

## AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 21, 2023

The regular meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. 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:** Mrs. Siskind, Ms. Forst, Ms. Welch, Ms. Henderson, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Auerbach, and Ms. Roecker Coates, Sgt. Chad Cassel, and Borough Manager Aversa also were in attendance. Mayor Sorg, Ms. Welch and Ms. Endicott Chief Borkowski were absent.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mrs. Siskind made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 17, 2023, Council Meeting. Seconded. All Aye. Carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committees of Ambler Borough Council met Tuesday, February 7, 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, Ms. Henderson and Ms. Auerbach. Mayor Sorg, Police Chief Borkowski, Solicitor Bresnan, and Borough Manager Aversa also were in attendance.

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. That the January 2023 bills be paid in the amount of \$ 684,932.56 as follows: General (\$171,250.21); Street lights (\$3,718.33); Fire (\$1,039.81), Refuse (\$52,426.63), Parks and Recreation (\$4,489.92); Water(\$102,573.33), Sewer (\$18,397.34), WWTP (\$101,149.30), Liquid Fuels (\$225,314.19), Water Capital (\$4,573.50), Voided Checks (0.00).
2. Attached were settlement documents prepared by FCA US LLC. The Settlement Agreement and General Release requires authorization to Endorse Settlement for both the 2019 and 2020 Durango vehicles.

3. Authorization is requested to approve the Resolution 2023-1 application for grant funds to improve: the multipurpose court, update signage, seating and provide a trail to the park from Reiffs Mill Road at Ricciardi Park.

**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.
3. Authorization was granted to advertise for 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 hearing will be scheduled for March 21st.

**Recommendations:**

1. That the January 2023 bills be paid in the amount of \$684,932.56. 7-Aye
2. A recommendation is requested to approve the police vehicle settlement. 7-Aye
3. A recommendation is requested to approve Montco 2040 Grant Resolution 2023-1 approving an application for grant funds to improve the multipurpose court at Ricciardi Park and to update signage and provide a trail to the park from Reiffs Mill Road. 7-Aye

**Public Safety Committee** - Ms. Henderson, Chairperson

Committee members: Ms. McKenna Endicott, and Ms. Hughes, Ms. Nancy Roecker Coates .

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business was reviewed:**

1. The Police Department report was received.
2. The Community Ambulance report was received.
3. The Fire Department report was received.
4. The Public Works and the Code Enforcement reports were received.
5. A request to hold CPR training is being researched. If people would like to participate, they will need to register and a fee will be charged.

**The Committee will consider no actions this evening.**

**Public Utilities Committee** – Ms. Haley Welch, Chairperson

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

**The Committee will consider the following recommendation.**

1. Chemical Bids for the WWTP were received for PAC – Poly Aluminum Chloride. A recommendation is expected at the meeting.

**The following business was reviewed:**

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was provided.

**Approved at Committee Meeting**

1. Water Department received bids for General/Mechanical/Electrical/HVAC Construction for the Wells 2, 6 & 7 PFAS Treatment System Contract. A recommendation was approved to award to Blooming Glen Contractors for the total of \$2,722,854.00. 9-Aye

**Recommendation:**

1. Chemical Bids for the WWTP were received for PAC – Poly Aluminum Chloride. Univar .309 per lb. 7 Aye

**Parks and Recreation Committee - Ms. Erin McKenna Endicott - Chairperson**

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

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

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business was reviewed:**

1. Staff is working with the YMCA to plan the 2023 Camp Program.

**Salary & Personnel Committee Ms. Karen Sheedy – Chairperson**

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

**The Committee will consider the following action this evening:**

1. Consider appointment to the Environmental Advisory Council vacancy TABLED.
2. The library board is requesting the Ambler Borough Council to re-appoint Kia Connelly-Baker to a 3<sup>rd</sup> 3-year term and Denny Whalen to a 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year term.

**The following business was reviewed:**

1. The Police department held a swearing in of new officers Daniel Siebles and Michael Wambold.

### **Approved at Committee Meeting**

1. The Police Department tested for a new sergeant. A recommendation to approve Eric Yocum to Sergeant was approved 9-Aye.

### **Recommendations**

1. A recommendation was requested to appoint a candidate to the Environmental Advisory Council EAC, vacancy. TABLED
2. Recommend re-appointing to the Library Board of Trustees, Kia Connelly-Baker to a 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3 year term and Denny Whalen to a 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year term. 7 - Aye

### **PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Wahl Kunzier  
Assistant Secretary  
Borough of Ambler