



# **BOROUGH OF AMBLER COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**June 4, 2024**

**7:00PM**

An executive session is scheduled for 6:00pm.

**Finance and Planning Committee**

June 4, 2024

Haley Welch- Chair

Karen Sheedy

Lisa Auerbach

Elizabeth Iovine

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Borough Engineer's report will be provided.

2. **PICKERING FIELD BID**

PennDOT accepted bids for the Pickering Field Sidewalks for the portions of sidewalk along North Street and Highland Avenue. Recommend awarding to Marino Corporation for the low bid of \$306,781.00. **(attached)**

3. **WISSAHICKON VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Wissahickon Valley Historical Society is requesting an opportunity to speak on SEPTA's plans to demolish the 1855 Freight House. They are requesting to put the building in the Borough Lot. Council requested additional information.

4. **2024 PAVING PROJECT**

**Attached** is the list for the 2024 paving project, the Bid will be advertised.

5. **ZONING HEARING BOARD**

**Attached** is the new ZHB notice for 27 W. Butler.

**Recommendations**

1. Recommend awarding the Pickering Field Sidewalk Project to Marino Corporation for the low bid of \$306,781.00.

## Mary Aversa

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**From:** Jim Dougherty <JDOUGHERTY@gilmore-assoc.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2024 4:23 PM  
**To:** Mary Aversa; Glenn Kucher  
**Cc:** Damon Drummond  
**Subject:** FW: Ambler Bid Results  
**Attachments:** 2024-02-09 Funding Update Letter.pdf

Mary, Glenn,

Unofficial bid results for the Pickering sidewalk construction are below. Our most recent cost estimate was about \$451,000 for construction. The funding amount is about \$375,000. The numbers we were looking at back in February are attached.

<b>1 Marino Corporation</b>	<b>\$306,781.00</b>
2 Premier Concrete, Inc.	\$449,036.00
3 Road-Con, Inc.	\$491,197.00

Not included in the construction bids above are the following costs:

PADOT Administration	\$3,750
Construction Inspection	\$67,800


When a project comes in over budget PADOT requires justification prior to award. I don't know what they need when it comes in under budget.

Thanks  
Jim

James P. Dougherty, P.E., Senior Project Manager  
Gilmore & Associates, Inc.  
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[www.gilmore-assoc.com](http://www.gilmore-assoc.com)

**From:** Damon Drummond <ddrummond@gilmore-assoc.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2024 3:37 PM  
**To:** Jim Dougherty <JDOUGHERTY@gilmore-assoc.com>  
**Subject:** Ambler Bid Results

ENGINEER'S OPINION OF PROBABLE COST  
 CLIENT: AMBLER BOROUGH  
 PROJECT: 2024 ROAD PROGRAM

 GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
 ENGINEERING & CONSULTING SERVICES  
 PROJECT NUMBER: 2400525  
 DATE: 5/31/2024

#	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	UNIT \$	Highland Avenue (S. Spring Garden to Park)		Greenwood Avenue (Mattison to Lindenwold)		TOTAL - ROADS	
				QTY	COST	QTY	COST	QTY	COST
1	1.5 inch Mill	SY	\$ 6.00	2616	\$ 15,696.00	2505	\$ 15,030.00	5121	\$ 30,726.00
2	8.5 inch Base Repair	SY	\$ 74.00	78	\$ 5,772.00	75	\$ 5,550.00	153	\$ 11,322.00
3	9.5 mm Leveling Course	TON	\$ 151.00	52	\$ 7,852.00	50	\$ 7,550.00	102	\$ 15,402.00
4	1.5 inch 9.5 mm Wearing Course	SY	\$ 13.50	2616	\$ 35,316.00	2505	\$ 33,817.50	5121	\$ 69,133.50
5	Curb Ramps (incl demo & DWS)	EA	\$ 6,700.00	2	\$ 13,400.00	4	\$ 26,800.00	6	\$ 40,200.00
6	6 inch White Thermoplastic (Crosswalks)	LF	\$ 10.00	170	\$ 1,700.00	180	\$ 1,800.00	350	\$ 3,500.00
8	4 inch White Thermoplastic (Parking)	LF	\$ 10.00	0	\$ -	350	\$ 3,500.00	350	\$ 3,500.00
9	Thermoplastic "SLOW"	EA	\$ 460.00	0	\$ -	2	\$ 920.00	2	\$ 920.00
10	Thermoplastic VASCAR	LF	\$ 10.00	0	\$ -	50	\$ 500.00	50	\$ 500.00
11	24 inch Thermoplastic Stop Bars	LF	\$ 45.00	28	\$ 1,260.00	28	\$ 1,260.00	56	\$ 2,520.00
SUBTOTAL					\$ 80,996.00		\$ 96,727.50		\$ 177,723.50
CONTINGENCY					\$ 8,099.60		\$ 9,672.75		\$ 17,772.35
TOTAL - ROADS					\$ 89,095.60		\$ 106,400.25		\$ 195,495.85

#	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	UNIT \$	Alley 3 (Park to North)		Alley 5 (Park to North)		TOTAL - ALLEYS	
				QTY	COST	QTY	COST	QTY	COST
	ROW	FT		20		16			
	Paved Cartway	FT		12					
1	10 inch Excavation	SY	\$ 15.00	551	\$ 8,265.00	553	\$ 8,295.00	1104	\$ 16,560.00
2	Class I Non-Woven Geotextile	SY	\$ 2.00	551	\$ 1,102.00	553	\$ 1,106.00	1104	\$ 2,208.00
3	4 inch 2A Subbase	SY	\$ 10.00	551	\$ 5,510.00	553	\$ 5,530.00	1104	\$ 11,040.00
4	4.5 inch 25mm Base Course	SY	\$ 35.00	551	\$ 19,285.00	553	\$ 19,355.00	1104	\$ 38,640.00
5	1.5 inch 9.5 mm Wearing Course	SY	\$ 13.50	551	\$ 7,438.50	553	\$ 7,465.50	1104	\$ 14,904.00
SUBTOTAL					\$ 41,600.50		\$ 41,751.50		\$ 83,352.00
CONTINGENCY					\$ 4,160.05		\$ 4,175.15		\$ 8,335.20
TOTAL - ALLEYS					\$ 45,760.55		\$ 45,926.65		\$ 91,687.20
SUBTOTAL									\$ 261,075.50
CONTINGENCY									\$ 26,107.55
TOTAL - ROADS & ALLEYS									\$ 287,183.05

## Zoning Notice

**Notice is Hereby** given that the Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of Ambler will conduct a public hearing on July 31, 2024 at 6:30 pm prevailing time at the Ambler Borough Hall, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pa 19002.

At that time, the Zoning Hearing Board will hear testimony and accept evidence on the application of Cindy Jimenez and Manuel Jimenez (sublessee) for the real property located at 27 W. Butler Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002 parcel number 01-00-00532-00-7 (the "Tract") located in a Commercial (C) district requesting a special exception pursuant to Section 27-1910.G to permit grading within the Floodplain Conservation District. The applicant further requests a special exception pursuant to the provisions of 27-1910.I to permit a fence within the Floodplain Conservation District. In addition the applicant is requesting a variance from Section 27-1911.3 and Section 27-1911.4 as well as a special exception pursuant to 27-1912.2 and 27-1910.G to permit the a patio within the Floodplain Conservation District.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the hearing. Any individual with a disability wishing to attend the above scheduled hearing who requires an auxiliary aid, service or other special accommodations to participate in this hearing should contact the Borough at (215) 646-1000 as soon as possible to discuss how the Borough of Ambler can best provide assistance.

**Public Safety Committee**

June 4, 2024

Amy Hughes- Chair

Jen Henderson

Nancy Roecker Coates

Lou Orehek

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

The Code Enforcement and the Public Works reports are attached.



Public Utilities Committee

June 4, 2024

Karen Sheedy- Chair

Haley Welch

Amy Hughes

Lou Orehek

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. WWTP ENGINEER REPORT

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





May 30, 2024

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

Re: Status Report – May 2024

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 completed in March 2023, the second, T-10, in August 2023, and the third, ET-17, in December 2023. The plant is operating T-9, T-10, and ET-17 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, for one, to address a possible connection with an odor and occasional foaming issue in the completed digesters. Outside sludge is also being arranged to seed the completed digesters. Work on ET-15 and ET-16 continued in May. We anticipate completion of the final two digesters in June or July 2024.
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 scope and work on the 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, the 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 provided comments to PADEP with the Borough's other professionals at HRG and GHD for a collective response on the Borough's draft NPDES Permit in early February, most specific to the Copper BLM, Aluminum WER, proposed flows, and new discharge limits. PADEP has not released the final NPDES Permit at this time. The WWTP is currently operating under its grandfathered, administratively-extended permit.
4. UV Light Disinfection Replacement – WWTP staff and EEMA completed work on design, finalized the scope, and requested competitive equipment and installation cost estimates in 2023 through the CoStars program. The Borough approved the equipment and installation scopes of the CoStars proposal at its respective January and February meetings. The equipment has been ordered and installation is in Shop Drawing review phase. Site work is expected to start in mid-to late summer.

5. Ambler's MIPP – WWTP staff and EEMA are working through recommendations and comments on the Borough's Municipal Industrial Pretreatment Program (MIPP) from a periodic EPA audit in 2023. The team is evaluating issues, making recommendations, re-issuing specific permits, and is helping to implement changes to the program. The team met with Jointure members and their engineers on inter-municipal communication, and otherwise continue to update the program to meet current needs.

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

Cc: Jarrett Evans, AWWTP

**Parks & Recreation Committee**

June 4, 2024

Jen Henderson -Chair

Haley Welch

Lisa Auerbach

Nancy Roecker Coates

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **YMCA SUMMER CAMP**

The Ambler YMCA Summer Camp registration was held. There is currently a waiting list for registration.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **YOGA IN THE PARK**

Yoga in the park will begin on June 29th at 10:00 AM in Knight Park.

**Salary & Personnel Committee**

June 4, 2024

Lisa Auerbach- Chair

Jen Henderson

Karen Sheedy

Elizabeth Iovine

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **HIGHWAY VACANCY**

Interviews are being scheduled for the vacant Highway Laborer position.

2. **WATER VACANCY**

Interviews were held for the Water Operator 1 vacancy. An executive session is required.

3. **PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY**

Resumes are being accepted for the Planning Commission vacancy.

4. **SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT**

The Borough interviewed applicants for summer employment. An executive session is Required.

5. **MEYNER CENTER**

An executive session was held at 6:00pm this evening to discuss personnel matters. A recommendation is requested to approve the hiring of The Meyner Center to evaluate Borough operations.

**Recommendations**

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