



**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
BUDGET MEETING 6:00
COMMITTEE MEETING
December 1, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

ZOOM Meeting –Rules & Protocol

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MEETING PROCEDURES

1. Pre-registration is required. Attendees must provide their email, first and last name, and home address. Once registration is processed, a link to attend will be provided via email.
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3. There will be a Public Comment section regarding agenda items at the end of each Committee's report. A Public Comment period regarding non-agenda items will occur after voting.
4. The Public Comment section will begin with the Council President reading aloud the comments that were emailed to the Borough ahead of this meeting. Each emailed comment must include the first & last name of the resident, as well as their address. The Council will discuss each comment individually.
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7. It is asked that anyone who speaks during the Public Comment section announce their first and last names, as well as their home address for the record. After the comment, that participant will be muted.
8. The Council President, at any time reserves the right to mute a participant, end the video stream of a participant, or terminate/end the meeting at his discretion, due to hackers, inappropriate language, or any other activity the Council President deems inappropriate.
9. We ask for everyone's patience and understanding as we navigate through these unprecedented times and work through the unique challenges of virtual public meetings.

Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Erin McKenna Endicott - Chair
Glynnis Siskind
Sara Hertz
Nancy Deininger

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

The Code Enforcement report is **attached** and the Public Works will be provided.

2. **EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR DECEMBER**

A recommendation is requested this evening to adopt the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 for the month of December .

3. **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

The Borough's next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, December 22 from 2-7 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

Borough of Ambler Code Enforcement Report for November 2020

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Building	10	15	8	0	11	12	14	12	11	11	14		118
Dumpster	2	3	0	0	4	1	0	4	3	2	5		24
Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Mechanical	2	4	5	0	4	3	4	7	2	2	4		37
Plumbing	4	6	6	0	1	4	4	7	3	2	4		41
Road Opening	3	1	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	1		13
Use and Occupancy	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	3	5	0	1		16
Vendor Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Zoning	2	1	3	0	8	5	5	3	2	4	3		36
Rental Inspections	89	18	10	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0		121
TOTALS	113	50	34	0	28	33	33	36	26	18	32		406

** The Borough Bi-Annual Rental Inspection Program was temporarily paused in early March due to COVID-19 but with the warmer winter the department was able to get an early start where normally with the threat of winter weather would not normally schedule inspections until March or April.

*** Pennsylvania Govern Wolf ordered the closure of non-life sustain businesses on March 19th which included the construction industry. Exemptions were provided by the State for contractors performing emergency repairs under strict guidelines. These emergency permits (roof repairs, replacement water lateral, PECO service repairs, etc.) will be reflected in the May / June report numbers.

**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about **Tuesday, December 1, 2020**, a viral pandemic continues to cause or threatens to cause injury, damage and suffering to the persons and property of Borough of Ambler, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has the ability to endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Ambler Borough, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Ambler Borough may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in Ambler Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Borough Council President and Mayor of Ambler Borough, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Service Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501) as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Ambler Borough.

FURTHER, we direct the Ambler Borough Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

FURTHER, given that Ambler Borough is responsible for the maintenance of a potable water distribution system and a wastewater treatment plant which serve the people of Ambler Borough and surrounding townships, we direct and authorize Ambler Borough staff to coordinate and undertake all activities deemed necessary to provide these essential public utility services.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Ambler Borough to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public works as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This declaration shall take effect immediately upon adoption on this 1st **day of December 2020**.

Frank DeRuosi, Ambler Borough Council President

Jeanne Sorg, Ambler Borough Mayor

Mary Aversa, Secretary

Public Utilities Committee

Tuesday December 1, 2020

Glynnis Siskind – Chair

Haley Welch

Jen Henderson

OLD BUSINESS

1. WATER AUTHORITY

An application of the Borough of Ambler for approval of the abandonment of public water service to the public in Pennsylvania has been filed and a notice has been advertised.

Formal protests and petitions were received.

NEW BUSINESS

1. WWTP ENGINEER REPORT

The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.

2. DIGESTER CONVERSION BID

Borough of Ambler received bids online via the PennBid Program for the Digester Conversion. The bid is higher than expected. The Engineer will be available at the meeting to discuss his recommendation to award to Eastern Environmental Contractors for the low bid of \$ 844,400.00. **(attached)**

3. WWTP – RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES

Quotes were received to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) price report to make the WWTP's electricity usage 100% carbon neutral. A contract and current pricing will be provided. A recommendation is requested. **(attached)**

4. EMINENT DOMAIN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance was advertised to allow the Solicitor to use Eminent Domain with PennDOT in regard to the Butler Pike Water Main Project. A permit was granted so the Ordinance is no longer required.

5. SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE

The Water Department SCADA System Upgrade project is estimated at \$38,000 to include software, hardware and engineering services. Consider authorization to contract with Allied Controls for the complete upgrade. **(attached)**



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November 17, 2020

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

Re: Digester Conversions – General Contract
Bid Award Recommendation

Dear Ms. Aversa:

Bids were publicly opened electronically from the PennBid website at Ambler Borough Hall on Monday, November 16, 2020 for the Borough of Ambler Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Conversions General Contract. The following four (4) bids were received:

Eastern Environmental Contractors	\$ 844,400.00
Derstine Company	\$ 869,000.00
Blooming Glen Contractors	\$ 900,409.00
Heisey Mechanical	\$1,043,998.00

EEMA has reviewed the low bid for completeness and finds the bid submitted by Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc. is in order and acceptable. EEMA recommends award to Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$844,400.00.

Very truly yours,
Environmental Engineering &
Management Associates, Inc.

William A. Brown II, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Good morning Mary,

Attached is the Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) price report to make the Borough of Ambler's electricity usage 100% carbon neutral. The most aggressive rates are below.

Start Date:	January 2021	
Term	Rate	Proj Total Cost
12 Months	\$1.64 per MWh	\$6,540
24 Months	\$1.62 "	\$12,921
36 Months	\$1.60 "	\$19,142

Please note that the rate is in \$ per Megawatt hours. To convert to \$/kWh (what your supply rate is in), divide the rate by 1000. For example, a \$1.64 per MWh rate is \$0.00164 per kWh.

I will give you a call to discuss this further, but please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Thank you,

Adam Kurzer

Senior Associate



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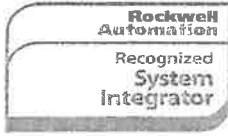
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November 25, 2020

Mr. Phil Benigno
Water Superintendent
Borough of Ambler
Water Department
122 East Butler Avenue
Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002-4476

Project Name: Water SCADA System Upgrade
Quotation Number: BOA-201125, Revision 0.0 (Budget Pricing)

Dear Mr. Benigno,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this project quotation. This budget proposal is to upgrade the existing Borough of Ambler SCADA system. The new SCADA system upgrade will replicate the current process control while improving the operational visibility and performance of the existing SCADA system. This proposal includes the engineering services, software, hardware, installation, testing, and commissioning required for a complete turn-key project.

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Revision History			
Name	Date	Rev #	Description
Matthew Mamzic	November 20, 2020	Rev 0.0	Initial release

1. Overview

The current Borough of Ambler Water supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system was developed on a windows operating system that is no longer supported by Microsoft. The purpose of this project is to bring the system into compliance with current standards. The computer running the system will be upgraded to a powerful Dell Precision PC with an ultra-sharp monitor. The SCADA software will be upgraded to the latest version and will run on a Windows 10 Pro operating system. (See the sections below for details on hardware and software.)

The upgrade conversion of the Wonderware project requires graphical and text replacements due to the resolution enhancement of the new hardware. The new SCADA will be created in a 1920 x 1080-pixel resolution and displayed on a 32-inch monitor. The current programmable logic controllers (PLCs) and remote terminal units (RTUs) will continue to be utilized as the data source for input/output (I/O) tags. The existing network and radio signal infrastructure will be utilized.

2. Project Scope and Engineering

This proposal scope is based on Allied Control Services history with the Borough of Ambler, and our experience with the existing systems.

The following software, hardware, and engineering services will be provided by ACS for this project:

SCOPE: Borough of Ambler SCADA Upgrade Project		
Item	Quantity	Description
1	Lot	Project Management and Client Meetings
2	Lot	Installation & Configuration of Wonderware InTouch 2020
3	Lot	Existing SCADA program upgrade to Wonderware InTouch 2020
4	Lot	Existing SCADA historian upgrade to Wonderware Historian 2020
5	Lot	Installation and Configuration of Wonderware Historian 2020
6	Lot	Existing SCADA reporting software upgrade to XL Reporter Suite v. 14.01
7	Lot	Installation and Configuration of XL Reporter Suite v. 14.01
8	Lot	Initial Testing: HMI software conversion, alarms, and communications
9	Lot	ACS Internal Factory Testing of new Hardware & Software
10	3	On-site setup/testing with one (1) ACS controls engineer (Day)

3. Software

The following software shall be included for this proposal:

SOFTWARE: Borough of Ambler SCADA Upgrade Project		
Item	Quantity	Description
1	1	Wonderware InTouch 2020 Software/License Upgrade
2	1	Wonderware Historian 2020 Software/License Upgrade
3	1	XLReporter Suite Version 14.01 Software/License Upgrade
4	1	Microsoft Office Professional license and software
5	1	Windows 10 Pro Operating System.

4. Hardware

The following hardware shall be included for this proposal:

HARDWARE: Borough of Ambler SCADA Upgrade Project		
Item	Quantity	Description
1	1	Dell Precision 7820 Tower <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intel Xeon Silver 4208 2.1GHz, (3.2GHz Turbo, 8C, 9.6GT/s) • Windows 10 Pro • Microsoft Office Professional 2019 • Nvidia Quadro P2200, 5GB, 4 DP • 32GB 4x8GB DDR4 2933MHz RDIMM ECC Memory • MegaRAID SAS 9440-8i 12Gb/s PCIe SATA/SAS controller - SW RAID 1 • (2) 2.5" 1TB SATA Class 20 Solid State Drives in RAID 1 Redundancy • SATA/SAS Hard Drive/Solid State Drive - RAID Volume • 8X DVD+/-RW Slimline • Precision T7820 Resource DVD & USB Windows OS Recovery • 1Gbit NIC add-in card (PCIe- Intel) • Dell USB Laser 6-Button Mouse • 3 Years ProSupport Plus with Next Business Day Onsite Service • Precision T5820/T7820/T7920 Resource DVD • Windows 10 Pro for Workstations OS Recovery Media 64bit - USB
2	1	Dell UltraSharp 32" 4K USB-C Desktop Monitor
3	1	Synology 8TB Backup Storage Device (For Long Term Storage and Backups)
4	1	Dell Color Laser Printer
5	Lot	Hardware cut sheets

5. Proposal Scope Prerequisites

1. None required.

6. Assumptions

1. Reports and report formats will remain as existing.

7. Deliverables

The following shall be the project deliverables:

DELIVERABLES: Borough of Ambler SCADA Upgrade Project		
Item	Quantity	Description
1	Lot	Hardware, as listed in the HARDWARE table (above)
2	Lot	Software and licenses, as listed in the SOFTWARE table, (above)
3	Lot	Software installation and configuration
4	Lot	Communication driver's configuration
5	Lot	SCADA program upgrade and installation
6	Lot	ACS Factory Testing
7	3	Installation and Start-up (Day)
8	Lot	Hardware cut sheets

8. Project Pricing (Budget)

The following table provides the complete project price, including engineering, testing, start-up, and travel expenses:

PROJECT PRICING (Budget) : Borough of Ambler SCADA Upgrade Project	
ACS Engineering Services, including Travel Expenses:	\$ 38,000.00

9. Terms & Conditions

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Borough of Ambler SCADA Upgrade Project	
Clarifications	Federal, State, Local Taxes or Fees of any kind are not included.
Delivery	Startup: Estimated 12 weeks ARO. Final Closeout: Upon Commissioning
Terms	Net 30 Days from Date of Invoice
Validity	Budget Pricing

We thank you for the opportunity to quote on this project. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me on my mobile at 215-520-0042 or email me at mmamzic@alliedcontrol.com at your convenience.

Thank you again for your business and for choosing Allied Control Services.

Best Regards,



Matthew Mamzic
Systems Engineer

MCM/cc:
Paul Mamzic, ACS
Lee Mace, ACS
Joseph Cumens, ACS



10. Client Authorization to Proceed

CLIENT AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED

for

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

PROJECT – WATER SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE

I have reviewed Allied Control Services, Inc. BOA-201125, Revision 0.0 (Budget Pricing) and hereby agree to the pricing, terms and conditions and hereby authorize Allied Control Services to proceed with the project services as defined in the above referenced proposal for the total Lump Sum Price of \$38,000.00.

Authorized Client Representative

Name (please print or type)

Date

Title (please print or type)

Finance & Planning Committee

Tuesday December 1, 2020

Nellie Di Pietro - Chair

Erin McKenna Endicott

Haley Welch

OLD BUSINESS

1. BOROUGH STORM WATER ORDINANCE

The Council would like to explore Storm Water requirements, specifically the area calculation that triggers storm water requirements. (**attached**)

2. MURAL ORDINANCE UPDATE

The solicitor provided the **attached** memo to help define mural language.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Borough Engineer's report will be provided.

2. 2 HOUR PARKING ON RACE STREET

The solicitor will prepare an ordinance to include 2 hour parking on Race Street, Mattison, Rosemary and Water Street. A permit process is also being developed to provide parking passes to residents on those streets.

3. 2021 REAL ESTATE ORDINANCE - 1118

Consider authorizing advertising for adoption an Ordinance to be prepared Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Year 2021. A public meeting to consider passage of the Ordinance will be held at the December 15th Council Meeting. (**attached**)

4. EAC 2021 BUDGET

The EAC 2021 Budget request is **attached**.

5. 2021 FUNDS APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION 2020-10

Consider adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Appropriating Specific Funds for Purposes of the Municipality in 2020. (**attached**)

6. **RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT- CROWN CASTLE NG EAST LLC**

Crown Castle Fiber LLC requests renewal of the Right-of-Way Agreement for an additional term of (5) years. Original contract approved in February 2016 and expire in February 2021. (**attached**)

7. **LAND DEVELOPMENT – 90 W. BUTLER AVENUE**

Review the Preliminary / Final Land Development Plan to redevelop the existing gas station with a bank at 90 W. Butler Avenue – AMBGGOOD, LLC (Revised plans will be submitted by the applicant to reflect Borough Planning Commission recommendations, Borough Engineer, and Montgomery County Planning Commission comments) *Reviews and plans to be forwarded upon receipt*

Borough Of Ambler

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Memorandum

To: Ambler Borough Council
From: Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer
Date: November 13, 2020
Re: Stormwater Management Ordinance

The Borough Code Department went through three years of residential shed and addition permits.

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- The majority of shed permits received have been replacement sheds with increases of impervious surface under 50 sqft.
 - The shed sizes range from 50 sqft to 400 sqft.
 - The Borough approved approximately 20 shed permits
 - The majority of additions were built over and / or in place of existing impervious surfaces such as a front / rear patios or decks.
 - The addition sizes range from 150 sqft to 1,200 sqft
 - The Borough approved approximately 21 residential additions

The above information clarifies that the Borough has not had missed opportunities as stated at prior meetings. All but five of these projects would not have triggered the stormwater requirements if the threshold were lowered to 500 sqft. Two of those five projects above 500 sqft had chosen to perform stormwater management work by taking advantage of the Growing Ambler Greener or by resolving an existing problem on their own. And two others were above required 1,000 sqft which triggered stormwater management. Almost all of these projects have consisted of removing existing structures or a patio.

This list is not all inclusive because of the does not include projects as part of interior alterations coded as such in the building software. Hope this is helpful. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE, SECTIONS (insert), TO DEFINE MURALS, DIFFERENTIATE THEM FROM SIGNS, AND ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR MURALS; LEAVING THE REMAINDER OF THE ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND REPEALER; EFFECTIVE ON THE EARLIEST APPLICABLE DATE SET FORTH IN THE BOROUGH CODE

WHEREAS, it is the determination of Ambler Borough Council that the existing sign ordinance does not sufficiently address murals, and that it is in the best interests of the citizenry, and consistent with the Borough residents' health, safety and welfare, to establish criteria for murals while recognizing and preserving every person's right to free speech and expression,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDAINED as follows:

1. Chapter 27, part 20, Signs, at 27-2003 of the Borough codified ordinances, "Definitions", is modified as follows:
The definition of "Mural" is stricken and replaced with the following.
MURAL: Artwork applied to the wall of a building, the primary purpose of which is the expression of non-commercial speech. Artwork that does not have the expression of non-commercial speech as its primary purpose is a sign and may not be painted or applied to the wall of a building.
2. Chapter 27, part 20, signs, at 27-2004, "Prohibited Signs" is amended as follows:
27-2004(F), the existing language, "Signs painted on any wall surface, excluding murals" is stricken and replaced with the following: "Signs painted on any wall surface".
3. Chapter 27, part 20, is amended by the addition of a new section, 27-2011, the text of which is as follows:

27-2011 MURALS

1. Whether the primary purpose of artwork painted on a building is commercial or non-commercial is a fact-based inquiry and the initial determination is to be made by the Borough zoning officer. The determination to be made is whether the expression depicted in the artwork is primarily intended to advance the economic interests of a business. Factors in making this determination include:
 - a. whether the wall is part of a business;
 - b. whether the artwork includes the name or advertising slogans of a business;
 - c. whether the artwork depicts specific elements of a transaction or business activity associated with a particular business or trade;
 - d. whether the artwork includes depictions of the owner or employees of a particular business;
 - e. if volunteered by the building owner or artist, the stated non-commercial expression sought to be expressed in the art work;

- f. Whether the artwork, in consideration of these and any other relevant factors, is intended to call attention to a business or commercial activity.
 2. If the zoning officer determines the artwork to be a sign, then it shall be prohibited pursuant to 27-2004(F). If it is determined to be a mural, then it is subject only to the requirements set forth in this part. Specifically:
 - a. It may not be larger than the wall on which it is painted;
 - b. It may not cover doors or windows;
 - c. It may not contain electronic elements and may not be internally illuminated;
 - d. It may not include words or graphic depictions of violence or sexuality that would be considered obscene applying contemporary community standards;
 - e. It may not project into any public right of way;
 - f. It must be created using materials durable enough to last approximately as long as ordinary exterior paint applied to the same wall in a single, uniform color.
 3. Persons intending to create a mural within the Borough may apply to the zoning officer free of charge for a determination that the artwork does not constitute a regulated sign. A mural that is painted without zoning officer approval is subject to removal if it is in violation of this ordinance.
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4. The perceived cultural, artistic, historical, or societal significance of any depiction in any artwork is unrelated to a determination made by the zoning officer pursuant to this ordinance.
 5. Determinations of the zoning officer are appealable to the Zoning Hearing Board in the same manner as other zoning determinations in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.
 6. Any prior ordinance that is inconsistent with this ordinance is repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. If any portion of this ordinance is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalid provision shall be severed from the remainder of the ordinance, which shall continue to be given full force and effect. This ordinance is effective on the earliest applicable date provided for in section 3301.3 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

SO ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Mary Aversa, Council Secretary

ORDINANCE _____
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2021

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 2021 as follows:

TAX RATE

For General Purposes, the sum of six and two hundred eighty thousandth (6.78) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of 6.78 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 7.86 MILLS	MILLS ON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION	CENTS ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSE VALUATION
Tax Rate General Purpose	6.780 Mills	6.78 Cents
Tax Rate Street Lights	0.210 Mills	0.21 Cents
Tax Rate Fire Protection	0.480 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

2021 Budget Ambler EAC

EAC Project Categories

	Expected expenditure	New Revenue Generated by EAC in 2020	Value of In-Kind Return on Environment	Explanation of amounts
1	\$ 650.00		\$661	For 2021 membership fees. Membership gives us access to innovations, resources, partners, consultants and seminars. SBN membership engages businesses in a triple bottom line...people, planet, and profits for a sustainable future.
2	\$ 435.00		\$1,211.00	Registration fees for volunteers who participate in important regional conferences/courses that promote municipal Best Management Practices. Trained residents bring additional community service benefit to Ambler.
3	\$ -	Part of \$206,000 grant.	\$42,468 =. (1670 volunteer hours not duplicated elsewhere)	Borough gets credit on its MS4 permits for public education and involvement. Tasks include properties assessed, infiltration tests, build-it workshops; educational workshop, Rrain barrels, rain gardens, downspout planters, and permeable patios. The Neighbor-to-Neighbors campaign will continue in 2020.

4	<p>TREES and PARKS: Support tree care BMPs being implemented for street and park trees. Foster green infrastructure in plans for parks. Provide tree care and maintenance education in Make Ambler a Shade Better. Foster green infrastructure in plans for parks. Seek/ receive donations for trees.</p>	\$ 1,400.00	\$1755 more money generated by homeowner purchases and donations for trees	\$15,750.00	Includes arborist consultations or services, natural space remediation, and plantings. 39 trees planted in 2020; over 300 since 2010. Coordination of citizen monitoring and participation in care of trees. In 2020, the EAC will be involved in an Ambler Public Trees Inventory.
5	<p>STUDENT PROJECTS: Three mini grants up to \$200 to assist WSD/UDSD students in implementing projects which increase business and community engagement.</p>	\$ 200.00		\$6,713 = (6 students x40 hours + 24 hours of adult mentoring)	Mentoring high school students' community service projects: to conduct community education and survey campaigns. 2019 projects included plastics, recycling, cigarette butts, biodegradable takeout containers, and riparian restoration.
6	<p>PUBLIC EVENTS: Build resident participation through Annual EarthFest. Wissahickon Creek Clean Up (April); Rain Garden Tour; booths at area events; Sustainability Film Series, Farmers' Market and other opportunities that arise.</p>	\$ 1,260.00		\$1,362	Costs for banners, posters, displays, supplies, and special presentations at Earthfest , Farmers Markets (4-8 / year), and other local events. Organize a Rain Garden Tour, tours of waste management, recycling transfer station, etc.
7	<p>RESEARCH: Any requests from Borough staff, grant opportunities, etc. Connect with professional networks to get answers. Environmentally protective ordinances.</p>	in-kind		\$757.00	Orchestrate natural remediations and invasive removal. Find and suggest grant opportunities to the Borough. Assist in preparing Grant proposals. Engage in ordinance research.

<p>8 MEETINGS: Attending monthly EAC meetings. Participate in Borough Committee and Council, Planning Commission and Zoning meetings. Conduct GAG planning meetings at least 2/mo (3-6 participants).</p>	<p>in-kind</p>		<p>\$10,193</p>	<p>Seven member EAC, and over 10 associate members, dozens of occasional attendees and presenters and over 600 Facebook supporters. EAC volunteers manage our minutes, reports, and accounting.</p>
<p>9 SOCIAL MEDIA and COMMUNICATIONS: Due to Covid Pandemic, in person meetings have been replaced by online meetings. Large meeting of over 10 people require video subscription services.</p>	<p>\$190.68</p>			<p>Sponsors will cover stipends for the student summer interns. No expense to Borough. Students will enhance, update, and organize our website, social media, rain garden tour and other programming for the Fall 2020</p>
<p>10 TRAVEL AND MISC. EXPENSES Travel to conferences and educational events; special speakers' travel expenses. Personal transporting of stormwater supplies.</p>	<p>\$150</p>		<p>\$750.00</p>	<p>Transport tools needed by volunteers and infiltration tests, supplies for DSP planters, plants for rain gardens, etc.. EAC is often requested to present at conferences. Reimburse EAC members for background checks needed to work with children.</p>
<p>This amount will enable the EAC to rally over 3,600 volunteer hours for the Borough during 2020.</p>	<p>\$ 4,285.68</p>	<p>\$138,600.00</p>	<p>\$92,071</p>	<p>Return on Environment: Green Infrastructure and protecting open spaces has a significant impact on many aspects of our community, giving residents a sense of place and CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF STEWARDSHIP while saving money and supporting Ambler's economy.</p>

Independent Sector rate for in-kind hours: \$25.43/hour as of 2019; additional savings from eliminated professional fees

RESOLUTION 2020-

A Resolution of the Borough of Ambler, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania appropriating specific sums estimated per the 2021 Budget to be required for the specific purpose of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the year 2020 by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ambler, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. That the expenditures and expenses for the Fiscal Year 2021 in the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the fund equities, revenues and other financing sources available for the year 2021 for the specific purposes set forth in the following budget summaries.

	<u>General Fund</u>	
Revenues		\$ 4,248,426
Expenditures		\$ 4,248,426
	<u>Refuse Fund</u>	
Revenues		\$ 930,400
Expenditures		\$ 930,400
	<u>Fire Fund</u>	
Revenues		\$ 203,996
Expenditures		\$ 203,996
	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	
Revenues		\$ 157,295
Expenditures		\$ 157,295
	<u>Parks and Recreation</u>	
Revenues		\$ 113,318
Expenditures		\$ 113,318
	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	
Revenues		\$ 1,070,815
Expenditures		\$ 1,070,815
	<u>Street Light Fund</u>	
Revenues		\$ 61,102
Expenditures		\$ 61,102
	<u>Wastewater Treatment Plant</u>	
Revenues		\$ 3,491,913
Expenditures		\$ 3,491,913
	<u>Water Department</u>	
Revenues		\$ 2,763,371
Expenditures		<u>\$ 2,763,371</u>
Total Budget		<u>\$13,040,636</u>

Section 2. That any Resolution conflicting with this Resolution be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Resolution.

ADOPTED this ____ day of December, 2020.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Mary Aversa, Secretary



Crown Castle
2000 Corporate Drive
Canonsburg, PA 15317

November 19, 2020

Borough of Ambler
Attn: Borough Manager, Mary Aversa
Ambler Borough Hall
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 191002

VIA FEDEX

RE: Contract ID: 1415340 - Right-of-Way Use Agreement

Dear Mary Aversa:

Pursuant to Section 2 of the above referenced agreement between Borough of Ambler and Crown Castle NG East LLC dated February 16, 2016, please accept this letter as notice that Crown Castle Fiber LLC requests renewal of the Right-of-Way Agreement for an additional term of (5) years and hereby requests the City's consent to such renewal.

According to our records, this (5) renewal term would run from February 16, 2021 to February 16, 2026. Please contact John Shive, Sr Network Permitting Specialist, via email at phone at (610) 635-3218 regarding finalizing the terms of renewal.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michael Tuma, SCFS Contract Execution Manager, Contracts Management
Crown Castle | 1500 Corporate Drive | Canonsburg, PA 15317
(724) 416-2796 | Michael.Tuma@crowncastle.com

RENEWAL TERM AGREED TO BY _____:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday December 1, 2020

Sara Hertz – Chair

Nancy Deininger

Erin McKenna Endicott

Nellie DiPietro

OLD BUSINESS

1. **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The Committee is moving forward with plans for creation of a Community Garden to be installed next spring. Questions can be emailed to Jen Henderson

Jhenderson@borough.ambler.pa.us

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PARK PLANNING WORKSHOPS**

Ambler Borough Planning Commission is currently working on a Parks Plan outlining the future of the Borough Parks System. They will be holding “zoom” workshops in the coming months for each one of the parks to solicit resident input and participation in this process. **(attached)**

2. **RESOLUTION 2020-9 PECO GRANT**

Authorization is request to approve Resolution 2020-9 for a grant from PECO’s Green Region Open Space Grant Program. This grant is for the improvements at Ambler Square. **(attached)**

3. **RED TAIL CONTRACT**

Authorization is requested to approve the 2021 Contract for Red Tail services. **(attached)**

4. **EAC UPDATE**

The EAC will provide an update on their activities.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR PARKS?



Ambler Borough Planning Commission is currently working on a Parks Plan outlining the future of the Borough Parks System. **WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!**

The Borough will be holding “zoom” workshops in the coming months to see how by maintaining and improving the park system in the Borough we can make Ambler an even better place to live, work, and play.

Please go to the below link or QR for more information and how to register.

Comments can also be submitted by calling or by sending them in writing to the Borough Attention Park Plan.



WWW.BOROUGHOFAMBLER.COM/DEPARTMENTS/PARKS-RECREATION

PARK MEETING DATES:

KNIGHT PARK

Tuesday, November 24th at 6pm

PICKERING FIELD

Tuesday, December 22nd at 6pm

RIGGARDI PARK

Tuesday January 26th at 6pm

BOROUGH PARK

EDGEWOOD PRESERVE

TENNIS AVENUE LOT

RIFFS MILL OPEN SPACE

Tuesday February 23rd at 6pm

JEAN THOMPSON

PARK, WAHL PLAYGROUND

LOCUST STREET PARK

AMBLER SQUARE

Tuesday March 23rd at 6pm

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A Resolution Authorizing Application to the
2020 PECO Green Region Open Space Program
for the Ambler Square Park Project**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ambler (“Borough”) desires to undertake the Ambler Square Park project; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to apply to the PECO Green Region Open Space Program for a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has received and understands the 2020 PECO Green Region Open Space Program Guidelines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Borough Council hereby approves this project and authorizes application to the PECO Green Region Open Space Program in the amount of \$ 10,000; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT, if the application is granted, the Borough commits to the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of \$133,900 necessary for the project’s success.

SO RESOLVED this 24th day of November 2020.

Attest

Signatures

Mary Aversa

From: greg redtailrestore.com <greg@redtailrestore.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Mary Aversa; Frank Deruosi; Erin Endicott; Frank DeRuosi; Nancy Deininger; Marco Resente
Cc: Mary-Margaret Monser
Subject: Contract Renewal with Red Tail Restoration 2021
Attachments: Ambler Borough Red Tail Contract 2021.docx

Everyone,

Please see the attached contract for continued work in Ambler Borough Park in 2021. I am requesting that we maintain our current budget of 100 hours throughout the year at \$38 per hour for a total annual expenditure of \$3,800.00. I hope that our invasive plant removal progress on the bridge side of the stream, amplified by recent planting of native trees and shrubs obtained through grant money, has been obvious to all users of the park. Next year, I hope to maintain our work on the bridge side of the stream, including tending the new plantings, and also hope to expand our work onto the island, where Japanese Stilt Grass, Japanese Knotweed, Wineberry, and other invasive plants are still prevalent.

Sincerely,
Greg Gagliano
Red Tail Restoration & Land Management, LLC
(610) 772-1837

**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 \$38.00 per hour plus material costs. Red Tail Restoration will provide approximately 100 hours of service over the course of one year beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. 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 December 1, 2020

Nancy Deininger – Chair

Glynnis Siskind

Nellie Di Pietro

Jen Henderson

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. DEPARTMENT POSITIONS

Interviews will be scheduled for the vacant laborer position.

2. VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Several volunteer committee positions expire at the end of the year. Appointments will be made by Council at the January Meeting for Committee positions with expiring terms which include: Appeals Board (2 seats – 3 year term); Civil Service Commission Alternate (current vacancy – 4 year term balance); Environmental Advisory Council (2 seats – 3 year term); Human Relations Commission (1 seat vacancy – 2 year term balance; 1 alternate seat – 2 year term balance); Planning Commission (1 seat – 4 year term); Vacancy Board (1 seat – 1 year term); and Zoning Hearing Board (1 seat – 3 year term; 1 seat Alternate – 3 year term; 1 seat Alternate – 2 year term balance). Interested candidates are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to the Borough Manager at manager@borough.ambler.pa.us or by mail to the Borough Manager.

3. WATER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Ambler Borough has organized a municipal water authority under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act. Terms for the 9-member Ambler Water Authority Board expiring the first Monday in January 2021 include: from Ambler Borough (1 seat) and from Whitpain Township (1 seat). Interested candidates are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to the Borough Manager at manager@borough.ambler.pa.us or by mail to the Borough Manager.

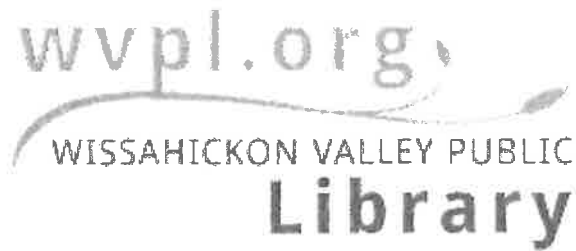
4. LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Consider re-appointment of Kia Connelly-Baker to a second 3-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library representing Ambler Borough. The Board is comprised on nine trustees and Ambler Borough appoints two of these trustees.

5. BOROUGH COUNCIL VACANCY

Letters of interest are being accepted for the Vacant Borough Council Seat in Ward 1. Council will determine the timeline for the process.

Main Library
650 Skippack Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422
215-643-1320



Ambler Branch
209 Race Street
Ambler, PA 19002
215-646-1072

November 17, 2020

Frank DeRuosi
Council President
Ambler Borough
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Dear Mr. DeRuosi:

The Wissahickon Valley Public Library (WVPL) is governed by a 9 Member Board of Trustees and Ambler Borough Council appoints 2 of these Trustees. The library board is asking the Ambler Borough Council to re-appoint Kia Connelly-Baker to a 2nd 3 year term.

Kia Connelly-Baker, of 315 Forest Avenue, is an active library user. She has completed her first term as a board member, assisting in the renovation of the Ambler Branch Library. She also serves on the Ambler Food Co-Op Board and she works at Merck as a Contract Analyst.

I would be happy to provide any additional information requested. Would you please let me know when this request is scheduled for a board vote

Thank you for your time and consideration of this board appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne M. Frank". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Anne Frank, Library Director

RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Safety Committee

1. EMERGENCY DECLARATION

A recommendation is requested this evening to adopt the **attached** Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 for the month of December.

Public Utilities

1. Quotes were received to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) price report to make the WWTP's electricity usage 100% carbon neutral. A contract and current pricing will be provided.
2. Borough of Ambler received bids online via the PennBid Program for the Digester Conversion. The bid is higher than expected. The Engineer will be available at the meeting to discuss his recommendation to award to Eastern Environmental Contractors for the low bid of \$ 844,400.00.
3. Consider authorization to contract with Allied Controls for the complete SCADA System Upgrade estimated at \$38,000.

Parks and Recreation

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