



AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

March 17, 2026

7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Liz Iovine called the Ambler Borough Council meeting of March 17, 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, Ms. Pavlovic, Mayor Sorg, Police Chief Jeff Borkowski, Borough Manager Kyle Detweiler, and Solicitor Glassman and Solicitor Osborne.

IV. Mayor's Moment – Mayor Sorg gave some words on Women's history month and honored the women present who work and volunteer to make a difference in Ambler.

V. Confirmed Appointment – Carmina Taylor, Wissahickon Alumni Association – Black Hall of Fame.

VI. Motion – Consideration of Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Council – Mr. Jack Craver. Carried 9- AYE

VII. Citizens Comments – Agenda Items Only

VIII. Motion – Resolution No. 2026-05 – Public Meeting Attendance & Participation Policy.
Carried 9-AYE.

Mr. Brubaker asked if a constituent sends an email do they have to designate their wishes whether or not it is to be read during public comment.

Ms. Iovine responded that they need to indicate if they want their email to be part of the public record.

Mr. Brubaker asked if someone submitted a question via email would it automatically be read aloud.

Ms. Iovine clarified that it would not, ad time would be a constraint.

Mr. Glassman clarified that there is no legal requirement for emails sent prior to being read aloud during the meeting.

Mr. Brubaker asked if prior received emails would be circulated before the meeting.

Ms. Iovine answered that they would be included in the packet.

Discussion ensued.

IX MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Motion

The Minutes of March 3, 2026, Council Business Meeting. **Carried 9 - AYE**

X. FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

XI. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

Ms. Roecker Coates asked for clarification on the discussions at the PCM Meeting. The Chief further explained the intricacies of the report and what the different motions were regarding.

Mayor Sorg thanked the PD for the additional police support at the peaceful Wissahickon High School student protest on 02/27/2026.

Ms. Roecker Coates noted the uptick in emotionally disturbed person calls and asked the Chief if he had resources at his disposal and which ones he used.

Chief responded that they had some choices, but that Mobile Crisis was their “best bet”.

Mr. Orehek asked the Chief to elaborate on the Grant awarded.

Chief explained what the Grants were awarded for and that Rep. Cerrato’s office was instrumental in acquiring them.

XII. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A written report was submitted for the record.

XIII. E.M.S. Report

No report was submitted.

XIV. INTER-DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Public Works Department

A written report was submitted for the record.

Mr. Hui reminded PW not to forget about the smaller children’s playground in Knight’s park.

Mr. Pagano reminded the Committee that PW needs to update the Committee the plan is to collect additional information and have an improvement plan by the end of the month, the beginning of next month.

Mr. Orehek was wondering who is responsible for a broken storm water plate that a trash truck runs over repeatedly.

Mr. Pagano explained that that PW is installing a Stanton into the ground to prevent the trucks from running over the grate.

Mr. Orehek asked a question regarding water level measurements.

Mr. Smallberger offered that those could be provided.

The mayor thanked all the PW department for all their hard work over this hard winter.

B. Water Department Report

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. Iovine was wondering why there are still violations from 2023 on the books.

Mr. Kucher explained.

Ms. Osbourne offered that we could pursue legal action. Mr. Glassman offered that the discussion would be more appropriate for Executive session.

E. Manager's Report- Kyle Detweiler

A written report was submitted for the record.

Ms. Daku asked Mr. Detweiler to elaborate on the plans for 220 Chestnut St.

Mr. Detweiler explained that the conversations around the property are simply exploratory.

Mr. Brubaker asked about next steps regarding the website.

Mr. Detweiler offered that the Granicus proposal was too much money and was more appropriate for a township not a Borough. He suggested that AB pursue the Core Spector program that the PA Association of Borough utilizes.

Ms. Iovine inquired about the timeframe.

Mr. Detweiler offered: 120 days to utilize. 180 days till full throttle.

XV. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS' REPORTS

A. Borough Engineer's Report

B. Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineer's Report

A written report was submitted for the record.

XVI. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Administration & Finance Committee – Karen Sheedy, Chair

1. Motion – Approval of the February 2026 Bill Payment List - \$763,859.60. **Carried 9-AYE.**
2. Motion – Advertisement of Ordinance Change – Water & Sewer Tapping Fees. **Carried 9-AYE.**

B. Code Enforcement and Planning – David Hui, Chair

1. Motion – Resolution No. 2026-06 – ‘No Mow Month’ **Carried 9-AYE.**

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

Update on Knight Park Pavilion Gutters & Rain Barrels

Update on Riccardi Park Court Resurfacing & Wahl Park Playground Upgrades

D. Public Safety – Redmond Brubaker, Chair

Motion – Notice of Intent to Award – Wissahickon Fire Company Window Replacement. **Carried 9-AYE.**

E. Public Works – Lou Orehek, Chair

1. Motion – Authorization to Proceed – Fairbanks Morse Replacement Pump Quote **Carried 9-AYE.**
2. Motion – Authorization to Proceed – EPS-3 & EPS-4 Electrical Upgrades. **Carried 9-AYE.**
3. Motion – Hiring Recommendation – Position of Water Operator 1. **Carried 9-AYE.**
4. Update on BCWSA/SEPTA Force Main Project

XV. Other Business

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Ms. Iovine gave updates regarding upcoming presentations. And clarified the process for ratifying the reports with the attorneys.

Ms. Sheedy offered for Public Record that the Administration and Finance Committee had an executive session this evening at 6:30 to discuss a personnel matter.

Public Comment:

Mark Setman 237N. Spring Garden St. thanked BC for the clarification of the Public Comment Ordinance.

Joe Herron 10 Hendricks St. commented on the length of time it has taken to investigate the fire siren noise issue. He reiterated that it is a health concern for residents and encouraged quiet hours like the policy in Upper Dublin. He asked for an update on the progress at the next Council meeting.

Ms. Iovine made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:35. **Carried 9-AYE**

ADJOURNMENT