



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

July 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

June 20, 2017

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC UTILITIES

FINANCE & PLANNING

PARKS & RECREATION

SALARY & PERSONNEL

Public Safety Committee

The Council meeting is being held July 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee members: Edward Curtis (Chair), Sharon McCormick, Jonathan Sheward.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2017-10** suspending Ordinance 738 on August 19th, for persons attending the Criterium Bike Race.

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Police Department report is **attached**.
2. The Fire Department report is **attached**.
3. The Community Ambulance report is **attached**.
4. The Public Works and the Code Enforcement reports are **attached**.
5. The Highway Supervisor is putting a plan in place to begin changing Borough streetlights over to LED.

BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 10

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE 748
FOR PERSONS ATTENDING AMBLER BOROUGH'S
CRITERIUM BIKE RACE
ON AUGUST 19, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance 738, Codified in the Borough Ordinances at §6-101, prohibiting the carrying of alcoholic beverages in open containers, will not be enforced on August 19, 2017 against any attendee of Ambler Borough's Criterium Bike Race event. During the event, vendors and merchants will sell alcoholic beverages which may be carried and consumed by attendees within the visible boundaries of the event. Ordinance 748 will remain in force in the remainder of the Borough on those dates. All other laws relating to public conduct, including public intoxication and underage drinking, will remain in full force and effect, including throughout the festival events.

SO RESOLVED this 18th day of July, 2017.

Salvatore Pasceri, Council President

Mary Aversa, Secretary

AMBLER BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

VEHICLE FUEL & MILEAGE REPORT

Unit	LAST 2 MONTHS				LAST MONTH VS PRESENT			YEAR TO DATE		
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	MAY	JUN	% Change	2016	2017	% Change
43-1 2010 Ford Escape (Chief)	467	1,028	2,625	442	2,625	442	-83.2%	7,123	6,951	-2.4%
43-2 2013 Ford Interceptor (Patrol)	1,327	1,050	1,149	1,701	1,149	1,701	48.0%	14,162	7,366	-48.0%
43-3 2016 Ford Explorer (Patrol)	870	697	683	1,958	683	1,958	186.7%	3,351	5,090	51.9%
43-4 2008 Ford Crown Victoria (Det.)	205	216	31	535	31	535	1625.8%	7,802	1,681	-78.5%
43-5 2015 Ford Explorer (Patrol)	1,203	1,196	1,564	1,251	1,564	1,251	-20.0%	12,532	7,561	-39.7%
Total Mileage	4,072	4,187	6,052	5,887	6,052	5,887	-2.7%	44,970	28,649	-36.3%

CAR	GAS	ODOMETER READING
43-1	34.585	58,824
43-2	244.153	85,170
43-3	299.962	10,050
43-4	42.330	88,104
43-5	227.099	35,726
TOTAL	848.129	

Wissahickon Fire Company
Year 2017 Summary
Chiefs Report

Types of Calls	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Total	
							YTD	
Accident Standby	1				3		4	1.3%
AFA Actual	6	7	15	4	8	6	46	15.3%
AFA False	9	5	17	21	21	15	88	29.2%
Brush		1	1	2	5	2	11	3.7%
CO Detector	1	1	2	1	4		9	3.0%
Commercial Building	4	2		2	3	4	15	5.0%
Elevator Rescue					2	1	3	1.0%
EMS Assist			2		1		3	1.0%
FAST Team Assist	3				1	1	5	1.7%
Gas Odor Inside	2	2		1	1	1	7	2.3%
Gas Odor Outside			2	3	1		6	2.0%
Helicopter Landing		1					1	0.3%
Non Commercial Building	12	3		1	4	5	25	8.3%
Officer Investigation	2	3	2	2	1	4	14	4.7%
Residential Rescue		1					1	0.3%
Smoke in Area			1	1	1	2	5	1.7%
Special Service			1				1	0.3%
Standby	1			2	1	1	5	1.7%
Traffic Unit Assist	1	2	3		3	4	13	4.3%
Trash	1		1			1	3	1.0%
Vehicle Fire		2	3	1		2	8	2.7%
Vehicle Leaking Fuel			1				1	0.3%
Vehicle Rescue	2	1	4	1	2	1	11	3.7%
Water Flow False	1	2			1		4	1.3%
Water Rescue						1	1	0.3%
Wires			3	2		6	11	3.7%
Total	46	33	58	44	63	57	301	100.0%

Townships	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Total	
							YTD	
Ambler	12	12	18	18	19	18	97	32.2%
Lower Gwynedd	18	16	31	15	25	24	129	42.9%
Conshohocken				1			1	0.3%
East Norriton						1	1	0.3%
Horsham	2			1	3	1	7	2.3%
Lower Frederick				1			1	0.3%
Montgomery	4	3	1	1	2	3	14	4.7%
Norristown					1		1	0.3%
Springfield			1				1	0.3%
Upper Dublin			2	1	3	3	9	3.0%
Warrington - Bucks County		1			1		2	0.7%
Whitmarsh	3		3	4	4	6	20	6.6%
Whitpain	5	1	2	2	5	1	16	5.3%
Total	46	33	58	44	63	57	301	100.0%

Day Calls - Mon/Fri 6am- 6pm	24	16	31	22	27	22	142	47.2%
Total Personnel to Day Calls	315	142	349	257	296	260	1,619	
Total Per Day Call	13	9	11	12	11	12	11	

Night and Weekend Calls	22	17	27	22	36	35	159	52.8%
Total Personnel to Night Calls	400	228	353	287	597	507	2,372	
Total Per Night & Weekend Call	18	13	13	13	17	14	15	

All Calls	46	33	58	44	63	57	301	
Total Personnel to All Calls	715	370	702	544	893	770	3,994	
Total Per Call	16	11	12	12	14	14	13	

Monday Night Training Drills	4	4	4	4	4	4	24	
Total Personnel to Drill	174	142	132	122	151	147	868	
Total Per Drill	44	36	33	31	38	37	36	



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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	63	241
May	60	252
June	53	232
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
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YTD Totals	317	1,365

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Public Utilities Committee

The Council meeting is being held July 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Claudio Zaccone (Chair), Sal Pasceri, Edward Curtis.

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Engineer's report is **attached**.



July 12, 2017

Ms. Mary Aversa
Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: Status Report – June 2017

Dear Mary,

The status of current active projects is as follows:

- 1.) Wissahickon Creek TMDL – The Ambler WWTP and the other 3 wastewater treatment plants on the Wissahickon Creek are sent response letters to PADEP regarding PADEP's proposed Consent Order and Agreement. PADEP verbally has indicated dissatisfaction with all four of the responses. Work on the TMDL Alternative by PEC and Temple University is proceeding.
- 2.) NPDES Permit and TMDL Compliance– EEMA'1 is working with WWTP personnel to prioritize repair, replacement and refurbishment of certain critical process related valves and pumps. To meet the total phosphorus limits proposed by DEP, all processes at the WWTP will need to perform optimally. EEMA is also investigating additional chemical storage, multiple chemical addition locations, and converting the digesters to aerobic digestion.
- 3.) Covered Parking for Sludge Truck – EEMA has met with a prefabricated building manufacturer to assess enclosing the area between B-1 and B-2 to facilitate parking the sludge truck with a loaded contained overnight in the winter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
Environmental Engineering &
Management Associates, Inc.

William A. Brown II, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Finance and Planning Committee

The Council meeting is being held July 18, 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.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. That the **June 2017** invoices be paid as follows:

#	Fund	JUNE 1ST RUN	JUNE 2ND RUN	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$15,311.79	\$ 98,453.71	\$113,765.50
2	STREET LGTS	\$120.92	\$ 2,802.70	\$2,923.62
3	FIRE		\$ 88,445.24	\$88,445.24
4	REFUSE	\$30,260.60	\$5,158.44	\$35,419.04
5	PARKS & REC	\$3,106.88	\$1,624.93	\$4,731.81
6	WATER	\$34,597.48	\$80,806.92	\$115,404.40
8	SEWER	\$2,997.64	\$10,445.21	\$13,442.85
9	WWTP	\$53,894.35	\$63,609.15	\$117,503.50
23	DEBT FUND			\$0.00
30	WATER CAPITAL			\$0.00
35	LIQUID FUELS			\$0.00
	TOTALS	\$140,289.66	\$351,346.30	\$491,635.96
	VOID CHECKS	\$0.00		\$0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 140,289.66	\$ 351,346.30	\$ 491,635.96

2. Montgomery County has created a new model ordinance intended to achieve continuing compliance with Act 167 and to remain compliant with law. Title 26, Part 4 of the codified ordinances will include a new Part 4 to be called the Ambler Borough Stormwater Management Ordinance. (Ordinance packet enclosed.) **Direction will be provided from Council.**

3. Sealed bids were received on July 13th for the **Ambler 2017 Road Program**. A recommendation is made to award the contract for the base bid and the alternate bid to Gorecon Inc. in the amount of \$259,746.30 contingent upon Solicitor review of the bids. **(attached)**
4. Authorize advertisement of 30-day public comment period to run August 1-30 for the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Pollution Reduction Plan & TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Report. This is required for the MS4 Notice of Intent (NOI) due in September.
5. Authorization to approve consent with the County Tax Claim Bureau for the repository tax sale of a Church Street property (Parcel 01-00-01302-80-3) for the proposed bid amount of \$500 to prospective bidder Blackstone Investments LLC. **(attached)**

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Borough Engineer's report is **attached**.
2. **Attached** are several options from the Planning Commission to address the spread of bamboo in the Borough.



GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.
ENGINEERING & CONSULTING SERVICES

July 13, 2017

Project No. 2017-01105

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
122 East Butler Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Reference: 2017 Road Program
Bid Tabulation

Dear Mary:

Bids for the above-referenced project were opened at the public meeting held 10:00 AM July 13, 2017 at Ambler Borough Hall. The base bid includes mill and overlay of East Butler Avenue between York and Lindenwold, Reiffs Mill Road between Tennis and N. Main, Docs Court and Pleasant Acre Drive. The base bid also includes 11 curbs ramps along these roads. The Alternate Bid includes mill and overlay of S. Main Street from Butler to Mary Ambler Way. One bid was received. A copy of the bid tabulation is attached for your review. It is our understanding that the *planned culvert replacement on S. Main is anticipated to be completed in August. Therefore, we recommend award of the base bid and the alternate bid to GoreCon, Inc. in the amount of \$259,746.30 contingent upon Solicitor review of the bids. If the planned culvert replacement on S. Main will not be completed, the Borough should consider award on the Base Bid only in the amount of \$150,115.80.*

	GoreCon Inc.
BASE BID ONLY	\$ 150,115.80
BASE BID & ALTERNATE BID	\$ 259,746.30

As always, please call us if you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance regarding this project.

Sincerely,

James P. Dougherty, P.E.
Senior Project Manager
Gilmore & Associates, Inc.

JPD/si

Enclosure: Bid Tabulation

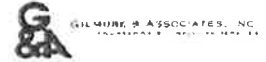
cc: Joseph Bresnan, Esq., Dischell Bartle Dooley
Gail Gordon – Finance Manager
Glenn Kucher – Code Enforcement Officer
Marco Resente - Public Works Superintendent
Bidders

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BID TABULATION

CLIENT: Ambler Borough
 PROJECT NAME: Ambler Borough – 2017 Road Program
 G&A PROJECT #: 2017-01105



Jul/13/2017

BID DATE: Jul/13/2017

CONTRACTOR ADDRESS
 GoreCon Inc
 PO Box 1778
 Doylestown, PA 18901
 Phone 267-880-0890
 Fax 267-880-0892
 Bina Sweet
 Email brinasweet@goreconinc.com

ITEM NO.	LOT	ITEM	UNIT	QUANTITY	BID UNIT COST	BID EXTENDED COST
BASE BID						
1	1	BASE BID - E. Butler - 1.5" Full Depth Mill, Remove Millings	SY	2150	\$2.93	\$ 6,299.50
2	1	BASE BID - E. Butler - 8.5" Asphalt Base Repair	SY	23	\$51.75	\$ 1,190.25
3	1	BASE BID - E. Butler - HMA Leveling Course, PG 64-22, 3 to 30 million ESAL's, 9.5 mm mix, +/-1.5" Depth	TON	20	\$79.00	\$ 1,580.00
4	1	BASE BID - E. Butler - HMA Wearing Course, PG 64-22, 3 to 30 million ESAL's, 9.5 mm mix, +/-1.5" Depth	SY	2150	\$9.50	\$ 20,425.00
5	1	BASE BID - E. Butler - 6" Wide White Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Crosswalks)	LF	65	\$2.95	\$ 191.75
6	1	BASE BID - E. Butler - 4" Wide Double Yellow Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Center lane striping)	LF	460	\$2.50	\$ 1,150.00
7	1	BASE BID - E. Butler - 4" Wide White Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Lane & Parking Space)	LF	200	\$2.81	\$ 562.00
8	1	BASE BID - E. Butler - 24" Wide Yellow Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Gore Striping)	LF	30	\$11.30	\$ 339.00
9	1	BASE BID - E. Butler - Traffic Markings, White Thermoplastic - "LEFT TURN ARROW"	EA	2	\$225.00	\$ 450.00
10	1	BASE BID - E. Butler - Traffic Markings, White Thermoplastic - "ONLY"	EA	2	\$282.00	\$ 564.00
11	1	BASE BID - Reiffs Mill - 1.5" Full Depth Mill, Remove Millings	SY	1250	\$4.13	\$ 5,162.50
12	1	BASE BID - Reiffs Mill - HMA Leveling Course, PG 64-22, 3 to 30 million ESAL's, 9.5 mm mix, +/-1.5" Depth	TON	15	\$79.00	\$ 1,185.00
13	1	BASE BID - Reiffs Mill - HMA Wearing Course, PG 64-22, 3 to 30 million ESAL's, 9.5 mm mix, +/-1.5" Depth	SY	1250	\$9.50	\$ 11,875.00
14	1	BASE BID - Reiffs Mill - 6" Wide White Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Crosswalks)	LF	204	\$3.00	\$ 612.00
15	1	BASE BID - Reiffs Mill - 24" Wide White Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Stop Bars)	LF	44	\$11.30	\$ 497.20
16	1	BASE BID - Reiffs Mill - 4" Wide Double Yellow Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Center lane striping)	LF	100	\$2.50	\$ 250.00
17	1	BASE BID - Reiffs Mill - Removal of Existing Curb and Sidewalk	SF	899	\$12.90	\$ 11,237.50
18	1	BASE BID - Reiffs Mill - Plain Cement Concrete ADA/PADOT Compliant Curb	LF	122	\$69.00	\$ 8,418.00
19	1	BASE BID - Reiffs Mill - Plain Cement ADA/PADOT Compliant Concrete Sidewalk (4" Thick)	SF	655	\$7.00	\$ 4,585.00
20	1	BASE BID - Reiffs Mill - Detectable Warning Surface	SF	58	\$28.20	\$ 1,579.20
21	1	BASE BID - Doc's Ct - 1.5" Full Depth Mill, Remove Millings	SY	1400	\$3.44	\$ 4,816.00
22	1	BASE BID - Doc's Ct - HMA Leveling Course, PG 64-22, 3 to 30 million ESAL's, 9.5 mm mix, +/-1.5" Depth	TON	15	\$79.00	\$ 1,185.00
23	1	BASE BID - Doc's Ct - HMA Wearing Course, PG 64-22, 3 to 30 million ESAL's, 9.5 mm mix, +/-1.5" Depth	SY	1400	\$10.00	\$ 14,000.00
24	1	BASE BID - Doc's Ct - 6" Wide White Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Crosswalks)	LF	100	\$2.95	\$ 295.00
25	1	BASE BID - Doc's Ct - 24" Wide White Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Stop Bars)	LF	15	\$11.30	\$ 169.50
26	1	BASE BID - Doc's Ct - Removal of Existing Curb and Sidewalk	SF	524	\$12.50	\$ 6,550.00
27	1	BASE BID - Doc's Ct - Plain Cement Concrete ADA/PADOT Compliant Curb	LF	54	\$69.00	\$ 3,726.00
28	1	BASE BID - Doc's Ct - Plain Cement ADA/PADOT Compliant Concrete Sidewalk (4" Thick)	SF	416	\$7.00	\$ 2,912.00
29	1	BASE BID - Doc's Ct - Detectable Warning Surface	SF	24	\$28.25	\$ 678.00
30	1	BASE BID - Pleasant Acre - 1.5" Full Depth Mill, Remove Millings	SY	1700	\$2.80	\$ 4,930.00
31	1	BASE BID - Pleasant Acre - 8.5" Asphalt Base Repair	SY	30	\$51.75	\$ 1,552.50
32	1	BASE BID - Pleasant Acre - HMA Leveling Course, PG 64-22, 3 to 30 million ESAL's, 9.5 mm mix, +/-1.5" Depth	TON	20	\$79.00	\$ 1,580.00
33	1	BASE BID - Pleasant Acre - HMA Wearing Course, PG 64-22, 3 to 30 million ESAL's, 9.5 mm mix, +/-1.5" Depth	SY	1700	\$10.00	\$ 17,000.00
34	1	BASE BID - Pleasant Acre - 6" Wide White Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Crosswalks)	LF	52	\$2.95	\$ 153.40
35	1	BASE BID - Pleasant Acre - 24" Wide White Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Stop Bars)	LF	13	\$11.30	\$ 146.90
36	1	BASE BID - Pleasant Acre - Removal of Existing Curb and Sidewalk	SF	439	\$12.40	\$ 5,443.60
37	1	BASE BID - Pleasant Acre - Plain Cement Concrete ADA/PADOT Compliant Curb	LF	60	\$69.00	\$ 4,140.00
38	1	BASE BID - Pleasant Acre - Plain Cement ADA/PADOT Compliant Concrete Sidewalk (4" Thick)	SF	319	\$7.00	\$ 2,233.00
39	1	BASE BID - Pleasant Acre - Detectable Warning Surface	SF	18	\$28.25	\$ 452.00
SUBTOTAL BASE BID						\$ 150,115.80
ALTERNATE BID						
40	2	ALT BID - S. Main - 1.5" Full Depth Mill, Remove Millings	SY	4850	\$3.15	\$ 15,277.50
41	2	ALT BID - S. Main - 8.5" Asphalt Base Repair	SY	485	\$64.00	\$ 31,040.00
42	2	ALT BID - S. Main - HMA Leveling Course, PG 64-22, 3 to 30 million ESAL's, 9.5 mm mix, +/-1.5" Depth	TON	40	\$85.00	\$ 3,400.00
43	2	ALT BID - S. Main - HMA Wearing Course, PG 64-22, 3 to 30 million ESAL's, 9.5 mm mix, +/-1.5" Depth	SY	4850	\$10.00	\$ 48,500.00
44	2	ALT BID - S. Main - 6" Wide White Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Crosswalks)	LF	52	\$2.95	\$ 153.40
45	2	ALT BID - S. Main - 24" Wide White Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Stop Bars)	LF	67	\$11.30	\$ 757.10
46	2	ALT BID - S. Main - 4" Wide Double Yellow Thermoplastic Pavement Striping (Center lane striping)	LF	60	\$2.50	\$ 150.00
47	2	ALT BID - S. Main - Removal of Existing Curb and Sidewalk	SF	355	\$12.50	\$ 4,437.50
48	2	ALT BID - S. Main - Plain Cement Concrete ADA/PADOT Compliant Curb	LF	52	\$69.00	\$ 3,588.00
49	2	ALT BID - S. Main - Plain Cement ADA/PADOT Compliant Concrete Sidewalk (4" Thick)	SF	251.00	\$7.00	\$ 1,757.00
50	2	ALT BID - S. Main - Detectable Warning Surface	SF	20.00	\$28.50	\$ 570.00
SUBTOTAL ALTERNATE BID						\$ 109,630.50
TOTAL						\$ 259,746.30

COMPLETENESS REVIEW

Attended Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting	NA
Bid Form (PennBid eBid Form)	✓
Bid Bond Form (Document 00 43 13) or other Bid Security	✓
Bidder Qualification Statement Form (Document 00 45 13) or Construction Contractor's Qualification Statement for Engineered Construction (AGC Document No. 220)	✓
Representations, Certifications and Other Statements of Bidders (Document 00 45 13 1)	✓
Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder (Document 00 45 19)	✓
Public Works Employment Verification Form (Document 00 45 22)	✓
Agreement of Surety Form (Document 00 45 33)	✓

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Borough Engineer		
2001-1010	TEA-21 - Ambler Streetscape 2002	Construction underway.
2003-0122-01	Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit	Revised TMDL Strategy provided to Ambler 12/16/15 for submission to PADEP. Progress Report submitted to PADEP 5/12/2016. Final Progress report for 2013 permit and NOI for 2018 permit due 9/16/17.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Plan revision underway for resubmission to DVRPC.
2011-01116-01	Glen Mawr Homes-Edgewood SD	Review of Lot 15, Edgewood Dr provided 5/5/16.
2013-02020	Ambler Crossings	Construction underway.
2014-04103	Wissahickon Act 167 Plan (Ambler)	Act 167 Plan approved by MontCo and PADEP. New storm water ordinance required to be adopted by 1/16/16. Ordinance provided 12/4/15.
2014-12015	St. Mary's Villa Residential Redevelopment.- TIS	Meetings with PennDOT, Developer & Ambler held 3/2/15 & 9/15/15. TIS review provided 6/11/15, 8/11/16.
2016-05051	Ambler Borough 2016 Paving Program	Construction complete. Maintenance period expires 5/12/18
2017-01010	2017 Ambler Borough General Services	On-going. Review of structural condition on Whitemarsh WTP access bridge underway.
2017-01010-02	Ambler Traffic Signals	Preparation of pedestrian flasher signal permits underway.
2017-01032	N. Maple Ave Culvert Assessment	Culvert assesment underway
2017-01105	Ambler Borough 2017 Road Paving	Bids opened 7/13/17.
Sewer Engineer		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway.
2017-01050	Ambler Borough General Sewer Services	On-going
Water Engineer		
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway.
2016-04009	Maple Ave Water Main Replacement	Field survey completed. Awaiting further direction from Water Superintendent.
2016-07041	Whitemarsh NPDES Permit	Application for NPDES permit renewal submitted to DEP 12/23/16.
2017-01049	Ambler Borough General Water Services	On-going
2017-01134	SOC Sampling	Waiver for SOCs, PCBs, and Dioxin monitoring received from PADEP per 6/16/17 letter.
2017-03065	Prophecy Creek Bridge	Assisting Water Dept. with review of County's plans for bridge replacement project and impact on existing water main.

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Water Engineer		
2017-03128	Lafayette Ave. Water Main Replacement	Design plans and preparation of bid documents continue; anticipate bids due in August.
2017-04067	Broad Axe Tank Verizon Wireless	Plans approved via letter dated 4/24/17.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 12, 2017

SUBJECT: Bamboo Regulation Overview

TO: Ambler Borough Council
Mary Aversa, Ambler Borough Manager
Glenn Kucher, Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer

FROM: Lauren Van Dyk, Community Planner

Uncontrolled growth of invasive bamboo in southeastern Pennsylvania is a growing concern for many communities. Although bamboo is commercially available and is often planted as an ornamental buffer or screen, certain varieties (those commonly referred to as “running bamboo”) can spread very easily and can quickly take over a yard. The invasiveness of running bamboo is so severe that the plant can quickly spread to adjacent properties, can harm or even kill other important vegetation, and can cause physical damage to property (sidewalks, pavement, building foundations, and so on). Running bamboo spreads with ease because the plant multiplies by shooting rhizomes out horizontally underground, from which sprouts emerge above-ground that can grow up to 12” per day.

At the suggestion of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission, I have created for Borough Council this brief overview of potential methods for regulating bamboo growth through an ordinance amendment to Chapter 10 of the Ambler Borough Code, “Grass and Weeds”. We typically recommend that any action taken to remove bamboo from private property be complaint-driven.

Prohibition

- *New* bamboo plants are prohibited to be planted, grown, or maintained.
- *Existing* bamboo plants at the time of adoption would be allowed to remain so long as any portion of the plant is kept at least 10* feet from any property line.

Contain New Plants

- *New* bamboo plants may be planted, grown and maintained so long as they are fully contained by either 1) below-ground barriers (i.e. dense polyethylene plastic), or 2) above-ground planters.
- Below-ground barriers must be installed correctly to effectively prevent spreading; professional assistance is typically recommended.

- Above-ground planters will likely have drainage holes. Planters should be elevated above the ground so that rhizomes trying to “escape” the planter are visible and can easily be snipped off.
- Encroachment setbacks must be set for *existing* bamboo, i.e. no portion of existing bamboo plants may be within 10* feet of any public right-of-way or property line.

Prohibit in Right-of-Way Only

- No portion of the bamboo plant may be within 10* feet of any public road right-of-way.
- This could also be applied to any above- and/or below-ground utility right-of-way.

**Note: Encroachment setback limits can be discussed and changed if desired.
Ten feet is used above as an example.*

With feedback from Council regarding a preferred approach, we will continue working with the Borough Planning Commission and other Borough staff/consultants to develop a draft ordinance.

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**Ambler Borough
Bamboo Ordinance Examples
June 27, 2017**

Example: Worcester

- *Prohibits growth within 40' of the edge of the pavement or traveled portion of any public thoroughfare*
- *Requires that, after removal, rhizomes are incinerated*

BAMBOO: Any monopodial tropical or semi-tropical grasses from the genera Bambusa, Phyllostachys, or Pseudosasa, including, but not limited to, Phyllostachys aurea (golden bamboo), Bambusa vulgaris (common bamboo), and Pseudosasa japonica (arrow bamboo).

PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE: Public highways, streets, roadways, trails, paths, and sidewalks.

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§10-102. Regulation of bamboo.

1. Planting restricted. Bamboo shall not be planted, maintained or otherwise be permitted to exist within 40 feet of the edge of the pavement or traveled portion of any public thoroughfare in the Borough. This shall apply to all parts of the bamboo plant, including stalks, leaves, roots, and branches.
- 1.2. Removal and abatement. Property owner(s) whose property contains bamboo shall remove and abate the growth of the bamboo within 40 feet of the edge of the pavement or traveled portion of a public thoroughfare in the Borough. After removal of the bamboo, all rhizomes shall be disposed of by incineration.

§10-102. Duty of Owners and Occupants of Premises.

The owner of any premises, as to vacant premises and premises occupied by the owner, and the occupant thereof, as to premises occupied by other than the owner thereof, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises in violation of any of the provisions of §10-101 of this Part. (Ord. 414, 3/11/1957, §2)

§10-103. Notice by Borough; Authority for Borough to Cut or Remove Grass and Weeds and Collect Cost.

The Borough Council, or any officer or employee of the Borough designated by the Council for the purpose, is hereby authorized to give notice, by personal service or by United States mail, to the owner or occupant, as the case may be, of the premises whereon grass, weeds or other vegetation is growing or remaining in violation of any of the provisions of §10-101 of this Part, directing and requiring such owner or occupant to remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or other vegetation so as to conform to the requirements of this Part, within five days after issuance of such notice. In case any person or persons, association, partnership or corporation shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice, within the period of time stated therein, the Borough authorities may remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or other vegetation and the cost thereof, together with any additional penalty authorized by law, may be collected by the Borough from such person or persons, partnership, association, firm or corporation, in the manner provided by law. (Ord. 414, 3/11/1957, §3) HEALTH AND SAFETY 10-4

§10-104. Penalty for Violation.

1. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense. [A.O.]
2. Further, provided, however, that where the owner or occupant has been given notice personally, or by certified mail, which notice shall set forth the time, place and nature of the violation, no prosecution shall be instituted for 48 hours after said notice and if during said 48 hour period the offender shall voluntarily enter a plea of guilty, abate the prohibited conditions and pay a fine of \$10 to the Borough Secretary for the use of the Borough, no prosecution for such offense shall thereafter be brought. (Ord. 414, 3/11/1957, §4; as amended by Ord. 651, 2/16/1976, §1; by Ord. 668, 5/16/1977; by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983; and by A.O.

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**Ambler Borough
Bamboo Ordinance Examples
June 27, 2017**

Example: Abington

- *Not permitted to grow unless fully contained in a planter or similar vessel, or contained within a barrier*
- *Setbacks from pavement, sidewalks, and public roads*

BAMBOO: Any monopodial (running) bamboo of the tribe "bambuseae", including, but not limited to, the genus Phyllostachys, and Pseudosasa as well as the Common Bamboo, Golden Bamboo, and Arrow Bamboo.

BAMBOO OWNER: Any property owner or resident who has planted and/or grows bamboo, or maintains bamboo on his property, or permits bamboo to grow or remain on the property even if the bamboo has spread from an adjoining property. Any owner of or resident at the property on which bamboo is found will be considered a bamboo owner, except any property owner or resident who:

- Did not plant or grow or cause bamboo to be planted or grown on his property, and
- Has provided satisfactory proof to the Borough that, within a reasonable amount of time after discovering the encroachment of bamboo onto the property from an adjoining neighbor, he advised the owner of such property of his objection to the encroachment of bamboo, and
- Has initiated steps for the removal of the bamboo from his property.

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§10-102. Regulation of Bamboo.

1. For purposes of this Chapter, bamboo found growing upon a property shall constitute presumptive evidence that the bamboo was planted and/or grown by and/or with the consent of the property owner, tenant, or other individual, entity or corporation having control of the property.

1.2. Prohibition. Except as provided in §10-102.4.a of this Code, upon the effective date of this Chapter, the planting or growing of bamboo shall be prohibited within the Borough, and no persons, property owners, tenants or other individuals, entities or corporations having control of property within the Borough shall plant, cultivate, or cause to grow any bamboo on any lot or parcel of ground within the Borough. Any person who thereafter plants or grows, or causes or allows to be planted or grown, bamboo within the Borough shall be deemed to be in violation of this Chapter and shall be subject to such penalties as are set forth herein.

2.3. This section shall not be deemed to alter any rights at common law or otherwise that any property owner may have to recover the cost of removal of bamboo on his or her own property that has run over from a neighboring property.

3.4. Exceptions:

- a. The root system of such bamboo plants is entirely contained within an above-ground-level planter, barrel or other vessel of such design, material, and location as to entirely prevent the spread of growth of the bamboo plants' root system beyond the container in which it is planted; or
- b. The root system is contained within a barrier, constructed in accordance with the following specifications, and only after a compliance inspection is performed and a permit issued by the Borough:
 - i. The barrier itself shall be composed of high-density polypropylene or polyethylene, with a thickness of 40 mm or more;
 - ii. Each portion worksheet of the barrier shall be secured or joined together by the use of stainless steel clamps or stainless steel closure strips designed to be used with such barriers;
 - iii. The barrier shall be installed not less than 30 inches deep;
 - iv. The barrier shall be circular or oblong shaped;

- v. Not less than three inches of the barrier shall protrude above ground level around the entire perimeter of the bamboo;
 - vi. When installed, the barrier shall slant outward from bottom to top.
- c. Whether planted or growing in a container, as described herein, all bamboo plants shall be located, trimmed and maintained so that no part of the plant, including the root system of the plant, shall be closer than 10 feet to any pavement, sidewalk or public road within the Borough. In addition, all bamboo plants shall be maintained such that that portion of the plant that is aboveground shall be trimmed back to a point at least 20 feet from any pavement, sidewalk or public road within the Township.
- 4.5. Any bamboo that has been planted or otherwise permitted to grow on any property within the Borough prior to the effective date of this chapter may remain on such property subject to compliance with the following:
- a. The bamboo shall not be closer than 10 feet to any, pavement, sidewalk, or a public road within the Borough. In addition, all bamboo plants shall be maintained such that that portion of the plant that is aboveground shall be trimmed back to a point at least 20 feet from any pavement, sidewalk or public road within the Borough.
 - b. Any bamboo owner whose property contains bamboo shall remove and abate the growth of the bamboo, including the root system of the plant, within 10 feet of the edge of the pavement or traveled portion of a public road in the Borough. In addition, all bamboo plants shall be maintained such that that portion of the plant that is aboveground shall be trimmed back to a point at least 20 feet from any pavement, sidewalk or public road within the Borough.
 - c. Each bamboo owner shall be responsible for ensuring that the bamboo planted or growing on the property prior to the effective date of this section is maintained such that it does not encroach or grow upon any adjoining or neighboring property or properties, including all public property and public rights-of-way.
 - d. If the Borough Code Enforcement Officer determines that any portion of such bamboo has been allowed to grow upon, extend roots across, or extend branches, stalks or leaves over any public right-of-way or any private property not owned by or in the possession of such landowner, the property owner or possessor shall be required to comply with the provisions of §10-102.4.b above.

5-6. Removal. In the event that the bamboo owner does not remove or contract for the removal of the bamboo from the Borough property or does not make an arrangement with the Borough for removal of such bamboo within 30 days from the date the Borough first provided notice, the Borough, at its discretion, may take the appropriate steps to effectuate the removal or arrange for removal of such bamboo, including but not limited to filing an action in equity. The bamboo owner shall be liable and responsible to the Borough for all costs incurred in removing the bamboo from the Borough property, including reasonable attorneys' fees. Such costs may be assessed against the property of the bamboo owner and entered as a lien on the property. Nothing herein shall be construed to create any affirmative obligation on the part of the Borough to abate or remove any bamboo within the Borough.

7. Replanting prohibited. Any bamboo either planted or caused to be planted or existing on a property prior to the effective date of this Chapter may not be replanted or replaced in kind once such running bamboo is or has become, for any reason, dead, destroyed, uprooted or otherwise removed, unless such replanting is consistent with the provisions of this Chapter that apply to new plantings.

§10-~~102~~103. Duty of Owners and Occupants of Premises.

The owner of any premises, as to vacant premises and premises occupied by the owner, and the occupant thereof, as to premises occupied by other than the owner thereof, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises in violation of any of the provisions of §10-101 of this Part. (Ord. 414, 3/11/1957, §2)

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2. Further, provided, however, that where the owner or occupant has been given notice personally, or by certified mail, which notice shall set forth the time, place and nature of the violation, no prosecution shall be instituted for 48 hours after said notice and if during said 48 hour period the offender shall voluntarily enter a plea of guilty, abate the prohibited conditions and pay a fine of \$10 to the Borough Secretary for the use of the Borough, no prosecution for such offense shall thereafter be brought. (Ord. 414, 3/11/1957, §4; as amended by Ord. 651, 2/16/1976, §1; by Ord. 668, 5/16/1977; by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983; and by A.O.

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**Ambler Borough
Bamboo Ordinance Examples
June 27, 2017**

Example: Upper Dublin

- *Limits growth adjacent to public property, adjacent property lines, and public rights-of-way*
- *Measures must be taken to prevent bamboo from encroaching*

BAMBOO: Any monopodial (running) bamboo of the tribe "bambuseae", including, but not limited to, the genus Phyllostachys, and Pseudosasa as well as the Common Bamboo, Golden Bamboo, and Arrow Bamboo.

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- Did not plant or grow or cause bamboo to be planted or grown on his property, and
- Has provided satisfactory proof to the Borough that, within a reasonable amount of time after discovering the encroachment of bamboo onto the property from an adjoining neighbor, he advised the owner of such property of his objection to the encroachment of bamboo, and
- Has initiated steps for the removal of the bamboo from his property.

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No person or persons, partnership, association, firm or corporation, owning or occupying any property in the Borough of Ambler, shall permit any of the following to occur on such property, each of the following acts hereby being declared a public nuisance:

- Permit bamboo to be planted or grown on the property, or to spread to an adjoining property, it being the intent to prohibit bamboo within the Borough, except as provided herein. Bamboo

found growing on a property shall constitute presumptive evidence that bamboo was planted and/or grown by and/or with the consent of the bamboo owner.

2. Permit grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for a useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of six inches or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor or to conceal any filthy deposit or to create or produce pollen. (Ord. 414, 3/11/1957, §1)

§10-102. Regulation of Bamboo.

The following special regulations pertain to the planting and maintenance of bamboo:

1. Any bamboo that has been planted or otherwise permitted to grow on any property within the Borough prior to the effective date of this Section may remain on such property subject to compliance with this Section.

- a. Bamboo shall not be planted, maintained, or otherwise permitted to exist within 40 feet of the edge of the pavement or traveled portion of a public road in the Borough, within 40 feet of the property line of any Borough or other public property, or within 25 feet of the property line of an adjoining or neighboring property, and
- b. Each bamboo owner shall be required to take such measures as are reasonably expected to prevent such bamboo from invading the setbacks set forth in (a) above. Such measures shall include but are not limited to, installation of sheathing comprised of metal or other material impenetrable by bamboo at a sufficient depth within the property line or lines where the running bamboo is planted or is growing to prevent such growth or encroachment prohibited herein.

2. Removal.

- a. In the event that bamboo growing on a bamboo owner's property invades or grows on adjoining or neighboring property that is owned or held on behalf of the Borough, the Borough will notify the bamboo owner in writing that the bamboo has invaded the Borough property and that the bamboo owner is responsible for the removal of such running bamboo from the Borough property. This notice shall be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested and by regular mail to the latest address of the bamboo owner on file with the Borough and a copy of the notice shall also be posted at the bamboo owner's property.
- b. In the event that the bamboo owner does not remove or contract for the removal of the bamboo from the Borough property, or does not make an arrangement agreeable to the Borough for removal of such bamboo within sixty (60) days from the date the Borough first provided notice pursuant to the above, the Borough, at its discretion, may remove or arrange for the removal of such bamboo from the Borough property. The bamboo owner shall be liable and responsible to the Borough

for the cost incurred for removal of the bamboo from Borough property. Such costs may be assessed against the property of the bamboo owner.

2.3. Replanting prohibited. Any bamboo either planted or caused to be planted or existing on a property prior to the effective date of this Section may not be replanted or replaced once such running bamboo is or has become, for any reason, dead, destroyed, uprooted, or otherwise removed.

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Parks and Recreation Committee

The Council meeting is being held July 18, 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.

The Committee will make no recommendations

The following business will be discussed.

1. Staff has updated the Five Year Plan including cost for several park upgrades. Residents have requested several additions to the parks. The new extended fence at Ambler Borough Hall/Wahl Playground has been contracted for and should be installed mid-August.
2. The committee is working with Ambler Main Street on the following events: 'Yoga in the Park' and 'Mindfulness/Meditation in the Park.'
3. The Committee is collecting gently used children's books and books for all ages for use in the Borough's 'free libraries'.

Salary & Personnel Committee

The Council meeting is being held July 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Nancy Deininger (Chair) Sara Hertz, Sharon McCormick and Francine Tomlinson.

The Committee will make the following recommendations.

1. **Attached** is a letter from Wissahickon Valley Public Library requesting that Borough Council reappoint Karen Kieser to their Board of Trustees for an additional 3-year term. The Library will accept letters of interest for another seat being vacated this fall. WVPL is looking for a community leader and library supporter who has skill in one or more of the following areas: finance, fundraising, planning, human resources, technology, property management or law. The Board meets monthly and the candidate additionally will serve on a WVPL committee.

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Council President has appointed the negotiating team for the upcoming Municipal Union employee contract.
2. Vacancies exist on the Environmental Advisory Council and Appeals Board. Interested residents are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to the Borough Manager.
3. Advertisements have been placed for the vacant position of Public Works Foreman.

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650 Skippack Pike
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WISSAHICKON VALLEY PUBLIC
Library

June 21, 2017

Mary Aversa, Ambler Borough Manager
Ambler Borough Hall
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Dear Ms. Aversa:

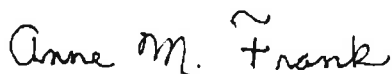
The Wissahickon Valley Public Library (WVPL) is governed by a board of nine trustees. The Ambler Borough Council appoints two of these trustees. The library board is asking the Ambler Borough Council to reappoint Karen Kieser for another 3 year term.

Karen Kieser, of 59 Belmont Ave., has served with distinction for 3 terms. Ms. Kieser currently serves as the Vice-President of the library board and also serves on the fundraising committee and the property committee.

I would be happy to provide any additional information requested. Would you please let me know when this request is scheduled for a board vote?

Thank you for your time and consideration of this board appointment.

Sincerely,



Anne Frank
Library Director

Recommendations

Public Safety

Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2017-10** suspending Ordinance 738 on August 19th, for persons attending the Criterium Bike Race.

Public Utilities Committee

Finance and Planning Committee

Recommend the June 2017 invoices be paid in the amount of **\$491,635.96**.

Recommendation to award the 2017 Road Program contract for the base bid and the alternate bid to Gorecon Inc. in the amount of \$259,746.30 contingent upon Solicitor review of the bids.

Authorize advertisement of 30-day public comment period to run August 1-30 for the MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan & TMDL Report which is required for the MS4 Notice of Intent due in September.

Authorization to approve consent with the County Tax Claim Bureau for the repository tax sale of a Church Street property (Parcel 01-00-01302-80-3) for the proposed bid amount of \$500 to prospective bidder Blackstone Investments LLC.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Salary and Personnel Committee

Recommend reappointing Karen Kieser to the Wissahickon Valley Public Library (WVPL) Board of Trustees to serve an additional 3-year term.

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 Comment 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