



# **BOROUGH OF AMBLER**

## **COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**January 16, 2018 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Frank DeRuosi**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Sorg**

**ROLL CALL: Ms. Mary Aversa**

**MINUTES APPROVED  
December 19, 2017**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
PUBLIC UTILITIES  
FINANCE & PLANNING  
PARKS & RECREATION  
SALARY & PERSONNEL**

**A Town Hall meeting will be advertised for March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.**

## **Public Safety Committee**

The Committee meeting was held January 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee members: Claudio Zaccone (Chair), Sal Pasceri, Nancy Deininger and Glynnis Siskind.

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business will be discussed.**

1. The Police Department report is **attached**.
2. The Fire Department report will be provided.
3. The Community Ambulance report is **attached**.
4. The Public Works and the Code Enforcement reports were received.
5. The Borough Engineer discussed the Storm Water Plans and Traffic study for St. Mary's development. Borough Council is discussing options to address the concerns of residents.



**COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION**

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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	51	195
August	72	248
September	72	244
October	73	240
November	63	244
December	58	237
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YTD Totals	633	2,773

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### **Public Utilities Committee**

The Committee meeting was held January 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Sal Pasceri (Chair), Claudio Zaccone, Francine Tomlinson and Glynnis Siskind.

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business will be discussed.**

1. The Engineer's report will be provided.
2. The applicant for Ambler Crossings has inquired on the water connection fees for the development. The Project was approved with sewer fees required in the review letter. Borough Council granted permission for Staff and the Solicitor to discuss the fees.

### Finance and Planning Committee

The Committee meeting was held January 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Francine Tomlinson (Chair), Nellie Di Pietro and Erin McKenna Endicott.

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

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

#	Fund	DEC 1ST RUN	DEC 2ND RUN	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$71,205.68	\$ 128,523.83	\$199,729.51
2	STREET LGTS	\$4,209.98	\$ 4,309.69	\$8,519.67
3	FIRE		\$ 11,453.39	\$11,453.39
4	REFUSE	\$5,149.17	\$31,015.05	\$36,164.22
5	PARKS & REC	\$6,736.36	\$407.09	\$7,143.45
6	WATER	\$28,090.19	\$68,822.76	\$96,912.95
8	SEWER	\$4,886.94	\$149,987.62	\$154,874.56
9	WWTP	\$91,220.54	\$294,108.34	\$385,328.88
23	DEBT FUND			\$0.00
30	WATER CAPITAL	\$181.11	\$ 14,616.75	\$14,797.86
35	LIQUID FUELS	\$2,240.21	\$ 4,815.48	\$7,055.69
TOTALS		\$213,920.18	\$708,060.00	\$921,980.18
VOID CHECKS				\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 213,920.18	\$ 708,060.00	\$ 921,980.18

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

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

2. The Planning Commission will evaluate and recommend additional language from the County review letter to address the spread of bamboo in the Borough.
3. The Parking Committee is discussing the Parking Plan and meter options.
4. John Zaharchuk will be submitting plans in the coming weeks for his Ambler Lakeview project, located on Maple Avenue.
5. Staff will begin the necessary paper work to solicit Statements of Qualifications for professional services.

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Project No.	Project Name	Status
<b>Borough Engineer</b>		
2001-1010	TEA-21 - Ambler Streetscape 2002	Construction underway. Boring under SEPTA rail line completed. SEPTA review of Miller's connection to SEPTA controller box underway.
2003-0122-01	Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit	NOI for 2018 Individual MS4 Permit submitted 9/16/17. Next Annual report due 9/30/18 for period 3/16/16 thru 6/30/18.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Plan revision underway for resubmission to DVRPC.
2012-12032	Caddick-AMA-Land Development	Conditional Use was not granted. Approval of final LD not granted. Review of new CU submission (dated 6/30/17) provided 9/13/2017.
2013-02020	Ambler Crossings	Construction underway.
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. Review of land development storm water management plan provided 12/6/17.
2016-05051	Ambler Borough 2016 Paving Program	Construction complete. Maintenance period expires 5/12/18
2017-01010-02	Ambler Traffic Signals	PADOT comments on pedestrian flasher signal permits received 12/7/17. FHWA rescinded RREB approval 12/21/17. Plan revisions underway.
2017-01105	Ambler Borough 2017 Road Paving	Construction complete. Maintenance period expires 5/1/2019.
2017-09055	Bridge/Culvert Assessments	Assessment of Hendricks/Rose Valley underway.
2018-01010	2018 Ambler Borough General Engineering Services	PECO Green Regions grant application submitted 12/20/2017.
<b>Sewer Engineer</b>		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is under construction
2018-01050	2018 Ambler Borough General Sewer Service	On-going
<b>Water Engineer</b>		
2012-10043	Loch Alsh Dam Annual Inspections	Inspection conducted on 11/15/17. Report submitted to PADEP on 11/30/17.
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water Main is tested/complete
2016-04009	Maple Ave Water Main Replacement	Field survey completed. Awaiting further direction from Water Superintendent.
2017-01110	PWS Applications	Preparing PWS application for Well 8 minor permit amendment.
2017-03065	Prophecy Creek Bridge	Assisting Water Dept. with review of County's plans for bridge replacement project and impact on existing water main.

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**Project No.**      **Project Name**

**Status**

## Water Engineer

2017-03128      Lafayette Ave. Water Main Replacement      Water main construction and testing complete. Final paving remains.

2017-11058      Small Water & Sewer Grant Application      Grant application preparation underway.

2018-01049      2018 Ambler Borough General Water Service      On-going



## **Parks and Recreation Committee**

The Committee meeting was held January 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members, Sara Hertz (Chair), Nancy Deininger and Erin McKenna Endicott.

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

1. A recommendation is requested to approve the 2018 Red Tail Contract for invasive removal in Borough Park. (**attached**)

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

1. Connie Liu a student from Upper Dublin High School discussed a program she is working on with the EAC. Connie is partaking in an Ocean Advocacy Campaign as part of the Bow Seat Awareness Contest.
2. The committee is looking to expand their title and scope to include additional sustainable options.
3. Representative Mary Jo Daley will be hosting a Brownfields Town Hall from 6 pm to 8 pm Thursday, January 18 at Wissahickon High School. The Borough will be participating.



## **Progress update for Ambler Borough Park & plan for 2018 continued restoration improvements**

**Date:** December 23, 2017

**Contact:** Greg Gagliano  
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**Overview & History:** Red Tail Restoration & Land Management, LLC has supported the ecological improvement of Ambler Borough Park in various capacities since the fall of 2015. Beginning in the spring of 2016, Red Tail Restoration provided regular ongoing land management to reduce invasive plant species, support native plants and wildlife habitat including trees that were previously planted by Ambler Borough, enhance park beautification through the removal of invasive vine mats along trail edges, and helped to create a community stewardship ethic by hosting volunteer workdays and environmental outreach events.

**Progress to Date:** The vast majority of our work in Ambler Borough park as been past the bridge near the swing set on the right side of the creek towards the southwest entrance to Tennis Avenue. The most notable improvements include the removal of Japanese Knotweed on the west side of the creek, removal and reduction of invasive vines that were smothering planted trees and other native plants along the west side of the path to the pump station near the Tennis Avenue entrance, and a vast reduction in the seeding Japanese Stilt Grass throughout the park south of the foot bridge, and west of the creek. In addition to these significant accomplishments, we have also managed the park to minimize Poison Ivy, Lesser Celandine, Garlic Mustard, Multiflora Rose, Winebery, and other invasive plants. Plus, we have hosted multiple volunteer events to increase the benefits from our service hours in Ambler Borough Park, helped to create a community stewardship ethic and environmental education through a presentation given at the Ambler Earthday Event, and supported community outreach for cleaner water through a rain garden installation campaign.

**Future Goals:** Continued work is necessary to maintain and increase the benefits provided by Red Tail Restoration. All zones of improvement must be kept from regenerating undesirable plants. The most significant area of improvement that must be maintained is the vast reduction of Japanese Stilt Grass south of the bridge and west of the creek. As an annual seed-producing

invasive with a seed bank that can persist in the soil for 3 – 7 years, it is imperative that Japanese Stilt Grass is not permitted to drop new seeds in any restoration area. Based on the great progress in managing this plant through Red Tail Restoration and support from dedicated volunteers, it is estimated that Japanese Stilt Grass can be completely eradicated from the entire area south of the bridge and west of the creek in 2018. Furthermore, it is predicted that accomplishing this goal will take less time than that spent in 2017, thus allowing removal efforts to take place elsewhere in the park. Continuing to support planted and naturally occurring desirable trees and shrubs from excessive vine pressure is also a critical part of ongoing park maintenance.

Beyond maintaining the benefits that Ambler Borough has already received, there is also the need for expansion of restoration efforts into new areas of the park. Due to the progress already achieved south of the bridge and west of the creek, maintaining these areas should take less time than the 125 yearly hours provided by Red Tail Restoration, and will allow greater restoration efforts to occur in the natural areas surrounding the lawn north of the foot bridge, on the island, and on the east side of the creek.

Due to the expert work provided by Red Tail Restoration, and through the support of dedicated volunteers, Ambler Borough Park is growing into a healthier environment for people and wildlife each year. These improvements are often recognized by visitors who compliment us on our work as they pass by. Through continued management, we can ensure that Ambler Borough Park is providing the most benefits possible to the land, water, wildlife, and the people of Ambler Borough.

### **Salary & Personnel Committee**

The Committee meeting was held January 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Nancy Deininger (Chair), Sal Pasceri, Claudio Zaccone and Nellie Di Pietro.

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business will be discussed.**

1. An executive session is required.

## **Recommendations**

### **Public Safety Committee**

### **Public Utilities Committee**

### **Finance and Planning Committee**

Recommend the December 2017 invoices be paid in the amount of \$ **921,980.18**.

### **Parks & Recreation Committee**

A recommendation is requested to approve the 2018 Red Tail Contract for invasives removal in Borough Park.

### **Salary and Personnel Committee**

## **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