



BOROUGH OF AMBLER COMMITTEE MEETING

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

June 7 , 2022

Finance & Planning Committee

June 7, 2022

Nellie Forst - Chair

Frank DeRuosi

Karen Sheedy

Lisa Auerbach

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Borough Engineer's report is attached.

2. HISTORIC DEMOLITION DELAY ORDINANCE

The Borough Planning Commission with assistance from the Montgomery County Planning Commission have provided draft ordinance language which would require prerequisites to the demolition of any building built before 1935, provide criteria for historic significance, provide penalties for violations, and require a hearing before the Planning Commission providing a 90-day waiting period for demolition of Historic Buildings, alternatives to demolition and recommendations for possible reuse of the Historic Building may be suggested to the applicant by the Planning Commission and/or Ambler Borough Council. (attached)

3. AMBLER MAIN STREET

Main Street Manager Liz Kunzier will provide an update to Council.

4. CULVERT REPAIR

The culvert replacement on Lindenwold was uploaded to PennBid for advertisement. Bid opening will be June 14 at 10am.

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Project No.	Project Name	Status
Borough Engineer		
2003-0122-01	Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit	2021 Annual Status Report submitted to PADEP 9/30/21. Next Annual Status Report due 9/30/22 for period 7/1/21 thru 6/30/22. PADEP review of TMDL/PRP received 5/28/21. Preparation of response underway
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Revised Safety Report, ADA, Traffic, DM-3 (plans presentation), and Environmental Report Re-Evaluation approved by PADOT. Revised construction submission made to DVRPC. Utility submission coordination with DVRPC underway.
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. Review of amended Village Green provided 4/22/22.
2014-12015	St. Mary's Villa Residential Redevelopment - TIS	UDI provided Bethlehem/Lindenwold signal concept plans for review on 7/2/21 and were discussed with UDI on 7/22/21. UDI & Ambler coordinating with owner of 98 S Bethlehem & 359 Lindenwold.
2017-01010-01	Ambler Pocket Park - Ambler Square	SOM 9/21/2021. EOM 3/22/2023.
2020-07089	90 W. Butler Ave	Construction complete. Punch list items to be addressed by applicant.
2021-01010-01	Tannery Run Repairs	Sections of Tannery Run culvert at 57 E Butler and 205 E Butler being assessed for repairs. Recommendation will be provided. CMPA replacement at 205 E Butler currently advertised for bids. Bid opening 6/14/22.
2021-03028	Lakeview Development 5-9 N. Maple Ave.	Pre-application meeting held with developer on 3/5/2021. Sketch plan review provided 7/21/2021 and discussed at July PC meeting. Review of preliminary/final plans underway. Awaiting draft ZO text amendment.
2021-04048	Edgewood Dr - PA Small Water & Sewer Program Grant Implementation	Slope protection work completed. Preparation of plans and specification for storm sewer project underway.
2022-01010	2022 Ambler Borough General Engineering Services	Application for Local Share Program for pedestrian improvements along Hendricks and Mount Pleasant submitted 3/13/22.
2022-03102	Ambler 2022 Paving	2022 paving project to be prepared for public bid. Survey for design of curb ramps underway.
2022-05006	25 N Ridge - Colony Club LD Review	Engineer review of land development application provided 5/16/22. PC recommended conditional approval at 5/24/22 meeting.
2022-05007	24 & 26 N Ridge - John's Court	Engineer review of land development application provided 5/16/22. PC recommended conditional approval at 5/24/22 meeting.
Sewer Engineer		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is complete; testing remains.
2022-01041	Chapter 94 Report	Sewer collection system report prepared and transmitted to EEMA on 2/23/22.
2022-01050	2022 Ambler Borough General Sewer Services	Ongoing
Water Engineer		

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Project No.	Project Name	Status
Water Engineer		
2012-10043	Loch Aish Dam Annual Inspections	Report submitted to PADEP on 12/20/21.
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water main is tested/complete.
2013-02073	Loch Aish Emergency Action Plan	Hydrologic & hydraulic analysis and inundation map revisions completed by Princeton Hydro (PH) per report letter dated 4/12/21. Emergency Action Plan (EAP) updated per PH report and for administrative changes. PH report and updated EAP transmitted to Borough for review on 4/23/21. Borough obtained required agencies' signatures. EAP uploaded to CEMPlanner website on 6/21/21 for PADEP & PEMMA review. EAP to be distributed to necessary agencies upon acceptance by PADEP & PEMMA.
2018-01154	Gwynedd Walk (LGT)	Water main construction and testing complete. 18 month maintenance period complete. Acceptable water as-built plan received 9/13/21, and final inspection conducted by Water Dept. Solicitor preparing documents for acceptance of water system by Ambler Borough.
2018-01171	Mattison Estates (UDT)	Water construction and testing complete. 18 month maintenance period began 7/1/20. Assisting Ambler staff with construction concerns and project documentation. Maintenance Bond extended to 3/31/22 based on observed water service leaks and concerns with construction of water facilities. Water as-built plans received 4/25/22 and under review.
2019-01169-01	Butler Pike Water Main Replacement	Project complete. Final payment recommended 5/20/21. 18 month maintenance period began 5/12/21.
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. Contract 21-01: Wells 2, 6 & 7 Water Mains awarded to KBC Construction on 8/18/21. Pre-construction meeting held and Notice to Proceed issued 9/29/21. Construction began 10/4/21 and is complete. Change Order processed for change in main size, pipe purchase credit, and extension of new main on Loch Aish Ave. Final payment recommended 3/2/22. 18 month maintenance period began 2/4/22. Proposal reviewed and recommendations sent to Ambler staff for removal, inspection, incineration and replacement of carbon at both Whitemarsh treatment vessels. Provided recommendations for inspection of interior of GAC vessels during carbon changeout. Reviewed and tabulated October 2021 quarterly PFAS samples for all sources and tanks. Reviewed PA DEP proposed PFAS MCL Rule and provided summary of proposed regulation to Ambler staff.
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. Report of test results submitted to DEP on 3/18/21. Permit issued by DEP on 3/24/21. Reviewing follow-up comments received 7/14/21 from PA DEP regarding Filter Plant Performance Evaluation.

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Water Engineer		
2020-06138	Wells 2, 6, and 7 PFAS Treatment System	\$1,000,000 grant awarded by PADEP. Survey complete and engineering design underway. PA DEP PWS Permit issued 3/28/22. PA DEP Sewage Planning approval received 3/24/22. Comments received 9/30/21 from BCWSA re: sewer lateral required for backwash discharge from proposed treatment facility. Virtual meeting with BCWSA representatives in December to discuss requirements for discharge of backwash water. Plans revised to connect to sewer in Loch Alsh Ave. Sewer capacity certification letter dated 1/26/22 issued by BCWSA for three EDUs along with a request for execution of a Reservation of Capacity Agreement. Attended April UDT Planning Commission Mtg. for consideration of request for Waiver of LD. Prepared documents and coordinated with Solicitor for Zoning Application determined by UDT as required for Commissioners to consider LD Waiver request. Preparation of project manual underway with public bidding anticipated in July/August 2022.
2021-04054	2022 MIRIA Grant Program	Assisted Water Dept. with preparation of grant application documents, including budget cost estimate for proposed PFAS treatment system facility at Well 12 or Well 14, carbon changeout at Whitemarsh treatment plant, and 2022 quarterly PFAS sampling and laboratory testing. Reviewed and tabulated January 2022 quarterly PFAS samples for all sources and tanks. Initial field survey and base plan for Well 14 site completed; preliminary design underway; coordinating with PADEP regarding required pilot testing and permitting.
2021-04095	Longfield Farms Development (Whitemarsh Twp)	Plan review letter #3 issued 5/17/22 recommending project approval; water construction escrow recommended per letter dated 5/5/22 for use in developer's agreement.
2021-11068	T-Mobile/Sprint Decommissioning at Broad Axe Tank	Met with Ambler staff and Contractor for T-Mobile on-site to review scope and requirements for removal of equipment. Coordinated with staff and Solicitor regarding insurance requirements; obtained and reviewed Certificates of Insurance from T-Mobile and Contractor. T-Mobile completed physical decommission work at the site.
2022-01040	DRBC Annual Water Audit	Annual water audit completed and submitted to DRBC on 3/31/22.
2022-01049	2022 Ambler Borough General Water 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. Met with Ambler staff on 2/1/22 to review current and proposed capital and grant-funded projects. Coordinating with Ambler staff re: proposed improvements to Wissahickon Park and need for new or upgraded water service for site.
2022-01230	T-Mobile Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank	Plan review #1 issued 3/17/22.
2022-02056	AT&T Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank	Plan review letter #1 issued 2/17/22. Awaiting structural analysis reports for review.
2022-02057	Verizon Upgrades at Broad Axe Tank	Plan review #1 issued 3/2/22.
2022-02095	NWWA Water Purchase Agreement	Meeting held on 2/14/22 between NWWA staff, Ambler staff and G&A to discuss potential interconnection of respective water systems for emergency & permanent uses and wholesale purchase of water. NWWA provided a draft Water Supply Agreement to Ambler on 3/9/22 for review.
2022-02104	AT&T Upgrades at Broad Axe Tank	Plan review #1 issued 3/2/22. Plans resubmitted; awaiting structural analysis reports for review.
2022-04076	Lakeview Development 5-9 N. Maple Ave.	Plan review underway.

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Project No. Project Name

Status

Water Engineer

2022-04096 2023 MIRIA Grant Program

Met with Ambler staff to review scope of work to be included in MIRIA Application. Prepared cost estimate for proposed NWWA interconnection and associated new piping, additional cost associated with Whitemarsh carbon replacement, and 2023 PFAS sampling. Prepared MIRIA Application documents for submission by Borough on May 16, 2022. Consulted with PADEP regarding permitting requirements for new NWWA Interconnection.

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May 24, 2022

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

Re: Historic Building Demolition Ordinance

Dear Ms. Aversa:

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to review a draft Historic Building Demolition Ordinance.

After discussion at several meetings and input from the public, a motion was made to recommend to Council that it approve the May 10, 2022, draft incorporating the County Planner's minor revision and salvage materials language. The vote taken was unanimous in favor of the recommendation.

Notwithstanding this unanimous vote, a minority opinion exists among the Planning Commission Members that this Demolition Delay Ordinance be limited to commercial and business properties within the Downtown Commercial and Commercial Zoning Districts and should not include residential homes.

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

Ambler Buildings by Year Built

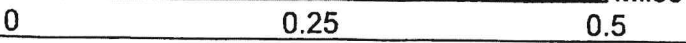


Ambler Buildings

Year Built

- Pre-1910
- 1910's
- 1920's
- 1930's
- 1940's
- 1950's
- 1960 - Current
- No Data

Montgomery County Streets



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This data was derived from the Montgomery County Planning Commission's Building Inventory. The data is provided for informational purposes only and is not intended for use in any other context. The data is subject to change without notice.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____
AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PREREQUISITES TO THE DEMOLITION
OF BUILDINGS DEEMED HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT; PROVIDING
CRITERIA FOR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE; PROVIDING PENALTIES
FOR VIOLATION.**

An ordinance providing for the protection and preservation of Historic Buildings within the Borough of Ambler by discouraging their demolition. This ordinance defines which buildings may be considered historic by the Borough, and creates a review and documentation process for those buildings prior to demolition.

When an application is submitted for a demolition permit for buildings considered Historic, this ordinance requires the Codes Department to notify the Planning Commission so that it may review the proposal. The Codes Department is hereby required to withhold issuing a demolition permit until a 90 calendar day waiting period has passed since the date of the first Planning Commission meeting after the submittal of the application for a demolition permit.

During the 90-day waiting period for demolition of Historic Buildings, alternatives to demolition and recommendations for possible reuse of the Historic Building may be suggested to the applicant by the Planning Commission and/or Ambler Borough Council. If after the 90-day period the Codes Department approves the demolition of the Historic Building, demolition of the Historic Building shall not commence until the building has been documented in conformance with standards defined in this ordinance.

§27-202. Definition of Terms

The following definitions shall be added to this section:

Demolition – The razing or destruction of at least 50 percent of the exterior of a building, or the razing or destruction of at least 75 percent of the front façade of a building. Demolition includes the removal of a building from its original foundation. Demolition does not include replacement of windows, doors, or other façade elements with in-kind materials.

Historic Building - A building designated by the Borough of Ambler as historic. (See Article 3. Of this Part.)

Public Way - Any street, alley, sidewalk or similar place essentially unobstructed from the ground to the sky to which the general public is typically allowed access, including private streets and alleys.

Article 1. Legal Authorization

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Pursuant to authority contained in the Act of 1968, Public Law 805, No. 247, as enacted and amended, known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (sections 603, 604, and 605), the Borough of Ambler shall hereby create an ordinance in order to promote, protect, and facilitate the preservation of areas of historic significance and to preserve the historic values in the environment.

Article 2. Purpose and Intent

1. Pursuant to Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution which states that: “The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic values of the environment.” It is the purpose and intent of the Borough of Ambler to preserve and protect buildings of historic value that exist within the Borough. The Borough of Ambler has many Historic Buildings worthy of preservation that tell the story of the Borough. Preservation of these Historic Buildings is in the best interest of the health, prosperity and welfare of the people of the Borough of Ambler by enhancing property values, improving aesthetics of the built and natural environment, and creating the potential for heritage tourism.
2. The purpose of implementing a waiting period before a demolition permit is issued is to allow time to formulate options for reuse of the structure or alternatives to its demolition, which can be suggested to the building owner as a way of preserving the historic building(s).
3. The purpose of documenting Historic Buildings in the Borough of Ambler is to provide architects, engineers, scholars, preservationists, and interested members of the public with information on the historical, architectural, technological, or cultural significance of a building. Placed on permanent deposit with the Codes Department, the historic documentation will serve as a permanent record of the growth and development of the Borough’s built environment.
4. With this ordinance, the Borough wishes to recognize that The Keasbey and Mattison Company was integral to the development of the Borough of Ambler both by constructing buildings and by participating in the initial incorporation of the Borough. The Keasbey and Mattison Company left a historical and architectural legacy the Borough wishes to preserve. The development of the Borough during the time that the Keasbey and Mattison Company operated in the Borough was the primary period of formation of Ambler’s architecture and neighborhoods. Keasbey and Mattison Company was active in the Borough of Ambler until 1934. The period of first permanent settlement through 1934 in Ambler is considered the Borough’s period of historically significant development.

Article 3. Applicability.

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1. The Demolition Delay provisions of this Part shall apply to all Historic Buildings in the Borough of Ambler. Any building meeting all of the following criteria shall be considered a Historic Building in the Borough of Ambler:
 - a. Historic Buildings are only those that can be seen from the Public Way, regardless of landscaping.
 - b. Historic Buildings must be the Principal Buildings on a lot. Accessory Buildings shall not be considered Historic Buildings.
 - c. Historic Buildings are those that were initially constructed prior to 1935, during the period of historically significant development.

Article 4. Procedure for Review of Application for Permit to Demolish a Historic Building

A. Duties of Codes Department –

1. Upon receipt of a complete application to demolish a Historic Building, the Codes Department shall inform the Planning Commission such a permit has been requested, and shall specify the address and the location on lot of the building proposed for demolition.
2. The Codes Department shall also inform Borough Council of the request for demolition. Council may choose to review the permit if it desires.
3. The Codes Department shall follow all of the same requirements for public notification as are required by Zoning Hearing Board applications. (See Chapter 27: Zoning, Part 23: Zoning Hearing Board.)
4. The Codes Department shall not issue a demolition permit until
 - a) 90 calendar days have passed after the date of the Planning Commission meeting at which the demolition permit application was reviewed (unless Borough Council approves a shorter delay time – see §B.3 below),
 - b) the steps outlined in **Article 5: Documentation of Historic Buildings** have been followed by the applicant, and
 - c) a preliminary land development plan (if required by the proposed project) has been approved by Borough Council.

B. Duties of Planning Commission - Upon receipt of notice from the Codes Department that a demolition application has been received for a specific Historic Building, the Planning Commission shall take the following actions:

1. Review the proposed demolition. At a duly advertised Public Meeting, the Planning Commission shall review the application for demolition as submitted to the Borough. At the meeting, the Planning Commission may suggest alternatives to demolition such as adaptive reuse of the building to the applicant. These suggestions shall not be binding.
2. The Planning Commission may recommend that Borough Council also review the application for demolition.

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3. The Planning Commission may recommend early termination of the 90-day delay period to Borough Council. If Borough Council decides to approve a shorter delay period, the Codes Department may use that shorter number of days of delay.

Article 5. Documentation of Historic Buildings

- A. In cases where the applicant still desires a demolition permit for a Historic Building after the public meeting is held with the Planning Commission, the applicant or a party retained by the applicant shall document the Historic Building in conformance with the standards specified below.
 1. Photograph(s) - The applicant shall provide clear, color photographic images of the exterior and interior views of the Historic Building, or shall arrange for the Borough Code Enforcement Officer (or Officer's designee) to take the photographs. The photographs shall be taken in such a way as to provide a general sense of perspective. This can be accomplished by taking photographs from various angles and by taking photographs of all sides of the building. Photographs shall be provided in an electronic format that is acceptable to the Borough.
 2. Plan or Map – The applicant shall provide a floor plan. This plan does not have to be to exact scale, but features shall be shown in proper relation and proportion to one another.
 3. Short Historical Report – The applicant shall provide a short narrative report including dates of construction, additions, and major alterations as applicable. The report shall also include descriptions of any historical features that did not appear in the submitted photographs. A copy of the deed or other documentation of the building's age, if available, shall be provided.
 4. If the Borough determines that the materials submitted are not adequate for documentation purposes, the Borough may require the applicant to engage a qualified architectural historian to prepare the documentation materials as described above.
- B. Once the materials above have been submitted, the Borough shall have 10 business days to review the materials for completeness prior to consideration and review of the demolition permit request. The materials submitted shall be considered complete if the applicant does not hear otherwise from the Borough within 10 business days.
- C. During the demolition process, the applicant is encouraged to salvage or recycle building materials from existing structures being demolished, if feasible. The applicant may offer salvaged building materials to the community for reuse.

Article 6. Enforcement

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- A. No Historic Building shall be demolished, moved, removed, or razed, in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance.
- B. The Codes Department may issue stop work orders for activities proceeding in violation of this ordinance. Such order may remain in effect until such time as the property owner or responsible party has properly obtained an appropriate demolition permit and submitted proper documentation in accordance with this ordinance.
- C. Any and all other permits and approvals issued for the property may also be suspended until the applicant is in compliance with this ordinance.
- D. If a Historic Building is demolished without a permit as described by this ordinance, a fine of \$_____ shall be levied by the Borough of Ambler, plus any other costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the Borough.
- E. If continued work occurs on site without appropriate permits, additional fines of \$_____ per day shall be levied.
- F. No zoning or building permits shall be issued for the property for a period of one year following the date of a demolition that was not in compliance with this ordinance.

Public Safety Committee

June 7, 2022

Jen Henderson- Chair

Erin Endicott

Nellie Forst

Amy Hughes

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1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

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

Borough of Ambler Code Enforcement Report for May 2022

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Building	9	9	19	11	22								70
Dumpster	0	1	3	2	4								10
Fire	0	0	0	1	2								3
Mechanical	4	2	7	2	4								19
Plumbing	6	2	9	3	7								27
Road Opening	1	2	3	2	2								10
Use and Occupancy	0	1	1	2	0								4
Vendor Sales	0	0	0	0	0								0
Zoning	2	0	4	3	4								13
Rental Inspections	1	0	43	84	28								155
TOTALS	22	17	89	110	73								311

* The Borough Bi-Annual Rental Inspection Program was temporarily paused again in late December 2021 due to an increase in COVID-19 cases. The Borough resumed the inspection program in late February.

Water and Highway Monthly Report May 2022

Water Department

Blow Out Curb Box / Street Valve with Air Compressor	1*
Change Meter	11*
Change CU Ft Meter to Gallon Meter	30*
Check Meter Pit for Leak	
Check Report of Possible Water Leak	2*
Deliver New Meter & Couplings to Contractor / Plumber	1*
Deliver Notice of Repairs	
Deliver 24/48/72 Hour Shut Off Notices	2*
Dig and Reset / Replace Curb Box	
Dig and Replace Street Valve	
Exercise Valves	
Final Water Readings	21*
Hose off Water Service	1*
Hydrant repair	2**
Install New Meter/Install New Meter New Construction	4*
Install New Register on Meter (Pit)	
Leaking Cuplink / Washers on Meter	
Leaking Meter	2*
Locate, Clean Out, Mark Curb Box & Exercise Curb Box	4*
Locate Valves & Blow Out	
Low Water Pressure Check	3*
Lower / Raise / Install Curb Box Lid	
Meter Readings	11*
Meter Readings Quarterly Billing	1**
Meter in Reverse	
MetroTech Water Service Line (Locate Curb Stop)	1*
No Water Check	1*
Noisy Meter	
Parking Meter Collections	3*
Parking Meter Repair	1*
Possible Clogged Meter	
Repair/Replace Lid (Curb or Valve)	1*
Repair/Replace Radio Read	11*
Trace Water Service	
Stopped Meter	
Verify Meter is installed Correctly	2*
Verify Service Leak on Customer Side Has Been Repaired	2*
Verify Water is off at Curb	
Water Class	3*
Water Main Break Cove Road	3**
Water Service Leak Borough Side 134 S. Bethlehem	1**
Water Service Leak Borough Side 232 Trinity Ave.	1**
Water Service Leak 1185 Ft. Washington Ave.	1**
Water Shut Offs for Non Payment	3*
Water Shut off - Temporary Request or Emergency	5*
Water Turn On Service	3*
Well Maintenance/Sampling	Daily**
WLPP Application (Inspection needed)	8*

Public Works

Backfill, Tamp & Cold Patch Holes from Water Repairs	
Base Street from Water Repair	
Clean Bathrooms / Breakroom @ Garage	
Clean out Culverts / Inlets	
Clean Dump @ WWTP	

Clean Garage/Shop		
Clean Tools, Pumps & Hoses		
Clean Equipment / Vehicles	1*	
Clean Grounds @ Water Tanks & Wells	1**	
Clean & Organize Water Cage @ Garage		
Cut Grass @ Boro Hall	5*	
Cut Grass @ CVS Alley		
Cut Grass & Weedwack @ 106 Poplar St.	2*	
Cut Grass @ Triangle Reiffs Mill Rd & Tennis		
Cut Grass & Weedwack @ Borough Hall		
Cut Low Hanging Tree Branches Parks & Sidewalks	1*	
Deliver / Pick Up Barricades / Cones	4*	
Deliver New Trash / Recycle Cart	8*	
Equipment Repair / Maintenance	4*	
Form Curb & Sidewalks for Concrete		
Hang Banners on E. Butler Ave - Car Show	1*	
Lawn Restorations		
Leaf Pick Up	1**	
PA One Calls	274	
Paint Crosswalks / Crossbars / Curbs / Parking / Lines	4*	
Park Clean Up / Maintenance	4*	
Playground Maintenance	1*	
Playground Equip. Maintenance		
Pothole Restoration		
Possible Sanitary Sewer Backup	1*	
Prep for Event/Clean Up After Event	2*	
Pull Sidewalk Forms & Fill with Topsoil		
Pull Weeds	4*	
Remove Banners on E. Butler Ave.		
Repair / Rebuild Inlet		
Repair Sinkhole	1**	
Repair Wheels on Recycle / Trash Cart	1*	
Saw Cut Street for Street Restoration		
Sewer Maintenance	1*	
Sewer Solvent in Sewers		
Sidewalk / Curb Restorations		
Sign Maintenance	3*	
Street Sweeper Operator	Daily*	
Street Sweeper Maintenance		
Street Restorations	5*	
Tar Seal Cracks in Parks & Various other Locations		
Trash Removal Butler Ave.	Weekly*	
Trash Removal Parks / Clean Blockhouse's	Weekly*	
Trim Tree Branches around Street Signs	1**	
Vehicle Maintenance		
Employees Hours Off / Days	128	16
Holidays	8	1
Scheduled On-Call Overtime	18 HOURS	
Scheduled Operational Overtime	18 HOURS	
Emergency Overtime-See Finance Manager Report		

*Jobs

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Public Utilities Committee

June 7, 2022

Haley Welch- Chair

Erin Endicott

Karen Sheedy

Amy Hughes

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.

2. **HYDRANT FLUSHING**

Routine system hydrant flushing will be delayed until Whitemarsh is back in service, which has been taken out of service for an involved carbon media filter change.

3. **PFAS SAMPLING RESULTS – APRIL 2022**

The Water Engineer's tabulation of PFAS sampling results from April 2022, along with the average of all past sampling results, is **attached**. All levels continue to be consistent with the average of past sample results. There are no significant increases or decreases at any wells, tanks, or at Whitemarsh. Several wells continue to be close to PA DEP's proposed MCL for PFOA (14 ppt). The spreadsheet has been posted on the Borough website.

**AMBLER WATER SYSTEM PFAS SAMPLE RESULTS
APRIL 2022 SAMPLING**

Well No. or Location	PFOA Average of Past Results (ppt)	PFO5 Average of Past Results (ppt)	PFOA* April 2022 (ppt)	PFO5* April 2022 (ppt)
2	12.5	9.8	12.0	8.8
4	10.8	10.2	9.8	9.5
6	9.7	9.1	10.0	9.3
7	9.3	8.6	9.9	6.9
8	2.3	6.9	ND	6.1
9	11.3	9.6	12.0	9.7
11	9.8	8.2	12.0	9.4
12	7.3	6.3	6.6	5.6
14	7.3	6.9	8.3	8.0
Whitemarsh WTP Raw	7.5	6.6	7.7	6.2
Whitemarsh WTP Treated	8.0	5.7	**	**
Storage Tanks				
Loch Aish Tank	12.5	9.2	12.0	9.4
Broad Axe Tank	8.9	6.3	12.0	9.5
Houston Road Tank	9.1	7.9	8.1	6.7

Notes:

ppt = parts per trillion

** = Not Sampled

Average of Past Results is the average of samples collected in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and January 2022.

April 2022 samples were collected on April 21, 2022 and analyzed by Eurofins Environment Testing Philadelphia - Horsham, PA

*PA DEP adopted a proposed rule - "The Safe Drinking Water PFAS MCL Rule" - in November 2021. The rule proposes an MCL of 14 ppt for PFOA and 18 ppt for PFO5. While all sources are currently testing below the proposed levels, several are near the proposed MCL for PFOA. The proposed rule was subject to a public comment period that closed April 27, 2022. Following public comment, the proposed rule will be reviewed further and potentially revised before a final rule is considered and authorized.

Parks & Recreation Committee

June 7, 2022

Erin Endicott- Chair

Haley Welch

Jen Henderson

Lisa Auerbach

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **SINGLE USE PLASTICS**

A Draft Single Use Plastics SUP ordinance suggesting sample language is **attached**.

2. **YMCA SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION**

Knight Park YMCA Summer camp will run June 21st to July 29th from 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Camp fee is \$50 per child. Registration is being accepted at the YMCA Proof of Ambler Borough residency is required at registration.

3. **JUNETEENTH EVENT**

Ambler and Lower Gwynedd will be having an event on June 18th from 2-4PM at Bethlehem Baptist Church . A contribution of \$650.00 is requested.

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER REGULATING THE COMMERCIAL USE OF SINGLE USE PLASTICS, TO BE CODIFIED AT CHAPTER 13 IN THE BOROUGH CODIFIED ORDINANCES AS A NEW PART 9 THEREOF; DEFINING PLASTICS THAT ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ORDINANCE; PROHIBITING THE USE OF CERTAIN PLASTICS BY RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS PROVIDING PACKAGING TO CUSTOMERS; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS AND A MECHANISM FOR ALLOWING HARDSHIP CLAIMS; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; INCLUDING SAVINGS AND REPEALER CLAUSES; EFFECTIVE ON THE EARLIEST APPLICABLE DATE SET FORTH IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH CODE RELATING TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, Ambler Borough Council, in connection with its consideration and adoption of ordinances that are consistent with the health, safety and welfare of Borough citizens and visitors, finds that:

- a. The use of single-use plastic bags, expanded polystyrene food service products, and single-use plastic utensils have severe environmental impacts, the type and manner of which have been well documented and scientifically demonstrated;
- b. Only a tiny percentage of these products are successfully recycled;
- c. Single-use plastics are widely used throughout the Borough;
- d. Regulating the use of single-use plastics in the manner set forth in this ordinance has been demonstrated elsewhere to reduce their use by regulated businesses;
- e. The regulation of single-use plastics is consistent with the Environmental Rights Amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution in addition to the Borough's general authority to regulate businesses within the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE, Ambler Borough Council hereby ORDAINS as follows:

There shall be added to the Ambler Codified Ordinances, at Chapter 13, a new part 9 entitled "Single-Use Plastics", and the content of which is as follows:

901. Definitions.

Exempted Bag. The use of an exempted bag is not a violation of this ordinance. An exempted

bag:

- (a) is used inside a retail establishment by a customer to deliver perishable items to the point of-sale at that establishment (checkout); or
- (b) is used:
 - (i) to package bulk items such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, or candy;
 - (ii) to contain or wrap meats or fish; to contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods;
 - (iii) to contain live animals, such as fish or insects sold in a pet store; or
- (c) is sold in packaging containing multiple bags and packaged at the time of manufacture of the bag; or
- (d) is a ~~recycled~~ paper bag offered to the customer at the point of sale for \$0.15 or more and shown as a separate charge on the purchase receipt; or
- (e) is a reusable carryout bag offered to the customer at the point of sale for \$0.15 or more and shown as a separate charge on the purchase receipt. A reusable carryout bag is made of polypropylene plastic or a machine washable fabric (examples: nylon, cloth, hemp), and has stitched or otherwise reinforced handles.

Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Product. A foam-based form of plastic packaging made from styrene including containers or plates for food, beverage cups, trays, and clamshell-style packaging, often referred to by the trademarked name Styrofoam. In the event of a dispute over a particular form of packaging and whether it is regulated by this ordinance, the definition set forth in footnote 1 of this ordinance is controlling.

Packaging that is not regulated by this ordinance is:

- (a) food or beverages that have been packaged in expanded polystyrene outside the borough before receipt by a food service establishment or store;
- (b) a product made of expanded polystyrene that is used to package raw, uncooked, or butchered meat, fish, poultry, or seafood; or
- (c) non-foam polystyrene food service products.

Retail Establishment. A temporary or permanent location in the Borough where food or other products are offered to the public for direct sale or delivery to a customer, including but not limited to the following: supermarket, convenience store, service station, delicatessen, department store, dollar store, clothing store, restaurant, pharmacy, food truck, farmers' market, festival or delivery service, but not including drycleaners.

~~Recycled Paper Bag. A paper bag that meets the following, but not including an Exempted Bag:~~

- ~~(a) contains no old growth fiber;~~
- ~~(b) contains a minimum of 40% post-consumer recycled content; and~~
- ~~(c) is labeled in a highly visible manner with the name of the manufacturer and the percentage of post-consumer recycled content of the bag in an easy-to-read font size.~~

~~Reusable carryout bag. A carryout bag that is designed and manufactured for multiple uses~~

~~article~~

- ~~(a) made of cloth or other machine-washable fabric that has stitched handles or~~
- ~~(b) a polypropylene bag that has stitched handles.~~

Single-use Plastic Bag. A bag made through a blown-film extrusion process, but not including an Exempted Bag.

Single-Use Plastic ~~Devices Utensil~~

- ~~(a) means any item used or provided by a Retail Establishment to serve, consume, garnish or manipulate food or beverages that is primarily made from Plastic; except, however, that this ordinance shall not apply to forks, spoons, sporks, knives, and chopsticks;~~
- ~~(b) includes but is not limited to straws, forks, spoons, sporks, knives, chopsticks, drink stirrers, beverage spill plugs, toothpicks, novelty cocktail accessories, and other drink or food accoutrements.~~
- ~~(c) shall not include Utensils, devices provided under the following circumstances:~~
 - ~~(i.) When packaged with beverages prepared and packaged outside of the Borough, provided such beverages are not altered, packaged or repackaged within the Borough; and~~
 - ~~(ii.) When provided as an assistance device to reasonably accommodate a disability.~~

Single-Use Plastics. A form of disposable packaging made from fossil-fuel based chemicals and which is intended to be disposed of immediately after use. Examples include bags, straws and utensils. In the event of any dispute over the nature of the packaging supplied by a Borough business, the technical definition of plastic set forth in footnote 2 shall control.

902. Prohibited Uses of Single-Use Plastics and Polystyrene.

Beginning on the ~~99th-180th~~ day after this ordinance is effective, or February 1, 2023, whichever date is later. Retail Establishments are prohibited from:

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1. Providing any of the following to a customer either directly at the establishment or through a delivery from the establishment to a destination selected by the customer:
 - a. A single-use plastic bag that is not an exempted bag;
 - b. A non-recycled paper bag that is not an exempted bag;
 - c. An expanded polystyrene food service product;
 - d. A single-use plastic utensil unless requested by the customer.

For purposes of this ordinance, a Retail Establishment provides regulated products to a

customer when the package is handed to the customer by any owner, employee or volunteer of the establishment, or, where the prohibited packaging is made available to the customer for his or her own use or self-packaging.

903. Penalties for Violation

A retail establishment that violates the requirements of this subchapter is subject to a civil penalty, plus court costs, as follows:

- (a) \$50.00 for a first offense;
- (b) \$100.00 for a second offense;
- (c) \$An amount not to exceed \$600.00, as determined by the court, for all subsequent offenses.

(2) Each day in which the retail establishment violates this ordinance constitutes a separate offense.

(3) In addition to the penalties set forth in this Chapter, the Borough of Ambler may seek legal, injunctive, or other equitable relief to enforce this Chapter.

(4) The failure of the Borough of Ambler to enforce any provision of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the Borough of Ambler of its rights to future enforcement hereunder.

~~904. Signs. (NYTC: I do not recall where consensus was on signage. Omit?)~~

~~Each retail establishment will post signage for 180 days after the first day of enforcement of this ordinance, advising customers at the point of sale that single-use plastics are prohibited. Ambler Borough will make signs available for posting if desired by the retail establishment.~~

~~905~~904. Hardships

Borough Council may, upon written request of a retail establishment, temporarily exempt it from the requirements of this ordinance if Borough Council finds that enforcement would cause undue hardship to the retail establishment. In granting any such temporary exemption, Council shall also state the duration of such exemption.

A finding of undue hardship may be based on one of the following:

- a. The commercial establishment has a unique circumstance or situation such that there are no reasonable alternatives to single-use plastic carry-out bags or single-use plastic straws;
- b. Compliance with the requirements of this article would deprive a commercial establishment of a legally protected right;

- c. Additional time is necessary in order to draw down an existing inventory of single-use plastic carry-out bags or single-use plastic straws.

~~096905~~. Severance. Repealer. Effective date.

If any portion of this ordinance is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then to the extent possible such invalid portion shall be severed from the remainder, which shall continue in full force and effect.

Any portion of any existing Borough ordinance which is inconsistent with any provision herein is, to the extent of such inconsistency, repealed.

This ordinance is effective on the earliest of the following:

- a. The date when the mayor approves it;
- b. The date of enactment by council over the mayor's veto;
- c. For an ordinance not returned by the mayor at the next scheduled meeting of council occurring at least ten days after the meeting at which the ordinance was enacted, the date of the succeeding scheduled meeting of council.

SO ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Glynnis Siskind, Council President

Attest: _____
Mary Aversa, Council Secretary

Approved: _____
Jeanne Sorg, Mayor

FN . For purposes of this ordinance, "expanded polystyrene" means blown polystyrene and expanded and extruded foams that are thermoplastic petrochemical materials utilizing a styrene monomer and processed by a number of techniques, including: fusion of polymer spheres, known as expandable bead 20 polystyrene; injection molding; foam molding; and extrusion-blow molding, also known as extruded foam polystyrene.

FN 2. For purposes of this ordinance, "plastic" means a synthetic material made from linking monomers through a chemical reaction to create a polymer chain that can be molded or extruded at high heat into various solid forms that retain their defined shapes during their life cycle and after disposal, including material derived from either petrochemicals or a biologically based polymer, such as corn or other plant sources.

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Salary & Personnel Committee

June 7 , 2022

Frank DeRuosi- Chair

Haley Welch

Nellie Forst

Jen Henderson

OLD BUSINESS

1. Stephen Welsh was hired for the vacant water department position.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **CIVIL SERVICE VACANCY**

Resumes are being accepted for vacant civil service position.

2. **POLICE TESTING**

Authorization is requested to start the testing for a new patrol officer.

3. **WATER DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Authorization is requested to advertise for the vacant position.

4. **EAC VACANCY**

A recommendation to appoint Kirsten Puskar to the vacant EAC position is requested.

Recommendations

Parks & Recreation Committee

1. A contribution of \$650.00 is requested for the Juneteenth event.