# AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

## January 17, 2023

The regular meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 7:00

p.m. at Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania, 19002.

Nancy Roecker Coates was sworn in as Councilperson Ward 3 prior to the start of the meeting.

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

**Present:** Mrs. Siskind, Ms. Forst, Ms. Sheedy, Ms. Henderson, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Auerbach, and Ms. Roecker Coates, Police Chief Borkowski, Solicitor Eric Wert, and Borough Manager Aversa also were in attendance. Mayor Sorg, Ms. Welch and Ms. Endicott were absent.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mrs. Siskind made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2022, Council Meeting. Seconded. All Aye. Carried.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committees of Ambler Borough Council met Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania, 19002. Present: Mrs. Siskind, Ms. Welch, Ms. Forst, Ms. Endicott, Ms. Sheedy, Ms. Hughes, and Ms. Auerbach. Mayor Sorg, Police Chief Borkowski, Solicitor Bresnan, and Borough Manager Aversa also were in attendance. Ms. Henderson was absent.

This evening, the following was presented:

## Finance and Planning Committee- Ms. Nellie Forst, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ms. Sheedy, Ms. Auerbach, Ms. Roecker Coates.

The Finance and Planning Committee report was given this evening by Ms. Forst:

## The Committee will consider the following actions this evening:

1. Consider approval of payment of the **December 2023** bills in the amount of **$643,000.54** as follows: General **($69,344.01);** Street Lights **($111.84);** Fire **($26,058.00);** Refuse **($71,422.83).**

Parks & Recreation (**$4,830.56); Water** **($96,692.09);** Sewer **($137,415.23);** WWTP

**($181,267.98);** Liquid Fuels **(0.00);** Water Capital **($55,858.00);** Voided Checks **(0.00).**

1. Authorization is requested to advertise to hold a public hearing and possible adoption of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance changing the parking setback requirement in an R-3 Zoning District. The Montgomery County Planning Commission and Borough Planning Commission reviews **were received.**

**The following was reviewed:**

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the revised Transit-Oriented Development Ordinance Amendment Council authorized the Solicitor to draft.
3. Residential trash and recycling service day changes to Mondays in 2023. The first collection day under the new schedule is Monday, January 2, 2023. Yard Waste collection stays on Tuesdays except during a holiday week.

**Approved at Committee Meeting:**

1. An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to change the parking setback requirement in an R-3 Zoning District will be sent to the Planning Commission for consideration. 7-Ayes; **1-** Nay (Ms. Forst). Carried.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the December **2022** bills be paid in the amount of $643,000.54. Seconded. All Aye. Carried.
2. Authorization to advertise to hold a public hearing and possible adoption of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance changing the parking setback requirement in an R-3 Zoning District. The Montgomery County Planning Commission and Borough Planning Commission reviews **were received.** Seconded. All Aye. Carried.

## Public Safety Committee - Ms. Jennifer Henderson, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ms. Endicott, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Roecker Coates.

The Public Safety Committee report was given this evening by Ms. Henderson:

## The Committee will consider no actions this evening.

**The following was reviewed:**

1. The Police Department, Fire Department and Community Ambulance reports were received.
2. The Public Works and Code Enforcement reports were received.
3. A request was received to hold CPR Training for volunteers and residents. Borough Council offered posting to gather interest and will discuss at a later date.

Ms. Henderson asked if there were further comments or questions from the Committee, Council, or the public. There being nothing further, it was moved the Committee's report be accepted as filed. Seconded. Carried.

## Public Utilities Committee - Ms. Haley Welch, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ms. Endicott, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Sheedy.

The Public Utilities Committee report was given this evening by Ms. Hughes.

## The Committee will make no recommendations this evening:

## The following was reviewed:

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was received.
2. The Water Department will accept bids for General/Mechanical/ Electrical/HVAC Construction for Wells 2,6 & 7 PFAS Treatment System Contract with bid opening scheduled for February 2, 2023. A request for contract award will be made at Council’s February Committee Meeting.

Ms. Hughes asked if there were further comments or questions from the Committee, Council, or the public. There being nothing further, it was moved the Committee's report be accepted as filed. Seconded. Carried.

**Approved at Committee Meeting**

1. Consider approval of the attached proposal from Herbert, Rowland and Grubic Inc. for the engineering services for the Bucks County transition of flow to the Ambler Waste Water Plant. 8-Aye

**The Committee will make no recommendations this evening:**

## Parks and Recreation Committee - Ms. Erin McKenna Endicott, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ms. Henderson, Ms. Welch, Ms. Auerbach

The Parks and Recreation Committee report was given this evening by Ms. Auerbach.

## The Committee will consider the following action this evening.

## Consider the approval of the contract for Red Tail services for 2023.

## Recommendations:

1. Consider approval of the for the Red Tail services for 2023. 7-Aye approved.

## Salary and Personnel Committee- Karen Sheedy Chairperson

Committee Members: Ms. Welch, Ms. Forst, Ms. Henderson

The Salary and Personnel Committee report was given this evening by Ms. Sheedy.

## The Committee will consider the following actions this evening:

1. Consider appointment to the HRC vacancy.
2. Consider appointment to the EAC vacancy TABLED.

**The following business was reviewed:**

1. The vacant police department employment offers were accepted by Daniel Siebels and Michael Wambold.
2. Elizabeth Wahl Kunzier accepted the vacant Manager’s Assistant position. Maksym Iaremchuck accepted the vacant Water Department, Operator 1 position.
3. The Police Department is in the process of testing for a new sergeant.

**Approved at committee meeting.**

Resumes were accepted for vacant Borough Council position in Ward3. Nancy Roecker Coates was appointed. 97-Aye Sal Boccuti 1-Aye)

## Recommendations:

1. Consider appointment to the HRC vacancy. 7 Aye.
2. Consider appointment to the EAC vacancy. TABLED.

# PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURNMENT

**There being no further public comment or other business,** Mrs. Siskind moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Wahl Kunzier

Assistant Secretary Borough of Ambler