



## **AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Minutes**

**October 21, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Glynnis Siskind called the Ambler Borough Council meeting of October 21, 2025, to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Siskind led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **III. ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were: Mayor Sorg, Ms. Siskind, Ms. Sheedy, Ms. Henderson, Ms. Roecker Coates, Ms. Iovine, Mr. Orehek, Mr. Hui, Police Chief Jeff Borkowski, Borough Manager Kyle Detweiler, and Solicitor Sivertsen.

#### **IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS-**

There were no citizens' comments.

#### **V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the September 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting were approved **8-AYE**.

Mr. Orehek asked that page 6 #8 wording be changed from "wondered" to "asked".

#### **VI. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS – None**

#### **VII. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A written report was submitted for the record.

A budget workshop was held at 6:00PM this evening.

#### **VIII. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

A written report was submitted for the record.

Ms. Sheedy commented on the 123 directed patrols.

Mr. Orehek had questions regarding the police car fleet.

Officer Nasobkow and Chief Borkowski clarified specifics regarding the condition of the fleet.

## **IX. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

A written report was submitted for the record.

Ms. Iovine asked on page 64 why Wednesday's at 4PM was the highest call time.

Mr. Detweiler replied that he will follow up on the report with the Fire Department.

## **X. EMS REPORT**

A written report was submitted for the record.

## **XI. INTER-DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **A. Public Works Department**

A written report was submitted for the record.

Mr. Orehek congratulated the department on a job well done on the stormwater inlet on Tennis Ave.

### **B. Water & Highway Department Reports**

A written report was submitted for the record.

### **C. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

A written report was submitted for the record.

### **D. Code Enforcement Report.**

A written report was submitted for the record.

Ms. Sheedy had a question regarding the property at 27 W Butler, and the length of time that it has remained in the Code report.

Mr. Kucher explained that the violation is regarding work done in a flood plain without a permit. SEPTA will not allow any remediation without a ROE permit, and that may take upwards of 2 years.

Ms. Iovine asked about the property at 156 N. Ridge. Ave.

Mr. Kucher explained that the owner of the property is unresponsive and is not on site at the property.

### **E. Manager's Report- Kyle Detweiler**

Ms. Roecker Coates inquired regarding feedback on the road work done to calm the traffic. She noted that people continue to park on the sidewalk on that stretch of Butler Ave.

Chief Borkowski responded that they will check it out.

Mr. Detweiler noted that the initial reaction is that traffic is slowing down. He explained that this is step 1 phase 1 and that the next steps require more work to be involved.

Mr. Orehek asked why there were 2 sets of stripes on the newly paved section of Butler Ave.

Mr. Detweiler responded they are required to have the striping finished by the end of the day. The existing stripes were removed the next day leaving only the new striping.

### **XIII PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS' REPORTS**

#### **A. Engineer's Report**

A written report was submitted for the record.

#### **B. Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineer's Report**

A written report was submitted for the record.

#### **C. Solicitor's Report**

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **A. Finance & Planning Committee – Elizabeth Iovine, Chair**

1. Motion to authorize the modification to the Ambler Theater loan agreement. **Carried 8-AYE.**
2. Motion to authorize payment of all bills as presented for September 2025 in the amount of \$1,375,923.50. **Carried 8-AYE.**

Ms. Sheedy questioned the breakdown in expense.

Ms. Iovine offered that they are included in the packet.

Ms. Siskind made a motion to accept the report. **Carried 8-AYE.**

#### **B. Public Safety – Nancy Roecker Coates, Chair**

1. Motion to approve Resolution 2025-10 the LSA Grant application. **Carried**

## **8-AYE.**

Ms. Roecker Coates asked Mr. Detweiler to further explain what the application was intended for.

Mr. Detweiler explained that it is a grant opportunity.

Officer Nasobkow gave further explanation as to how the grant would be executed to maintain the fleet needs in the department and to establish a schedule for the police fleet of vehicles. The resolution is necessary to proceed.

### **C. Public Utilities – Lou Orehek, Chair**

1. Motion to proceed with the water department crane truck replacement. **Carried 8-AYE.**
2. Motion to proceed with water department supply agreement with the North Wales water authority. **Carried 8-AYE.**
3. Motion to approve change order No. 1 Wells 2,6 & 7 filtration plant. **Carried 8-AYE.**

Ms. Siskind questioned the \$20,000 overage; it is a large number to be over budget.

Mr. Orehek clarified.

Mr. Detweiler further explained that there is a contingency built in for the inevitable overage in the overall cost.

Mr. Smallberger offered that the project is part of the MIRIA Grant and will be reimbursed.

Ms. Sheedy asked if the NWWA contract had been vetted. Mr. Detweiler said it had been by himself and the Solicitor.

Ms. Siskind made a motion to accept the report. **Carried 8-AYE.**

### **D. Parks and Recreation – Jennifer Hederson, Chair**

Ms. Henderson thanked everyone who came to the Community Garden's Fall Fest on Sunday. It was a great success and their biggest one to date.

### **E. Salary and Personnel – Karen Sheedy, Chair**

1. Motion to approve the Police disciplinary memo. **Carried 8-AYE.**
2. Motion to advertise the Water System 1 Operator position. **Carried 8-AYE.**
3. Motion to advertise Wastewater Mechanic 1 position. **Carried 8-AYE.**

Ms. Siskind made a motion to accept the report. **Carried 8-AYE.**

#### **XIV. Other Business**

Mr. Detweiler announced that trash bids will open on 10/30.

#### **Public Comment:**

Bernadette Dougherty 338 Tennis Ave. questioned when the traffic signs would be picked up as the project has concluded.

Anna Lee Lapinsky 136 Rosemary Ave. congratulated Ms. Henderson on a successful Fall Fest and community garden.

She asked what the purpose of the two yellow poles were on Tennis and Ridge Ave.

Officer Nasobkow explained that the pipes were installed to deter trucks from running over the curb and onto private property.

Ms. Siskind made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:15. **Carried 8-AYE**

#### **A. ADJOURNMENT**