



**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
COMMITTEE MEETING
March 2, 2021
7:00 p.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, March 2, 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. Public comment is limited to three minutes per individual per agenda item and five minutes when an individual represents a group.
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, March 2, 2021

Erin McKenna Endicott - Chair

Glynnis Siskind

Sara Hertz

Nancy Deininger

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

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

2. **EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR MARCH**

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

Borough of Ambler Code Enforcement Report for February 2021

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Building	13	16											29
Dumpster	3	0											3
Fire	0	0											0
Mechanical	3	1											4
Plumbing	6	1											7
Road Opening	1	1											2
Use and Occupancy	0	2											0
Vendor Sales	0	0											0
Zoning	5	1											6
Rental Inspections	0	0											0
TOTALS	31	22											53

** The Borough Bi-Annual Rental Inspection Program was temporarily paused in early March 2020 due to COVID-19

Water and Highway Monthly Report February 2021

Water Department

Blow Out Curb Box / Street Valve with Air Compressor	2*
Change Meter	1*
Change CU Ft Meter to Gallon Meter	
Check Meter Pit for Leak	
Check Report of Possible Water Leak	1*
Check for Water Leak inside Customer Home/Business	1*
Clean Inside Wells	
Deliver New Meter & Couplings to Contractor	
Deliver Red Be-Gone -Clothes Discolored due to Water Leak	
Dig and Reset / Replace Curb Box	
Dig and Reset / Replace Valve Box	
Dirty Water Check	
Final Water Readings	19*
Fire Hydrant Maintenance	
Frozen Curb Stop	
Frozen Meter	
Hose off Water Service	
Install New Meter	3*
Install New Curb Stop	
Leaking Cuplink / Washers on Meter	
Leaking Meter	
Locate, Clean Out, Mark Curb Box & Exercise Curb Box	3*
Low Water Pressure Check	1*
Lower / Raise / Install Curb Box Lid	
Meter Readings	8*
Meter Readings Quarterly Billing	1**
Meter in Reverse	1*
No Water Check	
Parking Meter Collections	3*
Parking Meter Repair	1*
Possible Clogged Meter	
Repair Lid (Curb or Valve)	6*
Repair/Replace Radio Read	5*
Repair Water Service Leak Boro Side @ 421 N. Spring Grd.	1*
Soft Dig - Retap needed for Clogged Service	
Stopped Meter	
Turn on Valve for Intertie on Spring Ave.	
Verify Leak on Customer Side or Borough Side	
Verify Service Leak on Customer Side Has Been Repaired	
Verify Water is off at Curb	
Water Inventory	
Water Main Break Repair @ Hendricks St & Valleybrook Ave (Bridge	1**
Water Main Break Repair @ 708 Prospect Ave.	1**
Water Main Break Repair @ 208 Locust Rd	1**
Water Shut off Per Request - Bldg to be Demolished	
Water Shut Offs for Non Payment	
Water Shut Offs for Non Payment - Lower Gwynedd Sewer	
Water Shut off - Temporary Request or Emergency	3*
Water Turn On Service	1*
Water Training Class	
Well Maintenance/Sampling	
Winterize Fire Hydrants	
WLPP Application (Inspection needed)	3*

Public Works

Backfill Dirt Areas from Prior Water Repair	
Backfill, Tamp & Cold Patch Holes from Water Repairs	
Banners - Remove / Install	
Clean out Culverts / Inlets	
Clean Bathrooms / Breakroom @ Garage	
Clean Garage/Shop	1*
Clean Tools, Pumps & Hoses	
Clean Equipment / Vehicles	
Clean Parks / Maintenance	
Deliver / Pick Up Barricades / Cones	
Deliver New Trash / Recycle Cart	3*
Equipment Repair / Maintenance	1*
Form Curb & Sidewalks for Concrete	
Holiday Decorations Install / Remove on Butler Ave.	
Jack Out Concrete in front of Post Office for Broken Street Light	1*
Lawn Restorations	
Leaf Pick Up	
PA One Calls	88*
Paint Crosswalks / Crossbars / Curbs / Parking / Lines	
Pick Up Repaired Jumping Jack @ Norris Sales	
Pick Up Water & Highway Supplies from Vendors	
Playground Inspections	
Playground Equip. Maintenance	
Pothole Restoration	2*
Possible Sanitary Sewer Backup	1*
Prep Salt Trucks	
Repair / Rebuild Inlet	
Repair Wheels on Recycle / Trash Cart	8*
Saw Cut Street for Street Restoration	
Sewer Solvent in Sewers	1*
Sidewalk / Curb Restorations	
Sign Inventory	
Sign Maintenance	
Snow Removal	11*
Street Sweeper Operator	As needed only
Street Sweeper Maintenance	
Street Restorations	
Trim Branches Around Parking Signs	
Trash Removal Butler Ave.	Weekly*
Trash Removal Parks	As needed
Vehicle Maintenance	1*
Employees Hours Off / Days	136 Hours or 17 Days
Holidays	February 15, 2021
Scheduled On-Call Overtime	16 Hours
Scheduled Operational Overtime	16 Hours
Emergency Overtime-See Finance Manager Report	

*Jobs

**Day

**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about **Tuesday, March 2, 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 **2nd day of March 2021**.

Frank DeRuosi, Ambler Borough Council President

Jeanne Sorg, Ambler Borough Mayor

Mary Aversa, Secretary

Public Utilities Committee

Tuesday March 2, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.

2. **ET5 REBUILD**

Authorization is requested for the tricking filter ET 5 to be rebuilt. Three quotes were Obtained: Derstine was \$52,000.00 , Blooming Glen was \$23,275.00 and Zimmerman was \$12,500.00. Recommend awarding the ET5 rebuild to Zimmerman for the low quote of \$12,500.00.

3. **WHITEMARSH PIPING**

Quotes are being requested for the Phase II piping replacement job at Whitemarsh.

Finance & Planning Committee

Tuesday March 2, 2021
Nellie Di Pietro - Chair
Erin McKenna Endicott
Haley Welch
Karen Sheedy

OLD BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH STORM WATER ORDINANCE**

The Solicitor prepared a draft Ordinance amending the area calculation that triggers storm water requirements. The review letters from the Planning Commissions are **attached**.

2. **MURAL ORDINANCE UPDATE**

The solicitor provided a draft ordinance to define mural language. The review letters from the Planning Commissions are **attached**.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Borough Engineer's report is attached.

2. **PLANNING ASSISTANCE CONTRACT**

The County Planning Assistance contract is attached. The Planning Commission will be providing input on future projects.

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Memorandum

To: Borough Planning Commission
From: Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer
Date: February 19, 2021
Re: Stormwater Management Ordinance

Below is a link to the existing Stormwater Management Ordinance which was adopted in 2017.

http://boroughofambler.com/download/code_of_ordinances/ordinances_passed_after_july_17_2012/ord-1108-stormwater-mgmt_20171113143603.pdf

This ordinance had been developed specifically for the Wissahickon Creek watershed to comply with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act of 1978, also known as Act 167. The Act requires Pennsylvania counties to prepare and adopt stormwater management plans for each watershed located in the county.

The main objective of the plan is to control stormwater runoff on a watershed basis rather than on a site-by-site basis, taking into account how development and land cover in one part of the watershed will affect stormwater runoff in all other parts of the watershed. Consistent with Act 167, the plan seeks to:

- Preserve and restore the flood carrying capacity of watershed streams;
- Reduce erosion and sedimentation;
- Preserve natural stormwater runoff regimes and the natural course, current and cross sections of streams; and
- Protect and conserve ground water and ground water recharge areas.

This Act also requires municipalities to implement a stormwater management ordinance limiting stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment. This new proposed Ordinance is applicable to any earth disturbance over 750 sqft rather than the existing 1,000 sqft and would not apply to properties where no improvements are proposed. Prior to adoption of this updated 2017 Ordinance the Borough threshold was 5,000 sqft to trigger similar stormwater requirements.

This ordinance is technical in nature and majority is watershed specific information that would not be eligible to change. If Council wished to require more projects to install stormwater management, an option would be to lower the threshold requirement of 1,000 sqft. Please note that this recharge / infiltration is a requirement in this Ordinance and containment items such as rain barrels are not eligible for stormwater management for the purpose of this ordinance.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NUMBER ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER REVISING THE STORMWATER ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 1108, CODIFIED AT SECTION 26-406.1) BY REDUCING THE IMPERVIOUS SURFACE THRESHOLDS FROM 1,000 SQUARE FEET TO 750 SQUARE FEET, LEAVING THE REMAINDER OF THE ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; TO BE EFFECTIVE ON THE EARLIEST EFFECTIVE DATE PROVIDED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH CODE

WHEREAS, Ambler Borough Council adopted Ordinance 1108 on October 17, 2017, in order to establish updated stormwater management criteria in compliance with Pennsylvania Act 167 of 1978, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1108, which requires various stormwater controls in the event of land development and earth disturbances, exempts projects which involve proposed impervious surface of less than one thousand square feet, and also exempts projects which involve earth disturbances of less than one thousand square feet, and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of Borough Council that stormwater runoff remains a significant problem in the Borough, and that accordingly, ongoing efforts should be made to control stormwater to the maximum extent possible without posing unreasonable hardship upon property owners, and

WHEREAS, Borough Council has determined that an additional limit upon the projects exempted from compliance with the stormwater ordinance will be another positive step towards stormwater control and therefore is consistent with the health, safety and welfare of the Borough,

NOW THEREFORE, Ambler Borough Council does ORDAIN as follows:

1. Table 26-406.1 (Impervious Surface Exemption Thresholds) is modified as follows: In column 3, the column header "0 to 1,000 square feet" is amended to read, "0 to 750 square feet" and the column header ">1,000 to 5,000 square feet" shall be amended to read ">750 to 5,000 square feet."

Any other provision in the stormwater ordinance or any other ordinance of the Borough that is inconsistent with these modified exemption thresholds shall be considered repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates any portion of this ordinance, such invalid portion shall to the extent reasonably possible be severed from the remainder, such remainder to be in full force and effect.

This ordinance is effective on the earliest approval date provided for in section 3301.3 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

SO ORDAINED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Frank R. DeRuosi, Council President

Attest: _____
Mary Aversa, Secretary

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February 23, 2021

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

Re: Draft Ordinance Language Amending the Area
Calculation to Trigger Storm Water Requirements
From 1,000 S.F. to 750 S.F.

Dear Ms. Aversa:

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to review a Zoning Ordinance to amend the area calculation that triggers storm water requirements from 1,000 square feet to 750 square feet.

After discussion at our meeting held this date via ZOOM, a motion was made and carried unanimously to recommend to Council to consider adopting this amendment. A roll-call vote with 7 members present was 7 ayes. The County Planner attended the ZOOM meeting and advised that the County supports this amendment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Chairman, Robert Lagreca.

Very truly yours,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Secretary
Ambler Borough Planning Commission

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February 22, 2021

Glenn Kucher, Zoning Officer & Planning Coordinator
Ambler Borough
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002

Re: MCPC # 21-0040-001
Plan Name: Storm Water Ordinance Revisions
Situate: Borough of Ambler

Dear Mr. Kucher:

We have reviewed the above-referenced zoning text amendment in accordance with Section 609 of Act 247, "The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as you requested on February 09, 2021. We forward this letter as a report of our review.

BACKGROUND

The applicant, Ambler Borough, proposes revisions to the borough's Stormwater Management Code (**Ordinance #1108**) which includes various stormwater controls, standards, and required actions in the event of land development and similar projects. The applicant's proposed amendment seeks to strengthen these stormwater controls in the borough by lowering the exemption thresholds for projects that involve earth disturbance or result in an increase of impervious surfaces. Stormwater runoff, localized flooding, and regional water quality are significant challenges in Ambler as the borough's area measures (0.85) square miles and is generally built out with suburban and urban patterns of development. The proposed amendment would amend the borough's **Stormwater Ordinance #1108 - Table 26-406.1** (Impervious Surface Exemption Thresholds) through lowering the base exemption thresholds for various earth disturbance and development projects which otherwise require an applicant to meet various standards.

The proposed amendment reduces the base exemption threshold as required in **Table 26-406.1** from "0 to 1,000 square feet" to "0 to 750 square feet" and lowers the subsequent exemption tier from ">1,000 to 5,000 square feet" to ">750 to 5,000 square feet." All projects greater than 5,000 square feet remain in the "Not Exempt" categorization and all of the requirements in the ordinance would still apply.



RECOMMENDATION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) generally supports the applicant's proposal, however, in the course of our review we have identified the following issue that the applicant and the Borough of Ambler may wish to consider prior to the amendment adoption. Our comments are as follows:

REVIEW COMMENTS

Ambler Borough was part of a watershed-based stormwater management planning effort in 2014-2015, and has adopted the standards and criteria developed as part of that project. The framework of the watershed effort is based on consistent controls across all participating communities. While we commend individual community efforts to mitigate the effects of stormwater runoff in the watershed, we caution against efforts that significantly deviate from the consistent standards and criteria adopted by all the municipalities in the Wissahickon watershed. Regarding this particular proposal, however, we believe that lowering the threshold from 1000 square feet to 750 square feet represents a minor adjustment to the base exemptions in Ambler, and should not undermine the regional aspects of the watershed based stormwater management plan.

CONCLUSION

MCPC generally supports the applicant's proposal but wish to reiterate our belief that a wholistic approach resulting in consistent controls across all participating municipalities for regional stormwater management in the Wissahickon watershed is the best practice.

Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the municipality and final disposition for the approval of any proposal will be made by the municipality.

Should the governing body adopt this proposed ordinance amendment, Section 609 of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that we be sent an official copy within 30 days.

Sincerely,



Michael Lowrey, Community Planner II
mlowrey@montcopa.org - 610 -278-3887

c: Robert LaGreca, Chair, Ambler Planning Commission

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Memorandum

To: Ambler Borough Planning Commission Member

From: Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer

Date: January 26, 2021

Re: Mural Ordinance

The Borough Mural Ordinance language is attached. In October 2020 two requests were made for placing murals on the sides of privately owned buildings in the Borough. Presently in the Zoning Ordinance a mural is defined as below and according to section 27-2004.F prohibited signs include any sign painted on a wall surface, excluding murals:

§27-2003. Definitions.

MURAL — artwork applied to the wall of a building which covers all or most of the wall and depicts a scene or event of natural, social, cultural or historic significance.

§27-2004. Prohibited Signs.

F. Signs painted on any wall surface, excluding murals.

Using previous precedent, the last time a mural was proposed and done was along the wall of Caviler Drive on the Act 2 Playhouse building. This mural was brought before Council at that time for their approval. I don't believe that a proposed mural should be approved and permitted at the staff level because what I view as art or a mural may be different than someone else. Input from Council was requested on how to proceed with such requests.

After lengthy discussions and input from Council the Borough Solicitor drafted an ordinance that places some limitations upon murals. According to the Solicitor this ordinance goes about as far as the Borough could go as far as regulating murals under the current state of the law. Courts say over and over that whether a sign has a profit motive or is a genuine expression of something non-commercial has to be decided on a case-by-case basis. For example, if a pet store paints a mural of a bunch of happy dogs running across a lawn, it is permissible, but if one of the happy dogs is the pet store's mascot used on all of its products, it is regulated as a sign. In another case, a mural was found to be a sign with a profit motive where it was on the side of a shop that sold parts for hot rod cars; the image was of a "mad scientist" mixing materials together and the chemical names on the test tubes are commonly associated with drag racing.

This ordinance will not be easiest to enforce going forward but tightens up the language somewhat.

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.
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

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February 23, 2021

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

Re: Zoning Ordinance Language to Define Murals

Dear Ms. Aversa:

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to review a Zoning Ordinance prepared by the Borough Solicitor to define murals, differentiate them from signs and establish criteria for murals.

After discussion at our meeting held this date via ZOOM, a motion was made and carried unanimously to recommend to Council to consider adopting the Zoning Ordinance language as presented this date to the Planning Commission defining murals to differentiate them from signs and establish criteria. A roll-call vote with 7 members present was 7 ayes. The County Planner attended the ZOOM meeting and advised that the County supports this language.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Chairman, Robert Lagreca.

Very truly yours,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Secretary
Ambler Borough Planning Commission

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January 27, 2021

Glenn Kucher, Zoning Officer & Planning Coordinator
Ambler Borough
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002

Re: MCPC # 21-0005-001
Plan Name: Mural Ordinance
Borough of Ambler

Dear Manager/Secretary:

We have reviewed the above-referenced zoning text amendment in accordance with Section 609 of Act 247, "The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as you requested on January 6, 2021. We forward this letter as a report of our review.

BACKGROUND

The applicant, Ambler Borough, has submitted a zoning ordinance amendment to update the borough's sign ordinance regulations relating to murals. The proposed amendment updates the existing definition for "Murals" designating murals specifically as an "expression of non-commercial speech," and designates the Ambler's code officer for determination as to whether a submission is categorized as a mural or sign. The amendment also introduces a new "Murals" section in the Signs chapter of the borough zoning code detailing the process for approval for murals. The amendment includes standards and criteria by which the Borough code officer determines whether a proposal qualifies as a sign or mural, and designates a process of appeal of any decision via the Zoning Hearing Board in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

RECOMMENDATION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) supports the applicant's proposal as we have found it to be generally consistent with the borough's existing Sign ordinance and the County's Model Sign Ordinance as it relates to content neutrality and determinations of non-commercial content on a case-by-case basis.



CONCLUSION

We wish to reiterate that MCPC generally supports the applicant's proposal but recommend that the ordinance is updated in the future to remain consistent with evolving legislation or law pertaining to signs and content neutrality.

Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the municipality and final disposition for the approval of any proposal will be made by the municipality.

Should the governing body adopt this proposed zoning ordinance amendment, Section 609 of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that we be sent an official copy within 30 days.

Sincerely,



Michael Lowrey, Community Planner II
mlowrey@montcopa.org - 610 -278-3887

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Borough Engineer		
2001-1010	TEA-21 - Ambler Streetscape 2002	SEPTA completed train preemption connection completed. Traffic signal was put into operation on 11/5. PUC to be notified of project completion.
2003-0122-01	Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit	Awaiting PADEP review of TMDL Strategy & PRP. 2020 Annual Status Report submitted to PADEP 9/28/20. Next Annual Status Report due 9/30/21 for period 7/1/20 thru 6/30/21. Preparation of response for WQIP/PRP BMPs underway.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Revised Safety Report, ADA, Traffic and DM-3 (plans presentation) approved by PADOT. Utility clearance and lump sum justification to be revised and resubmitted. Plans submitted for constructability review on 2/15/21.
2013-02020	Ambler Crossings	Construction underway. Escrow release for Phase 1 (Boiler House parking) provided 9/27/18. Escrow release #1 for Phase 2 provided 6/4/20.
2014-12015	St. Mary's Villa Residential Redevelopment.- TIS	UDT submitted Traffic Signal Permit Application (TE-160) to PADOT on 8/28. PADOT has concurred a signal is warranted at Bethlehem/Lindenwold by way of 10/22 letter. UDT to prepare signal permit application and submit to PennDOT for review and approval.
2017-01010-01	Ambler Pocket Park - Ambler Square	Construction underway. Anticipate Spring 2021 completion. Application submitted to PECO Green Regions Program on 11/20/20.
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.
2019-05082	Ambler Borough 2019 Road Paving	Paving completed week of 11/4. Maintenance Bond dated 11/27/19. End of maintenance period 5/27/21.
2019-05082-02	Cavaller Lot Paving	Work completed 10/25/19. Maintenance Bond dated 12/19/19. End of maintenance period 6/18/21.
2020-07089	90 W. Butler Ave	Conditional approval granted by Council at 2/16/21 meeting. Awaiting applicant to comply with conditions of approval.
2021-01010	2021 Ambler Borough General Services	DCED Small Water and Sewer program grant for Edgewood Dr storm sewer awarded on 8/17/20. Borough awaiting grant agreement from DCED. RACP pre-award application submitted 8/12/20 for Poplar St improvements. MontCo2040 (2021 Round) for community garden being prepared for submission on 3/1/21.
2021-01136	241 N. Main (DeCastro)	Plan review on hold pending Borough receipt of application and fees.
Sewer Engineer		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is complete; testing remains.
2021-01041	Chapter 94 Report	Preparation of Annual Report underway.
2021-01050	Ambler Borough 2021 General Sewer Services	Ongoing
Water Engineer		

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
2012-10043	Loch Alsh Dam Annual Inspections	Annual inspection with PADEP conducted on 1/18/20. Report completed and transmitted to PADEP on 1/7/21.
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water main is tested/complete.
2013-02073	Loch Alsh Emergency Action Plan	Preparing 5-year update to Emergency Action Plan including a hydrologic & hydraulic analysis and inundation mapping revisions to meet regulatory requirements.
2017-03128	Lafayette Ave. Water Main Replacement	Project complete. 18 month maintenance period began 12/18/18. Maintenance period punch list issued 6/1/20.
2018-01154	Gwynedd Walk (LGT)	Water main construction and testing complete; some service curb stops remain to be installed. 18 month maintenance complete. Escrow release #2 recommended 8/1/20.
2018-01171	Mattison Estates (UDT)	Water construction and testing complete. 18 month maintenance period began 7/1/20. Ongoing reviews of water service connections.
2019-01169-01	Butler Pike Water Main Replacement	Construction activities underway. Water main installation by directional drill under Wissahickon Creek completed.
2020-03071	MIRIA Grant Application	Assisted Water Dept. with preparation of grant application documents, including budget cost estimate for proposed PFAS treatment piping project to connect Wells 6 and 7 to proposed Well 2 treatment system. Grant awarded by MIRIA end of December 2020. Design of piping from Wells 2 and 7 to treatment system to be located at Well 6 is underway. Additional work approved as part of grant includes evaluation of carbon at Whitemarsh for optimal PFAS removal and increased sampling of all sources and tanks from semi-annually to quarterly.
2020-03072	Whitemarsh Plant Operations	Assisting Water Dept. with recommendations and revisions to the Whitemarsh Plant SOPs. Prepared revised calculations with recommended settings to meet 1.0-Log Giardia Inactivation requirements. Prepared and submitted plan to DEP for review and approval of tracer test to be conducted at Whitemarsh to determine contact time and efficiency of chlorine detention facilities. Plan approved by DEP on 11/3/20. Tracer test completed 12/1/2020. Compiling data and preparing report of test results for submission to DEP.
2020-06158	Wells 2, 6, and 7 PFAS Treatment System	\$1,000,000 grant awarded by PADEP. Survey complete and engineering design underway.
2020-08022	Well 8-Reserve Permitting & Treatment Evaluation	Cost estimate for addition of treatment for manganese and PFAS at Well 8 provided to Borough. Permit received from DEP on 10/20/20 placing Well 8 in Reserve status.
2020-08062	Houston Rd Tank-AT&T Upgrades	Plan review #1 letter issued 8/31/20.
2021-01040	Ambler Borough DRBC Annual Water Audit	Preparation of annual report underway.
2021-01049	Ambler Borough 2021 General Sewer Services	Ongoing assistance concerning PFAS issues, including regulatory activity, source monitoring, providing information and responses to the public. Preparing update to water distribution system map. Working with Water Supv. on monitoring and waiver requirements in 2021. Met with Ambler staff to review 5-year capital plan.

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SCOTT FRANCE, AICP
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 27, 2021

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

Re: Community Planning Assistance Contract

Dear Ms. Aversa:

Enclosed is one signed original contract for your files. I will be keeping the other for our files. If you would also like a pdf, please email me at rmclean@montcopa.org and I will send it out.

Thank you again for renewing with the Montgomery County Planning Commission. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Lowrey at 610-278-3887 or mlowrey@montcopa.org.

Sincerely,

Robin McLean, Administrator
610-278-3726 – rmclean@montcopa.org

Enclosure



**PLANNING ASSISTANCE CONTRACT
BETWEEN COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY
AND AMBLER BOROUGH**

THIS CONTRACT made the first day of January 2021, between Commissioners of Montgomery County (herein called County) and Ambler Borough of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (herein called Municipality).

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, County has created the Montgomery County Planning Commission (herein called MCPC), and

WHEREAS, Resolution 70-3, dated March 11, 1970, established policies for local planning assistance, a cost sharing formula and a schedule of fees and charges by which the services of MCPC's staff was offered to assist the 62 municipalities in the county, and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has requested the MCPC to provide planning assistance under the terms specified herein, and

WHEREAS, the County of Montgomery, acting through the MCPC proposes to render assistance to the Municipality in the form of technical services, pursuant to Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises hereafter made, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound under the Uniform Written Obligations Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby agree that:

A. MCPC Assistance

1. The MCPC will assign one or more professional planners, and supporting staff, to meet the categories outlined in Exhibit B.

B. Services of Municipality

1. Officials, employees, staff and members of the planning commission of the Municipality will cooperate with MCPC in the discharge of its responsibilities hereunder.
2. All pertinent Municipality records and data shall be made available for the use of the MCPC.

C. Schedule of Time and Compensation

1. The established and agreed total cost is \$76,356.

2. The compensation is subject to Resolution 20-5.3, Exhibit A.
3. This contract shall become effective on January 1, 2021 and shall terminate on December 31, 2023.
4. Municipality's payment to MCPC shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total cost as set forth in C.1 above. This includes any federal or state optional funding arrangements equal to the municipal share set forth in Exhibit C.
5. The total cost of the printing and publication of Major Products (Reports and Maps) shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.
6. Municipality shall pay MCPC on the following basis:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
April 2021	\$6,300.00
October 2021	\$6,300.00
April 2022	\$6,363.00
October 2022	\$6,363.00
April 2023	\$6,426.00
October 2023	\$6,426.00

D. Miscellaneous

1. Either party may terminate this contract by giving the other at least sixty (60) days written notice thereof, and a pro rata adjustment shall be made based on the compilation of costs incurred and services performed by the MCPC. In the event of cessation of services by the MCPC prior to the termination date in the contract, the MCPC shall be paid for costs and services to the date of such cessation and the MCPC and the County of Montgomery shall, in no event, be liable to Municipality for breach of this contract due to cessation of its services.
2. The scope of work to be done under this contract shall be subject to modifications or supplements upon the written agreement of the duly authorized representatives of the contracting parties. It is the understanding of all parties to this contract that no modification of the program shall be made that would change the total cost unless such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the MCPC's compensation, are mutually agreed upon by and between the parties hereto. Such changes will be accomplished as follows: a) any decrease in the amount of MCPC's compensation shall be incorporated in written amendments to this contract; b) any increase in the amount of MCPC's compensation in excess of \$1500 (i.e. \$3000 total change) shall be incorporated in written amendments to this contract; c) any increase in the amount of MCPC's compensation less than \$1500 (i.e. \$3000 total change) shall be by a letter of intent of a purchase of service (said letter of intent shall be signed by the authorized representative of the municipality and by the Director of the MCPC); and d) any substitution or modification of the work items in B. of Exhibit B, not involving a change in compensation, shall be by a letter of intent as set forth in c), herein.

3. The costs of any increases in the scope of work agreed to by the contracting parties in accordance with D.2 shall be calculated on the basis of the per diem rates prevailing at the time said increase is negotiated. Any increase involving the commitment of additional monthly planner-days shall be subject to the availability of said staff time.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY


By: 
President, Borough Council

Attest: 
Borough Manager

Authorized by motion or resolution of Municipality. Approved Nov. 16, 20 20.

COMMISSIONERS OF
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

By: 
Chairperson

Attest: 
County
LEE A SOLTYSIAK, CHIEF CLERK

Authorized by Resolution # C.21-036 of County. Approved Jan. 21, 20 21.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

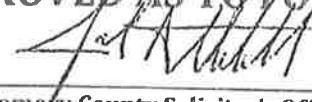

Montgomery County Solicitor's Office

EXHIBIT A
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
FEE SCHEDULE
for
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSISTANCE CONTRACTS
MCPC RESOLUTION #20-5.3

The fee schedule breakdown below is based on the “planner-day” which includes planner time, staff coordination and management, all support services, and incidental expenses.

A. Planning Assistance Contract Program 2020-2022 Graduated Fee Schedule

For the first year of a three-year contract: **Per Planner-Day = \$ 700.00**

For the second year of a three-year contract: **Per Planner-Day = \$ 707.00**

For the third year of a three-year contract: **Per Planner-Day = \$ 714.00**

B. Planning Assistance Contract Program 2020-2022 Flat Fee Schedule

Per year for a three-year contract: **Per Planner-Day = \$ 707.00**

C. Letter of Intent Contract Program/
Short-Term Contracts and Subpoenaed
Appearances:

Per Planner-Day = \$ 714.00

The share of municipal governmental financial commitment shall be 50 percent of the contract's total cost as shown in Exhibit C.

A minimum number of night meetings will be specified in each contract dependent upon the work program, and they shall be calculated at the rate of two night meetings being the equivalent of one planner-day.

EXHIBIT B
CATEGORIES OF ASSISTANCE

A. General Services

1. Meeting Attendance. A professional planner(s) will be assigned to the Municipality. The planner(s) will attend meetings of the Borough Council as requested to review work being conducted under the planning assistance contract and to keep abreast of current planning issues and concerns to the Municipality. The planner(s) will attend other meetings, such as public hearings, Borough Council meetings, Zoning Hearing Board meetings, meetings of other appointed agencies and boards of the Municipality, joint meetings of some or all such agencies and boards, and citizens' group meetings at which his or her attendance is appropriate (with the concurrence of the Borough Council). Attendance of multiple night meetings per year has been included in the contract. However, any adjustments to the number of meetings actually attended, either up or down, will be traded off with planner-days of service provided, at the rate of one-half (½) planner-day for each meeting adjusted.
2. Act 247 Reviews. During the course of the contract, the assigned planner(s) will be responsible for all reviews (subdivision, land developments, and ordinance amendments) required by Act 247, "The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code." Zoning Hearing Board reviews shall be prepared as necessary. MCPC will provide in-depth assistance in the review of all significant land developments, including special meeting attendance, development of alternative site designs, detailed recommendations for landscaping and the drafting of applicable amendments for zoning and land development regulations.
3. If any assistance required by the Municipality exceeds the scope of this contract, it is understood by both the Municipality and MCPC that the costs associated with the work program will be finalized by Letter of Intent.

B. Flexible Assistance:

The planner(s) will provide contingency services and technical assistance to the Borough to an extent not exceeding an average of two and a half (2½) planner-days per month throughout the duration of the contract. The planner(s) will prepare detailed in-depth land development reviews as needed. These reviews will go beyond the traditional reviews performed by MCPC to provide a level of assistance not typically provided for under Act 247. This may include detailed redesign concepts and alternative zoning strategies when appropriate. The land development reviews will focus on sound planning and design principles as a means to guide the impacts of land development within the Borough.

The planner(s) will also prepare any zoning or subdivision ordinance, or any planning study that is of a limited scope, that the Borough Planning Commission, Borough Council, or Borough staff identifies as a priority. If any assistance item(s) required by the Borough exceed the scope of this contract, it is understood by both the Borough and MCPC that the item(s) and the associated costs will be finalized by a Letter of Intent.

C. Structured Assistance

1. Borough Parks Study and Public Engagement. MCPC will assist in completing a study of the level of service, amenities, and resident access across all the Borough's parks to serve as a compliment to the recently completed Open Space Plan Update (2019). This parks plan will reassess and update the Borough's goals and priorities specific to active parks planning in the Borough as well as provide recommendations and potential implementation strategies. The plan will include significant public engagement components including public meetings and workshops, a survey, as well as a draft guide or directory including all the parks and recreation facilities in the Borough. This may include online web maps, website content, or a printed brochure or directory.
2. Design for the Pickering Field Streetscape. A design for the sidewalk, road diet, and retaining wall for the segment of East Park Avenue which is the western border of Pickering Field Park. MCPC will coordinate with the Borough to build a design to complement the sidewalk project at Pickering Field. The design will incorporate concerns about pedestrian safety, erosion, and the mature trees bordering the park and adjacent streets.
3. Stormwater Management - Best Practices. The Borough is relatively built out with urban development patterns and localized flooding issues. MCPC will work with the Borough to ensure that green stormwater management principles and design are reflected in borough ordinances. In conjunction with PADEP, Montgomery County, and Wissahickon Creek Watershed guidelines, the Borough will examine benchmarks for both permitting and impervious thresholds and seek possible modifications to their stormwater ordinance/zoning or other adaptive policy solutions.
4. Zoning and SALDO Amendments. The municipal zoning ordinance and the subdivision and land development ordinance (SALDO) are intended to be living documents and the Borough may find that amendments are needed from time to time. MCPC will consult the Borough on potential changes and will draft ordinance amendments for the consideration of Borough Council for adoption.
5. Flexible Assistance. MCPC will continue to provide flexible assistance, including as needed zoning amendments, graphic design assistance, assisting with grant applications, and continuing work to help the Borough protect both its diverse residential development and lively commercial character.

EXHIBIT C
CONTRACT COSTS AND MUNICIPAL SHARE
January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023

		<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Municipal Share (50%)</u>
<u>Year One</u>			
2.5	Planner Days/Month @ \$700/day	\$21,000.00	\$10,500.00
12	Night Meetings at a rate of one-half (1/2) planner-day per night meeting	<u>\$ 4,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,100.00</u>
	Year One Total	\$25,200.00	\$12,600.00
 <u>Year Two</u>			
2.5	Planner Days/Month @ \$707/day	\$21,210.00	\$10,605.00
12	Night Meetings at a rate of one-half (1/2) planner-day per night meeting	<u>\$ 4,242.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,121.00</u>
	Year Two Total	\$25,452.00	\$12,726.00
 <u>Year Three</u>			
2.5	Planner Days/Month @ \$714/day	\$21,420.00	\$10,710.00
12	Night Meetings at a rate of one-half (1/2) planner-day per night meeting	<u>\$ 4,284.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,142.00</u>
	Year Three Total	\$25,704.00	\$12,852.00
	Total Contract Costs (Years 1-3)	<u>\$76,356.00</u>	<u>\$38,178.00</u>

SUMMARY OF INVOICES

<u>Year One</u>	
April 2021 (Invoice 1)	\$6,300.00
October 2021 (Invoice 2)	\$6,300.00
 <u>Year Two</u>	
April 2022 (Invoice 3)	\$6,363.00
October 2022 (Invoice 4)	\$6,363.00
 <u>Year Three</u>	
April 2023 (Invoice 5)	\$6,426.00
October 2023 (Invoice 6)	\$6,426.00

Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday March 2, 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

2. **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)**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MONTCO 2021 GRANT APPLICATION**

A grant Application was submitted to obtain \$25,000 from the MontCo 2040 Implementation Grant Program to provide funding for the Knight Park Community Garden Project. A Resolution was submitted and a vote is needed to ratify the Resolution 2021-2.

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

EDGEWOOD PRESERVE

TENNIS AVENUE LOT

REIFFS MILL OPEN SPACE

Tuesday February 23rd at 6pm

JEAN THOMPSON

PARK, WAHL PLAYGROUND

LOCUST STREET PARK

AMBLER SQUARE

Tuesday March 23rd at 6pm

RESOLUTION 2021-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2021 ROUND OF THE MONTCO 2040 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has established the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program as a competitive funding program to assist municipalities in implementing the goals of the county comprehensive plan, Montco 2040: A Shared Vision; and

WHEREAS, the County is accepting applications for projects that advance specific goals under either of the county comprehensive plan's three themes: Connecting Communities, Sustainable Places, and a Vibrant Economy; and

WHEREAS, applications and projects must meet all stated requirements within the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program Guidebook; and

WHEREAS, Ambler Borough wishes to obtain \$43,000 from the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program to provide funding for the Knight Park Community Garden Project.

Be it RESOLVED, that Ambler Borough of Montgomery County hereby requests a Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program grant of \$43,000 from the County of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, to be used for the Knight Park Community Garden Project. The Borough will provide a minimum local match of \$11,690 towards this project.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Mary Aversa, Borough Manager as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Ambler and the County of Montgomery to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

SO RESOLVED this 1st day of March, 2021.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Mary Aversa, Secretary

Salary & Personnel Committee

Tuesday March 2, 2021

Nancy Deininger – Chair

Glynnis Siskind

Nellie Di Pietro

Jen Henderson

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Staff is soliciting resumes for the Assistant Water Supervisor position which will be vacated later this year. Staff is soliciting resumes for the Assistant Highway Supervisor.

2. **WATER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP – 1 SEAT

- Vanessa A. Williams 5 year term (attached)

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held on February 18th and February 25 for a personnel issue.

4. **POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Chief Hoffman will provide an update to Borough Council.

5. **WATER DEPARTMENT VACANCY**

An offer of employment was made for the Water Operator 1 position.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Safety Committee

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

Public Utilities

Recommend awarding the ET5 rebuild to Zimmerman for the low quote of \$12,500.00

Parks and Recreation

A recommendation to ratify Resolution 2021-2 for the MontCo2040 Implementation Grant for the Knight Park Community Garden Project.