



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

April 19, 2022

7:00 p.m.

*April 19th Volunteer appreciation reception
at 6:30pm*

**Minutes for Consideration:
March 15, 2022**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:
FINANCE & PLANNING
PUBLIC SAFETY
PUBLIC UTILITIES
PARKS & RECREATION
SALARY & PERSONNEL**

Finance and Planning Committee

April 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Committee Members Nellie Agnes Forst– Chair, Frank DeRuosi, Karen Sheedy, and Lisa Auerbach. Absent: Karen Sheedy and Mayor Sorg

The Committee will consider the following recommendation:

1. That the March Bills be paid in the amount of \$903,945.14.

#	Fund	March 1st Run	March 2nd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	91,616.12	135,316.87	226,932.99
2	STREET LGTS	445.45	3,453.95	3,899.40
3	FIRE	-	988.14	988.14
4	REFUSE	49,513.88	8,781.03	58,294.91
5	PARKS & REC	1,221.67	6,603.47	7,825.14
6	WATER	87,933.62	80,728.58	168,662.20
8	SEWER	4,082.68	15,309.64	19,392.32
9	WWTP	99,263.28	99,074.72	198,338.00
35	LIQUID FUELS	3,822.94	629.56	4,452.50
30	Water Capital	110,520.12	104,639.42	215,159.54
TOTALS		448,419.76	455,525.38	903,945.14
VOID CHECKS				-
GRAND TOTAL		448,419.76	455,525.38	903,945.14

2. The Borough Solicitor has requested authorization to amend the Sign Ordinance to clarify the definition of architectural elements and other inconsistencies. Proposed revisions will be sent to the Planning Commission for consideration. (**attached**)

The following business was discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was provided.

2. Staff is working with the Borough Engineer to prepare the paving bid for this year.
3. The Borough Auditors will be at the Council meeting to present the 2021 Audit.

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m: Joseph Bresnan <jbresnan@bresnanlaw.com>
fr: Friday, April 1, 2022 10:29 AM
Glenn Kucher
Mary Aversa
Subject: Sign Ordinance Committee meeting info
Attachments: Tab 4 - Sign Renderings.pdf

Here is the issue we noticed in the ordinance that needs a little bit of work.

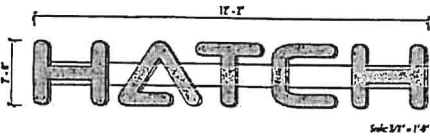
Wall sign that is flush to the building can only be 5 square feet per ordinance 2007.C(1)(c). However, per the next section, 2007.C(1)(d), it can be 50 square feet or 15% of the wall area if it is “part of the architectural design of the building”. Those of us who recently looked at this are not sure what that phrase means. In the definitions, section 2003, an architectural element is defined as a “flush wall sign or projecting wall sign that appears as an architectural element of the building and has a sign appropriate to/compatible with the architectural character” of the building. I am not sure what an architectural element is, but this definition makes it sound like the sign itself can be an architectural element. Meanwhile, in 2007.C(1)(d), it looks as though it is a sign that is incorporated into some architectural element of the building itself.

Attached to this email is a new sign in town that is either up already, or will be soon. It is the company’s logo sized to fit in the gap of space between the windows and the roof, and the color is complimentary to the panels on the building. Is it an architectural element sign? It does seem to further the overall look and feel of the building in a consistent way. However, it is not a part of any architectural element on the building.

It seems like most modern signage is an architectural element as opposed to an old school rectangle with the name of the company and three 60 watt light bulbs inside of it. Bottom Dollar, Ambler Savings, and CVS were all processed by staff as architectural element signs. It would appear we need a more specific and up to date definition of architectural wall sign, and maybe just require that any sign mounted to the building be such, other than exempt directional signs etc.

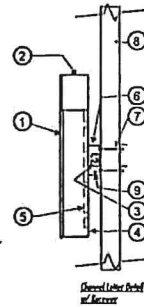
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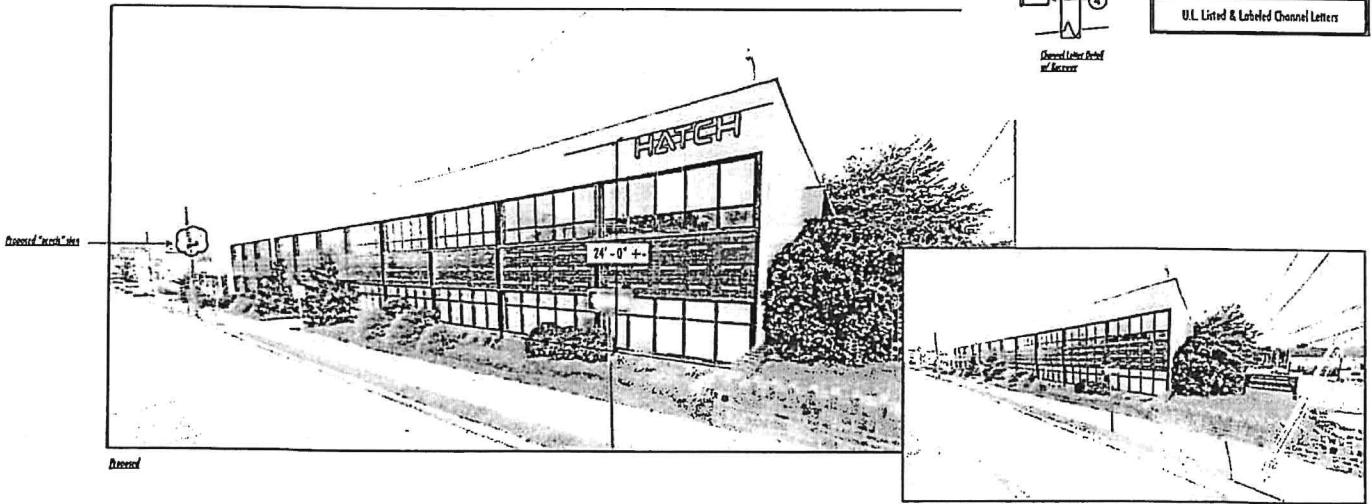
24.5 Sq.Ft. Internally Illuminated Recreary Mounted Perforated Channel Letters

- 4" deep aluminum fabricated channel letter
- 1/2" 2447 pocket rivet head
- 3/4" translucent blue 3739 (Black Orange V017179 fabricated to 206 55341539 diffusing film)
- 1/2" 2" aluminum fabricated recovery
- all exterior surface primed and painted of black-coat acrylic polyurethane finish (white finish)
- Blue 3000K (warm white) 24x Prime Deluxer LED modules powered by Universal 24x 120v-277v power supply



Legend	
1	1/2" thick 2447 face of steel rivet
2	1/2" 2447 aluminum rivet
3	Universal 24x 120v-277v power supply
4	3/4" translucent blue 3739 (warm white) 24x Prime Deluxer LED module
5	Blue 3000K (warm white) 24x Prime Deluxer LED module
6	1/2" 2" aluminum fabricated recovery primed and painted to match finish of channel letter
7	polyurethane paint system (white finish)
8	2.5" dia-bolt / 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" steel angle bracing behind wall & recovery wall surface
9	1. aluminum rivet on end of recovery

U.L. Listed & Labeled Channel Letters



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	Drawing: signs Scale: _____ Date/Revision: 01/10/13 01/10/13 01/10/13 01/10/13	This is an unperfected contract document. It is subject to the terms and conditions of our standard contract documents. The client's full acceptance, signed or otherwise, is required for the work to proceed. © 2013	

Public Safety Committee

April 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Committee members: Jennifer Henderson – Chair, Nellie Agnes Forst , Erin McKenna Endicott and Amy Hughes. Absent: Karen Sheedy and Mayor Sorg

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business will be discussed:

1. The Police Department report is **attached**.
2. The Fire Department report is **attached**.
3. The Community Ambulance report is **attached**.
4. The Public Works and the Code Enforcement reports were received.
5. Chief Borkowski updated Borough Council on participation in the Eastern Montgomery County Traffic Safety Force.
6. "Walk, Bike, and Roll to School" event has been organized by Lower Gwynedd Elementary School families and will take place on May 4th. For more information [facebook.com/biketowiss](https://www.facebook.com/biketowiss)



Wissahickon Fire Company
Fire Chief Report
March 2022 (90 days)

Township	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Total	%
Ambler	18	20	13						51	39%
Conshohocken		1							1	1%
Horsham	1	5	1						7	5%
Lower Gwynedd	13	19	18						50	38%
Montgomery	2	2							4	3%
North Wales	1	1							2	2%
Upper Dublin	2	3	4						9	7%
Whitemarsh	1								1	1%
Whitpain	3	3	1						7	5%
TOTAL	41	54	37	0	0	0	0	0	132	100%

Type of Call	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Total	%
Accident Standby									0	0%
AFA Actual	13	9	14						36	27%
AFA False	4	15	5						24	18%
Appliance									0	0%
Assist EMS	1								1	1%
Brush			2						2	2%
Building Investigation	2	1							3	2%
CO Detector	3	2							5	4%
Commercial Bldg	1	4							5	4%
Elevator Rescue			2						2	2%
Fast Team Assist	2		1						3	2%
Gas Odor Inside	1	1	1						3	2%
Gas Odor Outside		1	3						4	3%
Non Comm Bldg	6	5	2						13	10%
Officer Investigation	1	4	4						9	7%
Search		1							1	1%
Standby	1	1							2	2%
Traffic Unit assist	3	3							6	5%
Trash	1	1							2	2%
Unknown type		1							1	1%
Vehicle Fire	1								1	1%
Vehicle Leaking Fuel									0	0%
Vehicle Rescue	1	3	2						6	5%
Water Rescue									0	0%
Wires		2	1						3	2%
TOTAL	41	54	37	0	0	0	0	0	132	100%

Day of the week	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Total	%
Monday	4	9	3						16	12%
Tuesday	5	6	3						14	11%
Wednesday	8	10	5						23	17%
Thursday	4	6	9						19	14%
Friday	7	10	7						24	18%
Saturday	5	5	3						13	10%
Sunday	8	8	7						23	17%
TOTAL	41	54	37	0	0	0	0	0	132	100%



Wissahickon Fire Company
 Fire Chief Report
 March 2022 (90 days)

Attendance	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Total	%
Day Calls (M to F 6AM to 6PM)	17	30	18						65	49%
Attendance at Day Calls	169	336	200						705	
Average Day Calls	9.9	11.2	11.1	-	-	-	-	-	10.8	
Night & Weekend Calls	24	24	19						67	51%
Attendance at N & W Calls	233	267	243						743	
Average Night & Weekend	9.7	11.1	12.8	-	-	-	-	-	11.1	
Total Calls	41	54	37						132	100%
Total Attendance	402	603	443						1,448	
Average Total Calls	9.8	11.2	12.0						11.1	
Average Fire Attendance 7A	8.9	10.1	11.0						10.0	
Average Fire Attendance 7B	0.9	1.1	1.0						1.0	
Average Fire Attendance	9.8	11.2	12.0	-	-	-	-	-	11.0	
Total Drills	5	3	4						12	
Total Drill Attendance	146	84	118						348	
Average Drill Attendance	29.2	28.0	29.5						29.0	

Count of Alarm 2022								
Hour of Day	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Total
0						1	2	3
1						1		1
2	1							1
3								0
4		1						1
5	1	1		1		1		4
6		1						1
7		1			2	2		5
8	3	1	1	3	1	1		10
9		1	1		3	1		6
10	1		1	2	1	3	1	9
11	1	1	1	3	2	1		9
12	5	1	2	1		2		11
13		1	2	2	3	1	2	11
14	2		1	1		1	1	6
15				1		1	1	3
16	1	2		1		2		6
17	1	2		1	2	1		7
18	1		1	4	1	1	1	9
19	2		2		2		2	8
20	2	1	2	1		1	1	8
21	1	2		2	1	2	1	9
22					1			1
23	1					1	1	3
Grand Total	23	16	14	23	19	24	13	132



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Ambler Borough Statistics – 2022

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls in Borough</u>	<u>Total Calls for CAAA</u>
January	66	493
February	50	450
March	43	465
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<u>YTD Totals</u>	159	1,408

*Serving Ambler Borough, Lower Gwynedd Township
Springfield Township and Portions of Upper Dublin Township*

Public Utilities Committee

April 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Committee Members: Haley Welch-Chair, Erin McKenna Endicott, Amy Hughes, and Karen Sheedy. Absent: Karen Sheedy and Mayor Sorg

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business was discussed:

1. The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.
2. Water Dept. conducted routine quarterly system sampling for PFAS. The Water Engineer has reviewed lab analysis and prepared a chart summarizing results (**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
3. Water Department will commence routine system hydrant flushing in May. A daily flushing schedule will be posted on the Borough website.
4. Staff is working with the Borough Engineer to prepare the 2022 MIRIA Grant application.
5. The Special Council filed a water rate increase request with the PUC on March 31st. Notification of the filing was mailed to water customers outside the Borough and is available for review in the Borough Hall lobby.

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

Well No. or Location	PFOA Average of Past Results (ppt)	PFOS Average of Past Results (ppt)	PFOA* January 2022 (ppt)	PFOS* January 2022 (ppt)
2	12.4	9.7	13.0	10.0
4	10.7	10.2	11.0	9.9
6	9.7	9.1	9.4	9.4
7	9.1	8.6	10.0	8.7
8	2.4	6.7	2.2	8.5
9	11.0	9.4	13.0	11.0
11	9.6	8.1	11.0	8.6
12	7.3	6.3	7.2	5.9
14	7.4	6.9	6.8	6.9
Whitemarsh WTP Raw	7.5	6.6	**	**
Whitemarsh WTP Treated	7.7	5.5	9.2	6.7
Storage Tanks				
Loch Aish Tank	12.5	9.2	12.0	9.3
Broad Axe Tank	8.8	6.2	9.8	6.7
Houston Road Tank	9.2	8.1	8.3	6.4

Notes:

ppt = parts per trillion

** = Not Sampled

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

January 2022 samples were collected on January 27, 2022 and analyzed by Eurofins 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 PFOS. While all sources are currently testing below the proposed levels, several are near the proposed MCL for PFOA. The proposed rule is subject to a public comment period that closes April 27, 2022. Following public comment, the proposed rule will be reviewed further and potentially revised before a final rule is considered and authorized.

Park and Recreation Committee

April 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Committee Members:– Erin McKenna Endicott Chair, Jen Henderson, Haley Welch, and Lisa Auerbach. Absent: Karen Sheedy and Mayor Sorg

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business was discussed:

1. The Community Garden Committee provided an update.

2. **EAC EVENTS - EARTHFEST & TEAM CLEAN UP**

Team-Up to Clean-Up has been scheduled May 21, from 10am to noon. Ambler Borough Council and EAC members will be at all parks to help with a spring cleaning. Residents of all ages are welcome to join in the community beautification effort.

Join the EAC for a fun, family friendly day to learn how “Small Changes Can Make a Big Difference.” Come by Borough Hall and have lunch, buy a native plant, and get some gardening advice, learn about electric vehicles, all while supporting local vendors! To find out more visit amblereac.org/earth-fest Saturday April 30, from 10-2pm.

3. 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 will be held at Borough Hall on Wednesday, May 4th from 5-7 p.m. Proof of Ambler Borough residency is required at registration.
4. A recommendation was approved to task the EAC with researching Single Use Plastic ordinances and suggesting sample language to be reviewed by council early Spring.

Salary & Personnel Committee

April 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Committee Members– Frank DeRuosi Chair, Haley April 5 Welch , Nellie Agnes Forst and Jen Henderson. Absent: Frank DeRuosi Karen Sheedy and Mayor Sorg

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business will be discussed:

1. A Proclamation has been prepared recognizing the Borough's volunteers the week of April 17-23 during National Volunteer Week. Council and staff will hold a reception for volunteers at the April 19th Council meeting at 6:30pm to express our appreciation to the many volunteers in our community.
2. The vacant water department position was advertised.

RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Authorization is requested that the March bills are paid in the amount of **\$903,945.14**.
2. Authorization is requested to amend the Sign Ordinance to clarify the definition of architectural elements and other inconsistencies. Proposed revisions will be sent to the Planning Commission for consideration.