

AGENDA

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2022 - 7:30 P.M.

District Justice Patricia Zaffarano Presides

Appointment of Election Validation Committee Members

- Mary Aversa (Borough Manager)
- Elizabeth Russell (Assistant Secretary)
- Chief Jeffrey Borkowski (Police Chief)

Report of Certification Committee

- Validation of Credentials for Newly Elected Council Members Amy Hughes (Ward 1) and Lisa Auerbach (Ward 2) and for incumbent Council Members Erin McKenna Endicott (Ward 1), Karen Sheedy (Ward 1), Glynnis Siskind (Ward 2), Nellie Agnes Forst (Ward 3) and for incumbent Tax Collector Jennifer Stomsky and incumbent Mayor Jeanne Sorg.

Oath of Office Administered by District Justice Zaffarano

Mayor Sorg Presides

Election of Council President:

Nomination of Council Person

Election of Council Vice President:

Nomination of Council Person

Consideration by Council President for Authorization of the following Professional Services:

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| 1. | Engineer | Gilmore & Associates |
| 2. | Solicitor | Joseph Bresnan, Esq. (Dischell, Bartle & Dooley) |
| 3. | Building/Plumbing Inspector | Remington & Vernick Engineers |
| 4. | Wastewater Plant Engineer | EEMA, Inc. |
| 5. | Auditing Firm | Zelenkofske-Axelrod LLC |
| 6. | Pension Actuary | Duda Actuarial Consulting |
| 7. | Borough Depositing of Funds | Ambler Savings Bank |

Notification by Council President for Council Members to inform the Council President regarding their interests in serving on the following Committees:

- *Finance and Planning*
- *Public Safety Committee*
- *Public Utilities Committee*
- *Parks and Recreation*
- *Salary and Personnel*

Other Notifications as determined by the Council President

Adjournment (Committee Meeting to Follow)

*The regular monthly Council Meeting will be held Tuesday,
January 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.*



BOROUGH OF AMBLER COMMITTEE MEETING

**All matters that are deliberated could result in a vote
to take official action.**

Reorganization Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Committee Meeting to Follow

January 3, 2022

Finance & Planning Committee

January 3, 2022

Nellie Agnes Forst - Chair

Erin McKenna Endicott

Haley Welch

Karen Sheedy

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Borough Engineer's report will be provided.

Public Safety Committee

January 3, 2022

Erin McKenna Endicott - Chair

Glynnis Siskind

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

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

Borough of Ambler Code Enforcement Report for December 2021

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Building	13	16	21	23	19	12	18	10	20	13	24	6	195
Dumpster	3	0	6	4	0	5	5	6	1	0	0	0	30
Fire	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Mechanical	3	1	5	8	3	1	6	5	2	8	9	4	55
Plumbing	6	1	6	7	0	5	6	2	2	4	7	3	49
Road Opening	1	1	1	1	40**	1	2	4	0	2	2	3	58
Use and Occupancy	0	2	2	2	2	3	0	3	0	1	1	2	18
Vendor Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zoning	5	1	5	8	5	8	0	4	2	4	2	6	46
Rental Inspections	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	9	28	0	176	243
TOTALS	31	22	47	55	70	36	37	34	37	60	45	200	702

* The Borough Bi-Annual Rental Inspection Program was temporarily paused in early March 2020 due to COVID-19 inspection notices will start be sent out in August

**May Road Opening Permits number associated with the ongoing PECO service upgrades throughout the Borough

Public Utilities Committee

January 3, 2022

Glynnis Siskind – Chair

Haley Welch

Jen Henderson

Karen Sheedy

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.

2. **HYDRANT FLUSHING**

Water Department has completed hydrant flushing for the season.

3. **MIRIA GRANT WELLS 2, 6 & 7 ACTIVITY**

The awarded contractor is working on the Loch Alsh Wells pipeline replacement project.

4. **KNIGHT ROAD WATER MAIN PROJECT**

The water main replacement on Knight Road is nearing completion and is in the process of being blacktopped with final overlay weather dependent.

Parks & Recreation Committee

January 3, 2022

Erin McKenna Endicott

Nellie Agnes Forst

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING**

The next Community Garden meeting will be announced.

2. **ORDINANCE 1126 – SINGLE USE PLASTICS**

A Public Hearing will be held at the January Council Meeting to receive public comment on proposed Ordinance 1126 placing limitations or prohibitions on the use of certain plastics. (**attached**)

3. **RED TAIL CONTRACT**

Our current contract for restoration and forest management at Ambler Borough Park is up for renewal. A proposal is **attached**.

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1126

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADDING A NEW PART 9 TO CHAPTER 13, "LICENSES, PERMITS, AND GENERAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS", SUCH NEW PART 9 ENTITLED "LIMITATION ON THE USE OF CERTAIN PLASTICS"; PROHIBITING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE USE PLASTICS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF FOOD AND MERCHANDISE, INCLUDING CARRYOUT BAGS, STYROFOAM AND POLYSTYRENE FOAM CONTAINERS, AND PLASTIC STRAWS; LIMITING THE COST OF RECYCLABLE BAGS AND CONTAINERS TO TEN CENTS PER ITEM; EFFECTIVE SIX MONTHS AFTER ADOPTION; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

In the interests of public and environmental safety, and recognizing single use plastics as a threat to the environment, the Ambler Borough Council does hereby ORDAIN as follows:

The Borough codified ordinances are amended by the addition of a new Chapter 13 in Part 9 (Licenses, Permits and General Business Regulations) such new Part 9 entitled "Limitation on the Use of Certain Plastics", and such Part to provide as follows:

9-1. Definitions.

Business or Store: Every establishment that provides single use plastics in connection with the retail sale of goods and products to customers. Includes, but is not limited to grocery stores, farmers markets, convenience stores, clothing stores and food service establishments.

Food Service Establishment: Any establishment serving made-to-order food or beverages for eating-in, takeout, or delivery.

Goods and Products: Items that are prepared and made to be sold, including, but not limited to, clothing, groceries, prepared food, beverages, merchandise, books, jewelry, alcohol, tobacco products, toys, and any and all other things and items sold at retail by businesses and stores.

Retail: The sale of goods and products directly to consumers.

Reusable Bag: A bag that is designed and manufactured to withstand repeated uses over a period of time, is machine washable or made from a material that can be cleaned and disinfected regularly, is at least 2.25

mil thick if made from plastic, has a minimum lifetime of 75 uses, and is capable of carrying a minimum of 18 pounds.

Single-Use, Plastic Carryout Bag: A bag, sheet or receptacle produced or manufactured from material commonly known as "plastic" or "polyethylene" and which is provided at the check-out stand, cash register, point of sale, or other point of departure for the purpose of transporting goods or products out of the establishment.

A" Single -Use Plastic Carry-Out bag shall not include:

- i. Bags used only for moving items within the store such as to the checkout area;
- ii. Laundry or dry cleaning bags;
- iii. Newspaper bags;
- iv. Bags used to wrap meat, fish, or frozen foods to prevent the escape of moisture;
- v. A non-handled bag used to protect items from contamination by other items;
- vi. Bags distributed by the state or federal government.

9-2. Conduct Prohibited.

It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any business located within the Borough to provide or make available single use plastic carry out bags, Styrofoam and polystyrene foam containers, and plastic drinking straws to customers or the general public in connection with the sale of products and goods, except, however, that plastic straws may be supplied without violating this ordinance when the customer makes a request for a plastic straw.

It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any business located within the Borough to fail to make available to customers some reusable or recyclable bag or box for the transport of purchased items, and, where plastic straws are provided, it is a violation to not also provide a recyclable or reusable alternative.

It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any business located within the Borough to charge more than ten cents per bag for any recyclable bag or other container.

Liability for violations of this ordinance shall rest with the owner of the business in which the violation occurs, regardless whether such owner was involved in supplying the single use plastics to customers at the time a violation is discovered.

9-3. Penalty for Violation.

Violations of this ordinance are quasi-criminal summary offenses and may be investigated and prosecuted by the Borough Code Enforcement Officer in the same manner as other summary offenses. The penalty for violation is one hundred dollars for the first offense, two hundred dollars for the second offense by the same defendant and five hundred dollars for each violation thereafter. The Borough possesses all rights in law and equity to obtain a court order to enjoin continuing violations.

9-4. Severability.

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

9-5. Effective.

This ordinance is effective on the first day of the six month following the month in which it is adopted.

SO ORDAINED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

Attest: _____

**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 wildlife habitat 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 \$40.00 per hour plus preapproved material costs. Red Tail Restoration will provide up to _____ hours of service over the course of one year beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. 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

January 3, 2022

Glynnis Siskind

Nellie Agnes Forst

Jen Henderson

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Daniel Hart was hired as the Maintenance Repairman.
2. The Police Chief's contract was received. A recommendation is requested to approve the contract.

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2021, MEETING

The Regular October Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania, and Chairman Robert Lagreca presided.

ROLL CALL: Present: Anthony Giannetti, Carissa Hazelton, Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, Peter Amento and Robert Lagreca. Also in attendance: Glenn Kucher, Borough Code Enforcement Officer, and Michael Lowrey, Montgomery County Planner

David Kralle and Al Comly were excused. James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, was also excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2021, seconded by Carissa Hazelton. Motion carried unanimously.

The next two meetings for November and December of 2021 are scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2021, and Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS:

Input is requested to explore ways to preserve Ambler's historic resources.

No action was taken on any particular aspect of preservation yet. There are many ways to approach any intended preservation in Ambler. Below are initial considerations which were discussed.

1. What are we trying to achieve
 - Maintain scale and character of existing buildings
 - Guide compatible infill and new construction
 - Preserve distinctive features or materials
 - Acknowledge important places, groups, and stories
 - Encourage sensitive adaption
 - Encourage revitalization
 - Prevent or discourage demolition

2. What types of changes are we trying to manage?
 - Demolition
 - New Construction
 - Major Alterations
 - Features and Materials
 - Setting and Landscape

3. What scale are we hoping to impact?
 - Individual buildings
 - Neighborhoods and corridors
 - Both

There was discussion concerning particular properties as outlined in our Open Space and Comprehensive Plan Updates. Research should be undertaken to insure that each of the

properties has authentic history and that the location of each is correctly identified. Are we identifying a property because of age, architectural significance or its history? Before conditions and/or restrictions can be explored, initial intentions and goals need to be identified and agreed upon. We recognize that undertaking this task could result in a year or more of work.

Input requested to create a conceptual plan incorporating identified community needs and improvements for each park in the Borough to be used as part of a larger Master Park Plan. The survey is still up and the results are expected to be tallied and ready for discussion at the November or December meeting. The suggested additions to the parks will be prioritized and cost estimates will be presented for discussion and recommendation to Council. The Borough and County tax bill has a separate line item for a millage rate to generate tax dollars to be budgeted only for improvements and maintenance of our Borough parks. We expect to discuss scheduling a public meeting to review survey results and recommendations for additions, changes and/or enhancements proposed.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR NOVEMBER AND FUTURE MEETINGS

Further work on a conceptual plan incorporating identified community needs and improvements for each park in the Borough and proposed App for information regarding our parks for users of the park to download to assist them in using our parks to their full potential. Review survey responses.

Discussion on historic preservation intentions and goals.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion at 8:10 seconded by Peter Amento to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Ann DiPietro
Recording Secretary,
AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION