



BOROUGH OF AMBLER COMMITTEE MEETING

January 5, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Executive Session 6:00p.m.

ZOOM Meeting –Rules & Protocol

Borough Council will conduct its Committee Meeting via Internet vehicle 'ZOOM'. For the safety of Ambler residents, Borough Hall will be closed. 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. A video of the virtual meeting will be posted on this website for the public the following day. The Borough Manager is making the meeting Agenda available for review by the public. Please feel free to read through the Agenda and provide feedback or make an inquiry on any Agenda items. You may email the Borough Council President Frank DeRuosi at fderuosi@borough.ambler.pa.us until Tuesday, January 5, at 4:00PM so that Council may consider your comments or address a question from the public during the ZOOM Meeting.

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.**
- 2. All participants, except for the Borough Council, Borough Manager, Borough Solicitor, Borough Police Chief, and invited Borough Staff will be muted with video camera/web camera turned off automatically upon entry to the virtual meeting.**
- 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.**
- 5. Participants who wish to speak during the Public Comment section will be instructed to press the "Raise Your Hand" button.**
- 6. One by one the Borough Zoom administrator, will call on each participant with their virtual hand raised. That participant will be unmuted. That participant will have 15 seconds to respond to being called on. If there is no response, the next person "in line" will be called on.**
- 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, January 5, 2021

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 JANUARY**

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

Borough of Ambler Code Enforcement Report for December 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	7	125
Dumpster	2	3	0	0	4	1	0	4	3	2	5	1	25
Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mechanical	2	4	5	0	4	3	4	7	2	2	4	0	37
Plumbing	4	6	6	0	1	4	4	7	3	2	4	2	43
Road Opening	3	1	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	1	1	14
Use and Occupancy	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	3	5	0	1	0	16
Vendor Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zoning	2	1	3	0	8	5	5	3	2	4	3	2	38
Rental Inspections	89	18	10	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	121
TOTALS	113	50	34	0	28	33	33	36	26	21	32	13	419

** 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, January 5, 2021**, 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 **5th day of January 2021**.

Frank DeRuosi, Ambler Borough Council President

Jeanne Sorg, Ambler Borough Mayor

Mary Aversa, Secretary

Public Utilities Committee

Tuesday January 5, 2021

Glynnis Siskind – Chair

Haley Welch

Jen Henderson

Karen Sheedy

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. An executive session was held this evening to discuss with the solicitor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.

2. **MIRIA GRANT**

The Borough MIRIA application has been modified to include additional work and quarterly sampling at all Borough Wells. **(attached)**

Mary Aversa

Subject: FW: MIRIA
Attachments: MIRIA Grant Application Cost Est 12-11-20.pdf

From: Theresa Funk <tfunk@gilmore-assoc.com>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Mary Aversa <maversa@borough.ambler.pa.us>; Elizabeth Russell <erussell@Borough.Ambler.pa.us>; Phil Benigno <pbenigno@borough.ambler.pa.us>; Frank Scalfaro <fscalfaro@Borough.Ambler.pa.us>; Jeremy Matozzo <jmatozzo@Borough.Ambler.pa.us>; Brian Brochon <BBROCHON@gilmore-assoc.com>
Subject: RE: MIRIA

Mary,

I've attached a revised cost estimate for the MIRIA Application. We've added replacement of the piping from Well 6 to Loch Alsh Avenue, since that is old 10" ACP. That would allow you to replace all of the piping from Loch Alsh to Well 7. We've also added estimates to change the carbon at Whitemarsh, in hopes we can identify a carbon that will better remove PFAS while still removing the contaminants in the raw water at the spring. This will require some sampling, technical consulting with carbon suppliers, and a permit modification from DEP. Finally, we've added estimates for quarterly sampling of all wells, tanks, and Whitemarsh, including an estimate for Operator time to collect the samples. The sampling costs and hourly rates I used for the sampling are estimates based on what we've used for other clients. If you have actual numbers (lab price per sample; operator hourly rate including benefits), I can adjust those numbers.

Let me know if you need anything else to revise and finalize the application.

Thanks,
Terry

From: Mary Aversa <maversa@borough.ambler.pa.us>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 8:40 AM



GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.
ENGINEERING & CONSULTING SERVICES

OPINION OF PROBABLE PROJECT COST

Project Name: MIRIA PFAS PROJECTS
Client: Ambler Borough
Project Number: 20-03071
Date: December 11, 2020

I. Wells 2, 6 and 7 PFAS Treatment Piping

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Amount
1	Mobilization	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
2	Clearing, Tree Removal, Grading	1	LS	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
3	8" DIP Water Main	1200	LF	\$ 80.00	\$ 96,000.00
4	10" DIP Water Main	600	LF	\$ 125.00	\$ 75,000.00
5	Fittings, Valves, Thrust Blocks	1	LS	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
6	Well Connection	3	EA	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
7	New Residential Water Service w/ Meter Pit	2	EA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
8	E&S Control and Stream Crossing	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
9	Surface Restoration	1	LS	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Construction Subtotal:					\$ 361,000.00
Construction Contingency					\$ 36,100.00
Engineering Design, Permitting & Construction Management					\$ 75,000.00
Admin / Legal / Professional Services					\$ 5,000.00
Project Total I:					\$ 477,100.00

II. Whitmarsh Treatment Plant - Carbon Changeout/Upgrade

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Amount
1	Carbon Removal and Installation	1	LS	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
2	Sampling	1	LS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
3	Technical Consulting for Selection of Carbon/DEP Permit Modification	1	LS	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Project Total II:					\$ 45,000.00

III. PFAS Source and Tank Sampling

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Amount
1	Quarterly Sampling - All Wells	36	EA	\$ 250.00	\$ 9,000.00
2	Quarterly Sampling - Whitmarsh Raw, Mid-Treatment, Entry point	12	EA	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,000.00
3	Quarterly Sampling - All Tanks	12	EA	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,000.00
4	Operator Labor - 8 hours per sampling event	32	HR	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,240.00
Project Total III:					\$ 17,240.00

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET COST:

\$ 539,340.00

Finance & Planning Committee

Tuesday January 5, 2021

Nellie Di Pietro - Chair

Erin McKenna Endicott

Haley Welch

Karen Sheedy

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. The Committee recommended the trigger for storm water controls be lowered to 750 square feet. A recommendation will be forthcoming to have the solicitor prepare an ordinance for review by the Planning Commissions.

2. MURAL ORDINANCE UPDATE

The solicitor provided a draft ordinance to define mural language, it has been sent to the Planning Commissions for review.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Borough Engineer's report will be provided.

2. 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*

Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday January 5, 2021

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)**

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

RICCARDI PARK
Tuesday January 26th at 6pm

BOROUGH PARK
EDGEMOOD PRESERVE
TENNIS AVENUE LOT
KEEY'S MILL OPEN SPACE
Tuesday February 23rd at 6pm

JEAN THOMPSON
PARK, WAHE PLAYGROUND
LOUIS STUKET PARK
AMBLER SQUARE
Tuesday March 23rd at 6pm

Salary & Personnel Committee

Tuesday January 5, 2021
Nancy Deininger – Chair
Glynnis Siskind
Nellie Di Pietro
Jen Henderson

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **DEPARTMENT POSITIONS**

Interviews were held for the vacant laborer positions. A recommendation will be provided.

2. **VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENTS**

The Committee has received letters of intent from incumbent volunteers and from individuals requesting consideration to a vacant Committee, Council or Board seat. Appointments will be voted on this evening .

3. **WATER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Terms for the 9-member Ambler Water Authority Board expiring this month and to be appointed this evening include:

AMBLER BOROUGH – 1 SEAT

- **Sal Pasceri (incumbent) – (Ambler Water Authority (5 year term)**

WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP – 1 SEAT

- **Vacancy** – [Whitpain Township had been contacted and no applicants have come forward]

4. **WATER DEPARTMENT VACANCY**

The Vacant Water Operator position has been advertised.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Safety Committee

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

Finance & Planning

A recommendation may be made to have the solicitor prepare an ordinance for review by the Planning Commissions.

Salary and Personnel

Consider appointments of the following seats:

APPEALS BOARD – 2 SEATS

- **William Lutz, Jr. (incumbent) - Appeals Board (3 year term)**
- **Al Comly (incumbent) – Appeals Board (3 year term)**

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – 2 SEATS

- **Madge Monser (incumbent) - EAC (3 year term)**
- **Hannah Lloyd (applicant) – EAC (3 year term)**

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – 1 SEAT

- **Marilyn Frazier (applicant) - Human Relations Commission (2 year term balance)**

PLANNING COMMISSION – 1 SEAT

- **David Kralle (incumbent) - Planning Commission (4 year term)**

VACANCY BOARD – 1 SEAT

- **Karen Polesir (incumbent) -Vacancy Board (1 year term)**

ZONING HEARING BOARD – 1 SEAT; 1 ALTERNATE SEAT

- **Michael Williams (incumbent) - Zoning Hearing Board (3 year term)**
- **Robert Foster (incumbent) - Zoning Hearing Board Alternate (3 year term)**

Ambler Water Authority

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- **Sal Pasceri (incumbent) – (Ambler Water Authority (5 year term)**

WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP – 1 SEAT

- **Vacancy – [Whitpain Township had been contacted and no applicants have come forward]**

Vacant Laborer Positions

A recommendation will be provided for the vacant laborer positions.