEA-21 - Ambler Streetscape 2002	Construction underway. Outstanding work includes: SEPTA connection to signal, signal activation, and 30-day test period. PennDOT to contract for design changes to SEPTA controller. SEPTA to implement modifications. Anticipate 6 to 8 months until completed. Amended Reimbursement agreement signed by Ambler. Amendment to be finalized by PennDOT.
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. Preparation of Annual Report underway.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Revised Safety Report approved by PADOT. Traffic Unit comments addressed, awaiting approval notice. DVRPC to forward plans to ADA unit for review.
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	Ambler provided signal warrant analysis to UDT for inclusion with Traffic Signal Permit Application (TE-160) submission to PADOT. UDT has commitment from Mattison Estates developer to fully fund the signal. UDT to submit Traffic Signal Permit Application (TE-160) to PADOT.
2017-01010-01	Ambler Pocket Park	E&S application approved (adequacy) by MCCD 4/9/19. Stream Encroachment Permit approved by PADEP on 5/20/19.
2017-01010-02	Ambler Traffic Signals	RRFB permit plans approved by PADOT. PW obtaining quotes for installation of pole foundations.
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	Conditional preliminary/final approval granted at 3/19/19 Council meeting. Applicant notified by letter dated 3/22/19.
2018-10097	44 Tennis Ave - FEMA/PEMA HMGF Demolition	Work complete. Maintenance bond dated 4/23/19. End of maintenance period 10/21/20.
2019-01010	2019 General Services	
2019-03029	Wissahickon Library Bldg Addition	Conditional preliminary/final approval granted at 4/16/19 Council meeting. Applicant notified by letter dated 5/8/19.
2019-05082	Ambler Borough 2019 Road Paving	Contract awarded to Monster Paving at the 7/16/19 Council meeting. Awaiting contract documents from contractor. Application to be submitted to Liquid Fuels. Preconstruction meeting scheduled for 9/4/19.
2019-05082-02	Cavalier Lot Paving	Quotes to be received 8/30/19. Anticipate update at the 9/3/19 Committee Meeting.
<b>Sewer Engineer</b>		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is under construction
2019-01050	2019 Ambler Borough General Sewer Service	On-going

GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

# AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
<b>Water Engineer</b>		
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
2013-02073	Loch Ash EAP	Attended DEP/PEMA CEMPlanner workshop on 8/1/19. Preparing electronic EAP documents for upload to CEMPlanner website.
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 complete. 18 month maintenance period began 12/18/18.
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 shop drawing submittals reviewed. Preconstruction meeting held on 4/9/19. Awaiting start of water construction.
2018-09046	Houston Road Tank – Sprint Modifications	Plan review comments issued 3/14/19; resubmission required.
2019-01049	2019 Ambler Borough General Water Service	Ongoing assistance concerning PFAS issues, including regulatory activity, source monitoring, providing information and responses to the public. Assisting staff with resident communication and identification of sampling locations needed for 2019 Lead and Copper sampling. Prepared a Comprehensive Monitoring Plan for the water system to comply with DEP regulations; submitted to DEP on 8/19/19.
2019-01134	DRBC Docket Renewal	Docket renewal application submitted 3/1/19. Draft docket received on 7/17/19 and reviewed by G&A. Docket placed on agenda for DRBC 8/14/19 Public Hearing.
2019-01169	Butler Pike Water Main Replacement	Field survey and preparation of existing conditions plan completed. Engineering design and layout for the proposed water mains underway.
2019-02097	PWS Applications for Wells 4 and 8	Working with Water Superintendent to complete permitting for iron/manganese treatment
2019-05007	Broad Axe Tank/Sprint L2L Fiber (01-270-296)	Plans dated 1/31/19 received and under review.

**BOROUGH OF AMBLER**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION 2019-07**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Ambler wishes to enter into a Transportation Enhancements Program Federal Aid Reimbursement Agreement for the *Ambler Streetscape Project*.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council hereby authorizes any and all required Documents and Agreements for the *Ambler Streetscape Project* be signed by the President of Borough Council and attested by the Borough Manager, and in doing so, agrees to be legally bound to the terms, conditions, and provisions set forth by the Documents and Agreements.

**RESOLVED AND APPROVED** this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of September, 2019.

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF AMBLER

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Aversa, Borough Manager

Date: September 3, 3019

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Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Date: September 3, 3019

## **Parks & Recreation Committee**

Tuesday, September 3, 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.

2. **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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

The attached update is a summary on participation in our Borough-funded summer activities.

2. **PENN AMBLER PARK**

Attached is a draft Uniform Environmental Covenant related to Pen Ambler Park, owned by both Lower Gwynedd Township and Ambler Borough. The exhibits to the Covenant are also **attached**. Pen Ambler Park was the subject of an environmental clean-up pursuant to Pennsylvania Act 2. The execution and recording of this Covenant by the property owners and DEP is necessary for continued compliance with Act 2.

**Salary & Personnel Committee**

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Mrs. Deininger (Chair)

Mr. Pasceri

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Di Pietro

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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**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