

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 17, 2023

The regular meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday October 17, 2023, at 7:00PM at Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002.

Council President Siskind called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ms. Siskind, Ms. Sheedy, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Auerbach, Ms. Roecker Coates, Mayor Sorg, Police Chief Jeff Borkowski, Solicitor Joe Bresnan, and Borough Manager Mary Aversa were also in attendance. Ms. Hughes and Ms. Welch were absent.

Announcement before the start of the meeting.

Mayor Sorg made a speech regarding the attack on Israel and the ongoing war in the Middle East. The attendees observed a moment of silence.

Ms. Siskind offered Condolences to the Pasceri family on the passing of former Council Member and President Sal Pasceri.

Ms. Siskind offered congratulations to all the people who helped make Oktoberfest 2023 a success.

Finance and Planning Committee – Chair, Ms. Karen Sheedy, Committee Members: Ms. Lisa Auerbach Ms. Nancy Roecker Coates, Ms. Haley Welch. Absent Ms. Welch

The Committee will consider the following recommendations:

1. That the September 2023 bills be paid in the amount of \$850,689.37 as follows: General (\$369,715.80); Street lights (\$3,576.13), Fire (\$1,128.75), Refuse (\$53,732.02); Parks & Rec (\$28,742.91); Water (\$151,122.80); Sewer (\$14,545.39); WWTP (\$228,097.60), liquid Fuels (\$27.97); Water Capital (\$0.0); Voided checks (\$0.0).

The Following Business was discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's Report was received.
2. The 2024 Budget is being prepared.
3. The Montgomery County Planning Agreement contract is up for renewal the cost proposals were received.

Recommendations:

1. That the September bills be paid in the amount of \$850,689.37 **Carried All AYE – 5**

Ms. Siskind made a motion to accept the Finance and Planning agenda. **Carried All AYE - 5**

Public Safety Committee: Jennifer Henderson – Chair, Nancy Roecker Coates, Amy Hughes, Haley Welch

The Committee made no recommendations.

The following business was discussed:

1. The police department report was reviewed.
2. The Community Ambulance report was reviewed.
3. The Fire Department report was reviewed.
4. The Public Works and Code Enforcement reports were reviewed.
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Ms. Siskind made a motion to accept the Public Safety agenda. **Carried All AYE 5**

Public Utilities Committee: Committee Members: Haley Welch - Chair, Amy Hughes, and Karen Sheedy

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business was discussed:

1. The WWTP Engineers report was received.
2. System flushing has begun; locations are posted on the Borough Website.

Ms. Siskind made a motion to accept The Public Utilities agenda. **Carried All AYE – 5**

Parks and Recreation Committee: Chair, Haley Welch, Committee members: Jen Henderson, and Lisa Auerbach

The Committee made the following recommendations.

1. A discussion was held on allowing dogs in Borough Parks. Resolution 2023-12 to allow dogs in Riccardi Park for 6 months on a trial basis was received.

The following business was discussed:

Recommendations:

1. Recommend adoption of Resolution 2023-12 to allow leashed dogs in Riccardi Park for 6 months on a trial basis. **Carried 5 - AYE**

Ms. Siskind made a motion to approve the Parks and Recreation agenda. **Carried 5 - AYE**

Salary & Personnel Committee: – Chair, Jen Henderson, Committee members: Karen Sheedy, Haley Welch.

The following business was discussed:

1. Ms. Forst has vacated her Seat in Ward 3. Resumes were accepted and reviewed.
2. Ms. Endicott has vacated her seat; resumes are being accepted until November 7th.
3. Resumes are being accepted for the Wastewater vacancies.
4. Mr. Lagreca has submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission, resumes will be accepted until November 2nd.

Recommendations

1. A vote was taken to appoint Liz Iovine to the vacant Ward 3 seat. **Carried All AYE – 5**
2. Resolution 2023-13 recognizing Ms. Endicott for her service was voted on. **Carried All AYE – 5**

Ms. Siskind made a to approve the agenda for Salary & Personnel. **All Carried All AYE – 5**

Ms. Liz Iovine was sworn in by Mayor Sorg as Councilwoman for Ward 3.

Public Comment

Annalee Lapinski, 136 Rosemary Ave. suggested new residents be notified of which ward they resided in when purchasing a home in the Borough. She asked the status of the Borough owned property at 106 Poplar Street and the progress with demolition and sign removal. Ms. Aversa responded that it is being worked on in the 2024 Budget.

Jennifer Stomsky 262 S. Spring Garden St. made a statement of thanks for the support from the community regarding the situation in Israel. She thanked the community for it's continued support of the Jewish community.

There being no further public comment or other business, Ms. Siskind moved the meeting adjourned. Carried **5-AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Wahl Kunzier

Assistant Secretary

Borough of Ambler