



# **BOROUGH OF AMBLER**

## **COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**April 18, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Sal Pasceri**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Jeanne Sorg**

**ROLL CALL: Ms. Mary Aversa**

**MINUTES APPROVED**

**March 21, 2017**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**FINANCE & PLANNING**

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**SALARY & PERSONNEL**

## **Public Safety Committee**

The Committee Meeting was held April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee members: Edward Curtis (Chair), Sharon Mc Cormick, Jonathan Sheward. Absent: Mrs. Mc Cormick

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business will be discussed.**

1. The Police Department report is **attached**.
2. The Fire Department report is **attached**.
3. The Community Ambulance is **attached**.
4. The Public Works and the Code Enforcement reports were received.
6. The US Army Corps of Engineers will be hosting workshops given by the National Nonstructural/Flood Proofing Committee to promote the use of nonstructural flood risk adaptive measures for reducing flood risk to residential commercial and public property. Workshops are scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup> (6:30-9:30 p.m.) and June 24<sup>th</sup> (1:00-4:00 p.m.) at the Daniel Dowling Legion Post, 351 Maple Street. Representatives from the Army Corps, FEMA, PEMA, EPA and Montgomery County will be in attendance to answer questions.

Wissahickon Fire Company  
 Year 2017 Summary  
 Chiefs Report

Types of Calls	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Total	
				YTD	
Accident Standby	1			1	0.7%
AFA Actual	6	7	15	28	20.4%
AFA False	9	5	17	31	22.6%
Brush		1	1	2	1.5%
CO Detector	1	1	2	4	2.9%
Commercial Building	4	2		6	4.4%
EMS Assist			2	2	1.5%
FAST Team Assist	3			3	2.2%
Gas Odor Inside	2	2		4	2.9%
Gas Odor Outside			2	2	1.5%
Helicopter Landing		1		1	0.7%
Non Commercial Building	12	3		15	10.9%
Officer Investigation	2	3	2	7	5.1%
Residential Rescue		1		1	0.7%
Smoke in Area			1	1	0.7%
Special Service			1	1	0.7%
Standby	1			1	0.7%
Traffic Unit Assist	1	2	3	6	4.4%
Trash	1		1	2	1.5%
Vehicle Fire		2	3	5	3.6%
Vehicle Leaking Fuel			1	1	0.7%
Vehicle Rescue	2	1	4	7	5.1%
Water Flow False	1	2		3	2.2%
Wires			3	3	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Townships	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Total	
				YTD	
Ambler	12	12	18	42	30.7%
Lower Gwynedd	18	16	31	65	47.4%
Horsham	2			2	1.5%
Montgomery	4	3	1	8	5.8%
Plymouth	2			2	1.5%
Springfield			1	1	0.7%
Upper Dublin	-		2	2	1.5%
Warrington - Bucks County		1		1	0.7%
Whitemarsh	3		3	6	4.4%
Whitpain	5	1	2	8	5.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Day Calls - Mon/Fri 6am- 6pm</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>51.8%</b>
<b>Total Personnel to Day Calls</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>806</b>	
<b>Total Per Day Call</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	

<b>Night and Weekend Calls</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>48.2%</b>
<b>Total Personnel to Night Calls</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>981</b>	
<b>Total Per Night &amp; Weekend Call</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	

<b>All Calls</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>137</b>	
<b>Total Personnel to All Calls</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>1,787</b>	
<b>Total Per Call</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	

<b>Monday Night Training Drills</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>Total Personnel to Drill</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>448</b>	
<b>Total Per Drill</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	



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### Ambler Borough Statistics – 2017

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls in Borough</u>	<u>Total Calls for CAAA</u>
January	52	210
February	55	208
March	34	222
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
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YTD Totals	141	640

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## Public Utilities Committee

The Committee Meeting was held April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Claudio Zaccone (Chair), Sal Pasceri, Edward Curtis. Absent: Mrs. Mc Cormick

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

1. Water Dept. requests authorization for Water Engineer to prepare bid documents and advertise for bid the *Lafayette Avenue (Ft. Washington) Pipeline Replacement project*. (Budget \$225,000)

### **The following business will be discussed.**

1. The Engineer's report was received.
2. Staff is reviewing the proposed TMDL Agreement with the Solicitor and the Engineer and will prepare a response.

## Finance and Planning Committee

The Committee Meeting was held April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Jonathan Sheward (Chair), Frank DeRuosi and Francine Tomlinson. Absent: Mrs. Mc Cormick.

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

1. That the March 2017 invoices be paid as follows:

#	Fund	MAR 1ST RUN	MAR 2ND RUN	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$28,771.03	\$ 111,315.97	\$140,087.00
2	STREET LGTS	\$207.48	\$ 4,515.88	\$4,723.36
3	FIRE	\$28.86	\$ 7,445.24	\$7,474.10
4	REFUSE	\$30,295.13	\$4,274.18	\$34,569.31
5	PARKS & REC	\$94.53	\$3,959.03	\$4,053.56
6	WATER	\$38,431.84	\$66,636.84	\$105,068.68
8	SEWER	\$4,145.28	\$11,902.79	\$16,048.07
9	WWTP	\$71,328.51	\$182,487.54	\$253,816.05
23	DEBT FUND			\$0.00
30	WATER CAPITAL	\$354.00	\$ 35,956.00	\$36,310.00
35	LIQUID FUELS	\$976.50	\$ 2.99	\$979.49
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$174,633.16</b>	<b>\$428,496.46</b>	<b>\$603,129.62</b>
<b>VOID CHECKS</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 174,633.16</b>	<b>\$ 428,496.46</b>	<b>\$ 603,129.62</b>

2. A recommendation to adopt Ordinance 1109 to include zoning for medical marijuana processing facilities. The ordinance was advertised and a hearing will be held.

### **The following business will be discussed.**

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. Detail was provided on the RACP GRANT Funding that was secured for the parking structure in the Lindenwold Parking Lot. The detailed plans will be copied and distributed.
3. An executive session is needed.

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1107

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO RECOGNIZE MEDICAL MARIJUANA BY ADDING DEFINITIONS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES AND ALLOWING GROWING/PROCESSING FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES; BEING AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 27-202, 27-1502, 27-1301, AND 27-1306; LEAVING THE REMAINDER OF THE ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; EFFECTIVE ON THE EARLIEST DATE RECOGNIZED BY THE BOROUGH CODE**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania legislature has legalized medical marijuana for use by persons suffering from certain serious medical conditions and

WHEREAS, it is the law of the Commonwealth that municipalities must make provision for any use that is legally permissible and

WHEREAS, Borough Council wishes to add provisions to its zoning ordinance to recognize medical marijuana facilities, consistent with state law,

NOW THEREFORE, Borough Council does hereby ORDAIN as follows:

1. Section 27-202 of the Borough zoning ordinance, "Definitions", is modified by adding the following definitions:

DISPENSARY – A person, corporation, partnership, association trust, or other entity, or any combination thereof, who holds a permit issued by the Department to dispense medical marijuana. The term does not include a health care medical marijuana organization as defined under Sections 1901-1908 of the Act.

GROWER/PROCESSOR – A person, corporation, partnership, association trust, or other entity, or any combination thereof, who holds a permit from the Department under the Act to grow and process medical marijuana. This term does not include a health care medical marijuana organization as defined under Sections 1901-1908 of the Act.

GROWING/PROCESSING FACILITY – Any building or structure used to grow and process to dispense medical marijuana by a licensed dispensary and that meets all requirements of the Act.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA – Marijuana for certified medical use as set forth in the Act.

2. Section 27-1502.1, Permitted Uses in the Industrial District is amended by adding a new paragraph "F" the text of which is: "Medical marijuana growing/processing facility."
3. Section 27-1504, Development Regulations in the Industrial District, is amended by adding a new paragraph "8", the text of which is as follows:
  8. Medical marijuana growing/processing facilities.
    1. All applicable standards in Part IX, Title 28 of the Pennsylvania Code shall apply to any medical marijuana facility.

2. The growing/processing facility shall not be located in a trailer, cargo container, mobile or modular unit, mobile home, recreational vehicle or other motor vehicle.
  3. A facility shall have an enclosed secure area out of public sight for the loading and unloading of medical marijuana into and from a transport vehicle.
  4. Off-street parking shall comply with Part 21 of the zoning ordinance for industrial uses, specifically, 1 space per 500 square feet of gross floor area or 1 space per employee on the largest shift, whichever is greater; plus, one unloading area or dock for each building complex.
4. Section 27-1302.1, Permitted Uses in the Commercial District, is amended by the addition of a new paragraph "K", the text of which is: "Medical Marijuana Dispensary".
5. A new section, 27-1306, Development Regulations in the Commercial District, shall be added to the Commercial District section of the zoning ordinance and shall read as follows:
- A. Medical marijuana dispensaries.
    1. All applicable standards in Part IX, Title 28 of the Pennsylvania Code shall apply to any medical marijuana facility.
    2. Signage shall comply with Part 20 contained herein.
    3. Off-street parking for medical marijuana dispensaries shall comply with Part 21 Off-Street Parking and Loading. Parking space requirement for retail uses: 1 space per 250 square feet of gross sales floor area plus 1 space per employee on the largest shift.

This ordinance is effective on the earliest date provided for in section 3301.3 of the Borough Code. If any portion of this ordinance is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such infirm portion shall, to the extent possible, be severed from the remainder, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDAINED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Salvatore Pasceri, President of Borough Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Aversa, Secretary



## **Parks and Recreation Committee**

The Committee Meeting was held April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Frank DeRuosi (Chair), Nancy Deininger and Sara Hertz. Absent: Mrs. Mc Cormick

### **The Committee will make no recommendations**

#### **APPROVED AT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Resolution 2017-5 authorizing the application to Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for grant funds to complete the park. (8- Aye)

### **The following business will be discussed.**

1. Earth Day activities have been scheduled for April 22 in the Gym, the EAC is planning the event.
2. Residents have requested additions to be made to Wahl Playground. Public Works staff is requesting quotes for the upgrades.
3. Registration is being held in Borough Hall on Wednesday May 3, from 5:00pm till 7:00pm for the Summer program. Camp dates are June 19 through July 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee Meeting was held April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Nancy Deininger (Chair) Sara Hertz, Sharon Mc Cormick and Francine Tomlinson. Absent: Mrs. Mc Cormick

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

1. A recommendation is requested to hire Mr. John Konway as a probationary police officer.
2. A recommendation is requested to appoint Mr. Mitchell Cashatt to the EAC. **(attached)**

### **The following business will be discussed.**

1. An executive session was held.
2. Vacancies exist on the Environmental Advisory Council and Appeals Board. Interested candidates are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to the Borough Manager.
3. The Human Relations Commission, staff and several Council members met for a training session. The **attached** is a sample Complaint from the Committee for consideration when contacted with a complaint. They have chosen the Chair of the Committee, Deborah Greenstein.

## **Recommendation**

### **Public Utilities**

Authorization is requested to prepare bid documents and advertise for bid the *Lafayette Avenue (Ft. Washington) Pipeline Replacement project*.

### **Finance and Planning Committee**

Recommend the March 2017 invoices be paid in the amount of \$ **603,129.62**

A recommendation to adopt Ordinance 1107 to include zoning for medical marijuana processing facilities was requested.

### **Salary and Personnel Committee**

A recommendation is requested to hire Mr. John Conway as a probationary police officer.

A recommendation is requested to appoint Mr. Mitchell Cashatt to the EAC.

### **Public Comment Procedure:**

As a reminder, it will not be the practice of Council to answer questions and/or engage in dialogue with the speaker during the Public Comments section of the meeting. Comments regarding any and all employee issues will not be entertained. Council may address items or questions raised at the next scheduled Committee/Council meeting, but reserves the right to determine agenda items. Council requests that those in attendance refrain from engaging the speaker during public comments.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ambler Borough Council