



BOROUGH OF AMBLER COMMITTEE MEETING

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

October 3, 2023

Finance & Planning Committee

October 3, 2023

Vacant - Chair

Karen Sheedy

Lisa Auerbach

Nancy Roecker Coates

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Borough Engineer's report is **attached**.

2. **2024 BUDGET**

The 2024 Budget is being prepared.

AMBLER BOROUGH

Status

Project No. Project Name Borough Engineer

| Project No. | Project Name | Status |
|---------------|---|---|
| 2003-0122-01 | Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit | 2022 Annual Status Report submitted to PADEP 9/30/22. Next Annual Status Report due 9/30/23 for period 7/1/22 thru 6/30/23. PADEP review of TMDL/PRP received 5/28/21. Preparation of response and map update 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, with the reduced scope of work to accommodate the future Park Ave sidewalk, made to DVRRPC on 3/28/23. Utility submission coordination with DVRRPC underway. |
| 2013-02020 | Ambler Crossings | Construction underway. Review of amended Village Green provided 4/22/22. Escrow release #2 for Phase 2 provided 8/31/23. |
| 2014-12015 | St. Mary's Villa Residential Redevelopment.- TIS | UDT provided Bethlehem/Lindenwold signal concept plans for review on 7/2/21 and were discussed with UDT on 7/22/21. UDT & 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. SOM 6/3/2022. EOM 12/2/2023 |
| 2021-01010.02 | Tannery Run Repairs - 33 - 57 E Butler Ave | Borough coordination with property owners underway. Preparation of construction plans and specifications underway. Preparation of PADEP General Permit for stream encroachment underway. |
| 2021-01010-01 | Tannery Run Repairs (205 E Butler - Serrao) | Construction complete. SOM 11/16/22. EOM 5/16/24. |
| 2021-01136 | 241 N Main Street (DeCastro Enterprises) | LD review provided 3/29/23. |
| 2021-03028 | Lakeview Development 5-9 N. Maple Ave. | Review of preliminary/final plans provided 10/18/22. Council granted conditiona use at the 7/18/23 meeting and preliminary/final land development at the 8/15/23 meeting. |
| 2021-04048 | Edgewood Dr - PA Small Water & Sewer Program Grant Implementation | Construction underway. |
| 2022-03102 | Ambler 2022 Paving | Constuction complete. SOM 3/16/23. EOM 9/13/24. |
| 2022-05006 | 25 N Ridge - Colony Club LD Review | Council granted conditional approval at 8/23/22 meeting. Building construction underway. Record plans signed 9/19/23. |
| 2022-05007 | 24 & 26 N Ridge - John's Court | Council granted conditional approval at 4/18/23 meeting. Record plans signed 9/19/23. |
| 2023-03002 | Court at Ambler Station (Ambler Station I, LLC) | Sketch Plan review provided 4/20/23 and discussed at 4/25/23 PC meeting. |
| 2023-06042 | Deane Lot Line – 162 E Park and 215 Mattison (01270-308) | Council granted conditional approval 9/19/23. |
| 2023-06046 | 109 Glen Mawr Dr Grading Permit | Grading Permit review provided 6/21/23 |
| 2023-07052 | 230 N Ridge Grading Permit | Grading Permit review provided 8/3/23. |

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Status

Project No. **Project Name**

Borough Engineer

9991010 Ambler Borough General Engineering Services

Ongoing.

Sewer Engineer

2013-02020-01 Ambler Crossings - Sewer

Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is complete; testing remains.

9991050 Ambler Borough General Sewer Services

Prepared 2024 Ambler Borough collection sewer service area budget allocations report for Ambler WWTP; submitted to EEMA on 9/26/23.

Water Engineer

2012-10043 Loch Aish Dam Annual Inspections

Annual inspection with PADEP conducted on 11/2/22. Inspection report submitted to PADEP on 11/10/22.

2013-02020-02 Ambler Crossings - Water

Construction underway. Water main is tested/complete.

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 4/1/2023 based on observed water service leaks and concerns with construction of water facilities. Water as-built plans received; additional G&A comments provided to developer on 2/8/23. Developer continues to address punch list items and as-built plans. Reviewed proposed changes to water services associated with a reconfiguration of dwellings.

2020-03071 2021 MIRIA Grant Program

Construction of the water mains to connect Wells 2, 6 and 7 to the proposed PFAS treatment facility next to Well 6 was completed in 2022. Maintenance period ended 9/4/23 and punch list inspection is to be scheduled.

2020-03072 Whitemarsh Plant Operations

Assisting Water Dept. with recommendations and revisions to the Whitemarsh Plant SOPs. G&A conducted a visual assessment of the clear well tank's structural condition and provided a report dated 9/19/22; inspection conducted with no observed deficiencies..

2020-06158 Wells 2, 6, and 7 PFAS Treatment System

\$1,000,000 grant awarded by PADEP. Project advertised for bids on December 22, 2022; pre-bid meeting held at Boro Hall on January 18, 2023; bids received February 2, 2023. General/Mechanical and Electrical/HVAC contracts awarded to Blooming Glen Contractors on 2/17/23. Pre-construction meeting held on 4/13/23. Construction expected to begin in September/October 2023. Review of shop drawing submittals and UDT permitting process in progress.

2021-04054.01 2022 MIRIA Grant - Design

Initial field survey and base plan for Well 14 site completed; design and permitting underway with Greensand Plus filtration proposed for Manganeese treatment and Ion Exchange (IX) proposed for PFAS treatment. PADEP issued a letter on 6/28/23 allowing for the use of IX treatment for PFAS subject to a list of conditions.

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. Pre-construction meeting held on 6/27/22. Water shop drawing submittals reviewed 7/22/22. Water construction and testing complete.

2022-01230 T-Mobile Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank

Plan review #2 issued 5/24/22 recommending project approval.

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| Water Engineer | | |
| 2022-02056 | AT&T Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank | Plan review letter #2 issued 8/3/22 recommending project approval. |
| 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 #2 issued 6/30/22 recommending project approval. Work to follow pre-construction tank inspection by MBA. |
| 2022-04076 | Lakeview Development 5-9 N. Maple Ave. | Water/Sewer plan review #1 issued 2/23/23. |
| 2022-04096 | 2023 MIRIA Grant Program | Prepared MIRIA Application documents for submission by Borough on May 16, 2022. Attended MIRIA Board meeting on December 16, 2022 to provide update on completed, ongoing, and proposed Ambler MIRIA/PFAS projects. At the December 16th meeting, MIRIA awarded \$1,134,000 in grant funding for (2023) projects associated with 2022 application, including NWWA interconnection and associated new piping, additional cost for Whitmarsh carbon replacement, and 2023 PFAS sampling. Reviewed and tabulated January, April and July 2023 quarterly PFAS samples for all sources and tanks. |
| 2022-04096.01 | 2023 MIRIA Grant - Design | Consulted with PADDP regarding permitting requirements for new NWWA Interconnection. Field survey complete. Water and interconnect design currently underway. G&A met with Water staff on 4/25/23 to review preliminary design. |
| 2022-06066 | Verizon Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank | Plan review #1 issued 6/22/22 recommending project approval. |
| 2022-07025 | Wissahickon Park (Whitpain Twp) | Coordinating with Ambler staff re: proposed improvements to Wissahickon Park and need for new or upgraded water service for site. Received plans on 6/23/23 and review is in progress with Water staff. |
| 2023-04049 | 2024 MIRIA Grant Program | Prepared MIRIA Application documents including cost estimates for submission by Borough on May 15, 2023. The application included projects for a PFAS treatment system at Well 4, additional costs for current PFAS treatment system projects at Wells 2, 6 & 7 and Well 14, as well as Whitmarsh carbon changeout and quarterly PFAS sampling at all sources and tanks for 2024. Total grant request amount was \$3,525,000. |
| 2023-07033 | Upper Dublin Twp Public Works Building | Plans and water shop drawings submitted by Upper Dublin Twp for a new water service and meter pit. Reviews completed and coordination with Twp's consultants is ongoing. |
| 2023-08002 | AT&T Generator at Houston Rd Tank | AT&T proposing to install a new permanent generator and pad at the site which will require additional lease space. G&A assisting Water Superintendent with review of proposed location. |
| 2023-08044 | Wissahickon Valley Boys & Girls Club | Plans received for a proposed community center building and review with Water staff being conducted with respect to proposed water improvements. |
| 9991049 | Ambler Borough General Water Services | Ongoing assistance and response concerning PFAS issues, including regulatory activity, source monitoring, providing information and responses to the public. Preparing update to water distribution system map. Met with Borough Manager and Water staff on 3/24/23 to discuss status of current projects and 2024 MIRIA Grant Program application. |

Public Safety Committee

October 3, 2023

Jen Henderson- Chair

Erin Endicott

Amy Hughes

Nancy Roecker Coates

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

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

Borough of Ambler

Codes Enforcement Report for September 2023

| PERMITS | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | Total |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Building | 15 | 14 | 16 | 19 | 20 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 130 |
| Plumbing | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| Use and Occupancy | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Zoning | 2 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| Road Opening | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Mechanical | 1 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 |
| Dumpster | 4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Fire | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Rental Inspections | 5 | 34 | 13 | 26 | 29 | 42 | 28 | 30 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 220 |
| TOTALS | 33 | 58 | 45 | 64 | 66 | 68 | 52 | 53 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 491 |

Public Utilities Committee

October 3, 2023

Haley Welch- Chair

Erin Endicott

Karen Sheedy

Amy Hughes

OLD BUSINESS

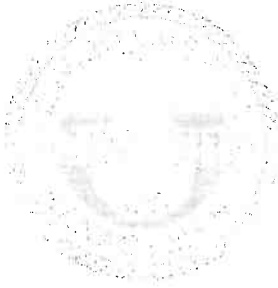
NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

The WWTP Engineer's report is **attached**.

2. **SYSTEM FLUSHING**

System flushing has begun, locations are posted on the Borough Website.



September 27, 2023

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

Re: Status Report - September 2023

Dear Mary;

The status of current active projects is as follows:

1. Conversion of Digesters - Construction continues for the conversion of the digesters from anaerobic digestion (without air) to aerobic digestion (with air). There is a total of 5 digesters in the scope. The first digester, T-9, was re-started in March, and the second, T-10 in early August. The plant is operating both T-9 and T-10 in a work-around, with down-sized sheaves and belts, as a permanent solution with VFD's will be considered at the end of or after the project. The third digester, ET-17, had it's cover removed, was partially emptied and cleaned, and the work on the modifications in the tank continued in September.
2. Diversion of Upper Dublin WWTP to Ambler WWTP - PADEP approved the Act 537 Plan prepared by Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) in 2022 for closing the Upper Dublin Wastewater Treatment Plant and diverting that flow to Ambler's Wastewater Treatment Plant. EEMA and the Borough's engineer on the Diversion project, HRG, have been discussing the future Part II WQM permit for the Diversion with PADEP, with respect to the increased flow from the current 6.5 MGD to 7.7 MGD with the diversion, associated changes in permit limits and conditions, and the timeline of the construction of the necessary new facilities at the plant.
3. NPDES Permit Renewal - EEMA received requests from PADEP for additional data for several parameters for their permit limit modeling in August and September; the data was provided with help from the plant and discussed with PADEP. EEMA continues to discuss several aspects of the renewal with PADEP, specifically with respect to the Copper BLM and proposed flows and new limits. We expect PADEP's pre-draft of the renewal shortly for review and comment.
4. UV Light Disinfection Replacement - The PADEP Part II Permit application was submitted and approved in late 2022. The WWTP, EEMA, and its team completed work on design, finalized the scope, and requested competitive cost estimates in July. We anticipate letting the installation through the COSTARS program, late 2023, early 2024, at the Borough's discretion.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
Environmental Engineering
& Management Associates, Inc.

Anthony L. Price

Anthony L. Price, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Parks & Recreation Committee

October 3, 2023

Erin Endicott- Chair

Haley Welch

Jen Henderson

Lisa Auerbach

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. A discussion is requested on allowing dogs in Borough parks.
2. First Friday and Oktoberfest will take place this weekend. Butler Avenue will be closed from Friday at 2:30, until Saturday evening after cleanup is complete.

Salary & Personnel Committee

October 3, 2023

Karen Sheedy- Chair

Haley Welch

Jen Henderson

OLD BUSINESS

1. Resumes are being accepted for the Water and Waste Water vacancies.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ms. Forst has vacated her seat, resumes or letters of interest are being accepted for the vacant Ward 3 Council Seat. Letters of interest are due by October 12. A vote will be taken at the October Council meeting. Send letters to forst@amblerpa.gov.
2. An executive session was held at 6:30pm for an employee issue.
3. Authorization is requested to adopt Resolution 2023-11 recognizing Ms. Forst for her service. (attached)
4. Attached is a resignation letter from Bob Lagreca, he has served for 26 years on the Planning Commission and has been Chair since 2015. We thank Bob for his dedication, professionalism and for his role in helping to make Ambler the thriving town it is today. Resumes are being accepted for the Planning Commission Vacancy.

Recommendation

1. Authorization is requested to adopt Resolution 2023-11 recognizing Ms. Forst for her service.