



AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

January 20, 2026

7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Liz Iovine called the Ambler Borough Council meeting of January 20, 2026 to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Iovine led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were: Ms. Iovine, Mr. Orehek, Ms. Sheedy, Ms. Henderson, Ms. Roecker Coates, Mr. Hui, Mr. Brubaker, Ms. Morrison Daku, Mayor Sorg, Police Chief Jeff Borkowski, Borough Manager Kyle Detweiler, and Solicitors Glassman and Osborne. Ms. Pavlovic was absent

IV. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION – Ava Fell Wissahickon School District

V. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS – Rob Cardillo from the E.A.C. made a presentation on the tree succession plan for Butler Avenue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bernadette Dougherty 338 Tennis Ave asked a question regarding trash can size and whether that issue was considered in the recent trash bid.

Ms. Iovine explained that it was discussed previously.

Ms. Dougherty asked if the pay as you go or any other option had been discussed, or could it happen.

Ms. Iovine offered that council would continue to explore the option in the future.

Anna Lee Lapinski 136 Rosemary Ave. Commended Ava Fell on a fine presentation.

Commended the E.A.C. on their tree presentation but cautioned that they as a committee should be doing more of the work involved. That staff shouldn't be required to do the work.

Mr. Cardillo asked for more Citizen Volunteers.

VI. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - Motion

The Minutes of the December 16th Council Meeting were approved **8-AYE**.

VII. CONSIDERATION of APPOINTMENT – Motion – Volunteer Committee and Board

seats.

All AYE - 8

VIII. RESOLUTION 2026-01 Ambler Borough Council Committee Structure. 8-AYE

Ms. Iovine explained the name changes and the committee structures more in depth.

IX. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

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XI. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

Ms. Sheedy thanked Dave Caddick for his generous gift to help families in need during the Holiday Season.

XII. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

XIII.E.M.S. Report

A written report was submitted for the record.

XIV. INTER-DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Public Works Department

A written report was submitted for the record.

Mr. Orehek had a question regarding the "Charge Point" invoices. He wanted to know why the Borough provides the charging service for residents' electric cars.

Mr. Detweiler answered that the electric charging stations are a benefit to the environment and to the residents. Charge Point is the only service that will upgrade the units we own.

Mr. Orehek wants to know if discussions are planned.

Mr. Detweiler answered that there is nothing yet planned.

B. Water & Highway Department Reports

A written report was submitted for the record.

Ms. Sheedy thanked the streets department for their hard work clearing the snow over the weekend.

C. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

A written report was submitted for the record.

Ms. Sheedy thanked Mr. Evans for the updated Manual.

Mr. Orehek asked a question regarding the Engineers Report regarding the impending

construction in Main St. Mr. Brown the Borough Engineer remarked that it is scheduled but given the inclement weather the schedule is not set.

Mr. Evans replied that he is not sure of timing, but that equipment is arriving on site. He remarked that the construction company Zimmerman knows what they are doing.

Ms. Sheedy asked if it was possible to provide residents with a construction schedule.

Mr. Evans replied that it is.

D. Code Enforcement Report.

A written report was submitted for the record.

Mr. Kucher made a brief presentation on shoveling. Residents have 24 hours after a snow event ends to clear paths. There were several warnings and citations given out after this weekend's snow event. He received a few sidewalk repair complaints.

Ms. Iovine confirmed that complaints should wait until the work week resumes.

Mr. Kucher affirmed that we are trying to get the word out ahead of this weekend's impending storm.

Ms. Iovine asked a sidewalk repair question, could the Borough recommend a contractor to make the repairs?

Mr. Kucher explained the process and explained the process to recheck warnings.

E. Manager's Report- Kyle Detweiler

A written report was submitted for the record.

Ms. Roecker Coates had a question regarding the Fire Department Report.

Mr. Detweiler said he had just been involved in a very long presentation which included an abundance of information. He went into further detail regarding the time frame.

Ms. Roecker Coates asked for next steps.

Mr. Detweiler explained.

XIV PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS' REPORTS

A. Engineer's Report

Terry Funk our new engineer from Gannett and Fleming introduced herself and her colleague and expresses excitement to be on the Borough team.

Ms. Iovine thanked the Gilmore group for their years of service to the Borough.

B. Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineer's Report

A written report was submitted for the record.

C. Solicitor's Report

Alex Glassman and his colleague Melissa Osborne from C.G.B.A.G. thanked the Borough for their confidence in their firm and look forward to working with us.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Administration & Finance Committee – Karen Sheedy, Chair

1. Motion to pass Resolution 2026-02 – Adoption of the Borough fee schedule. **Carried 8-AYE.**
2. Motion to pass Ordinance 1146 – Amending Ordinance 116 & Ord.20-112, Annual trash collection rate. **Carried 8-AYE.**
3. Motion to pass Resolution 2026-03 – Recognizing Borough Employee John Mastromatto. **Carried 8-Aye.**
4. Motion to pass Resolution 2026-04 Recognizing Former Council President Glynnis Siskind. **Carried 8-AYE.**

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

B. Public Safety – Redmond Brubaker Chair

1. Motion of intent to advertise window replacements for the Wissahickon Fire Station. **Carried 8-AYE.**

Mr. Detweiler explained that we are waiting for a Grant Bid opportunity.

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

C. Public Works – Lou Orehek, Chair

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

D. Code Enforcement and Planning, David Hui, Chair

E. Parks, Recreation & Community Relations – Jennifer Henderson, Chair

XIV. Other Business

Public Comment:

Anna Lee Lapinski Rosemary Ave reminded the Council to keep in mind trash contract and to please keep smaller use customers in mind.

Ms. Sheedy assured her that that is indeed the case.

Ms. Iovine made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:08. **Carried 8-AYE**

A. ADJOURNMENT