

## **BOROUGH OF AMBLER**

## COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA June 19, 2018 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Frank DeRuosi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

**Mayor Sorg** 

**ROLL CALL:** Ms

Ms. Mary Aversa

Minutes for Consideration

May 16, 2018

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** 

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

## **Public Safety Committee**

The Committee meeting was held June 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee members: Claudio Zaccone (Chair), 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 is attached.
- 3. The Community Ambulance report is attached.
- 4. The Public Works and the Code Enforcement reports were received.
- 5. The Borough has submitted a letter to PennDOT with documentation supporting a signal being warranted. With the future construction of the St. Mary's Villa project, the Borough requested PennDOT reconsider having the St. Mary's Villa project install this signal at Bethlehem and Lindenwold as part of their Highway Occupancy Permit.
- 6. The upgraded speaker for the Council Room has been ordered.
- 7. Chief Foley's last ride is July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM at the Borough Building.

## Approved at Committee Meeting

1. The Council voted to move the Handicap parking space from in front of the Theater to 122 E. Butler. (9-Aye)



## Wissahickon Fire Company Year 2018 Summary Chiefs Report

Types of Calls	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Tota	al	
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Accident Standby			1				1	0.4%
AFA Actual	8	15	10	5	9		17	17.2%
AFA False	23	9	17	7	9	6	35	23.7%
Appliance			1	3	2		6	2.2%
Brush			1	2	1		4	1.5%
Building Investigation	3		3				6	2.2%
CO Detector	5	3	4	2	1		5	5.5%
Commercial Building	1	2	1	2	1		7	2.6%
EMS Assist		2					2	0.7%
FAST Team Assist	2				1		3	1.1%
Fluids on Highway	1						1	0.4%
Gas Odor Inside	1	7	2	1	1		12	4.4%
Gas Odor Outside	7	1	2	1	1	1	2	4.4%
Hazardous Materials Incedent	1						1	0.4%
Non Commercial Building	7	2	2	5	1		7	6.2%
Officer Investigation	4	1	11		3	1	19	6.9%
Smoke in Area				1	2		3	1.1%
Special Service	1						1	0.4%
Standby	1						1	0.4%
Traffic Unit Assist	3	3	4	2	4	1	16	5.8%
Trash			1	1	1		3	1.1%
Vehicle Fire		1	1	1	1		4	1.5%
Vehicle Rescue	2		5	2			9	3.3%
Wires		2	13	2	2	1	9	6.9%
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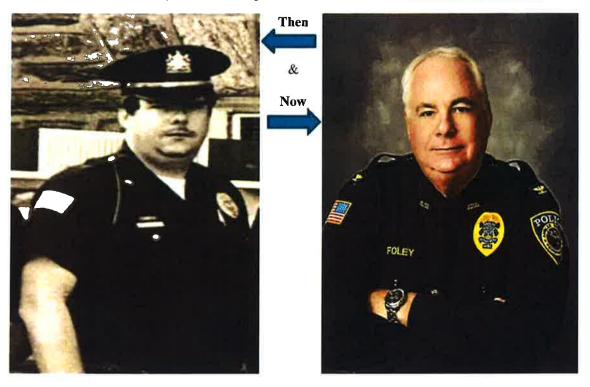
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## Ambler Borough Statistics - 2018

Month	Calls in Borough	Total Calls for CAAA
January	62	249
February	69	227
March	58	271
April	65	239
May	50	405
June	9	
July		20
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
YTD Totals	304	1,391

Serving Ambler Borough, Lower Grvynedd Township Springfield Township and Portions of Upper Dublin Township

# You say "join us for the <u>LAST RIDE</u>"!!! But, we say come "join us for the <u>LAST WALK</u>"



Please join the Ambler Police Department with celebrating the Retirement of

CHIEF WILLIAM F. FOLEY, JR.

after serving his Country and the Ambler Borough Community for the last 48 years...

WHEN:

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

WHERE:

Ambler Borough Police Department

TIME:

10:00 AM



Refreshments will be served RSVP (215) 646-1000 ext. 115 by July 2, 2018

## **Public Utilities Committee**

The Committee meeting was held June 5, 2018 at 7:00 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 consider the following recommendation.

1. A recommendation to approve the Penna Escrow agreement for the Enclave at Lower Gwynedd (across from Bergey's Ford). (attached)

## The following business will be discussed.

- 1. The Engineer's report was provided.
- 2. The Borough is considering changing the status of the Water Department and form an Authority. Borough Council approved consulting with an attorney in Harrisburg who specializes in PUC issues.
- 3. Piping will need to be replaced at Whitemarsh from the lower level to the clear well. Estimated cost is \$80,000. Staff will have a temporary fix (brace) installed and will have new piping installed in the fall (unbudgeted- estimated cost \$80,000) along with carbon media replacement (budgeted \$45,000).
- 4. Valves have been replaced at: N. Ridge & Race, N. Ridge & Forest as well as at Alene & Bethlehem Pike.
- 5. Daytime system flushing has been rescheduled to occur this fall. Staff will post a daily flushing schedule on the Borough website and Councilmembers will be notified as to flushing in their wards.

## Finance and Planning Committee

The Committee meeting was held June 5, 2018 at 7:00 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 May 2018 invoices be paid as follows:

#	Fund	MAY 1ST RUN	MAY 2ND RUN	May 3RD RUN	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$108,787.42	\$ 57,705.63	\$ 30,487.08	\$196,980.13
2	STREET LGTS	\$9,653.57		\$ 4,582.86	\$14,236.43
3	FIRE	\$122,130.54			\$122,130.54
4	REFUSE	\$30,055.34	\$1,411.20	\$6,117.84	\$37,584.38
5	PARKS & REC	\$371.82	\$69.99	\$3,425.69	\$3,867.50
6	WATER	\$72,252.16	\$27,633.22	\$57,416.43	\$157,301.81
8	SEWER	\$7,938.77	\$6,452.39	\$5,215.99	\$19,607.15
9	WWTP	\$103,730.85	\$45,365.34	\$83,688.35	\$232,784.54
23	DEBT FUND				\$0.00
30	WATER CAPITAL	\$15,877.40		\$ 946.21	\$16,823.61
35	LIQUID FUELS			\$ 88,014.55	\$88,014.55
	TOTALS	\$470,797.87	\$138,637.77	\$279,895.00	\$889,330.64
	OID CHECKS				\$0.00
C	RAND TOTAL	\$ 470,797.87	\$ 138,637.77	\$279,895.00	\$889,330.64

- 2. A recommendation is requested to adopt Ordinance 1110 to address the spread of bamboo in the Borough. (attached)
- 3. The SEPTA lease for the 2018 Farmers was received the lease requires authorization to Execute. A corrected Map is forthcoming from SEPTA.
- 4. CDBG has issued a Notice to Proceed for the Municipal Building Public Restrooms (Gym Wing) Project. Authorization is requested for the architect/engineer to prepare the bid documents and to advertise the project for bid.

- 5. A recommendation is requested to adopt Resolution 2018-9 in recognition of the special relationship between residents of Maida, Italy and Ambler. (Attached)
- 6. A recommendation is requested to adopt Resolution 2018-10 for the Ambler Library Grant application for Keystone Grant funding. (Attached)

## The following business will be discussed.

- 1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
- 2. Borough Council is reviewing the Statements of Qualifications for professional services.
- 3. Zelenkofske-Axelrod LLC has completed the 2017 municipal audit. (The Financial Statement is (enclosed.)

## Approved at Committee Meeting

1. Summit Realty presented to Council on May 15<sup>th</sup> the proposed floodplain and floodway revisions for their Ambler Lakeview apartment project. Approval was requested to submit a letter of Map Revision to FEMA. (6-Aye 3- Nay)

## AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

OR	NIO	IANC	E NU	MBE	R

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER AMENDING CHAPTER 10, PART I OF THE BOROUGH CODIFIED ORDINANCES (GRASS AND WEEDS) BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 10-105, FORBIDDING THE PLANTING OF CERTAIN TYPES OF NEW BAMBOO PLANTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH; REQUIRING REMOVAL AND ABATEMENT OF EXISTING BAMBOO IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; LEAVING THE REMAINDER OF THE ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; EFFECTIVE ON THE EARLIEST DATE PERMITTED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH CODE

WHEREAS, the Ambler Borough Council seeks to preserve and protect private and public property from the damaging spread of bamboo grasses, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received numerous complaints about bamboo that has migrated from the property on which it was originally planted onto adjoining properties without the permission of the owners, thereby constituting a noxious growth, and

NOW THEREFORE Ambler Borough Council does ORDAIN as follows:

### §10-105. Bamboo.

#### 1. Definitions.

BAMBOO – Any Monopodial (running) tropical or semi-tropical grasses from the genera Bambusa, including but not limited to Bambusa, Phyllostachys, Fallopia and Pseudosasa, as well as common bamboo, golden bamboo, arrow bamboo, and Japanese bamboo. For purposes of this ordinance, bamboo does not include clumping varieties (non-invasive rhizome structure).

BAMBOO OWNER – Any owner or occupier of property that contains any type of running bamboo Except where the bamboo has migrated from another property without the knowledge or consent of the owner/occupier.

- 2. Prohibition of New Bamboo. As of the effective date of this section, the planting of new bamboo (as bamboo is defined in this ordinance) is prohibited on any property within the Borough. A violation of this ordinance is a summary offense punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). After seven (7) days have elapsed from a violation notice, each day thereafter is a separate offense.
- 3. Regulation of Existing Bamboo. Any bamboo that has been planted or otherwise permitted to grow on any property within the Borough prior to the effective date of this subsection may remain on such property subject to compliance with this subsection.

A. No part of a bamboo plant, regardless of whether the plant is contained within a vessel or not, shall be planted, maintained or otherwise permitted to migrate beyond the property boundary lines of the bamboo owner onto other properties.

#### 4. Removal and Abatement.

- A. Any property owner whose property contains bamboo that violates §10-105.3 shall remove and abate growth of the bamboo so that it is no longer in violation of this subsection.
- B. The bamboo owner, defined herein, is responsible for removing, trimming, or cutting any part of a bamboo plant that grows in violation of this section.
- C. The bamboo owner shall be responsible for any incurred costs related to the removal and/or abatement of bamboo that is in violation of this subsection.
- Replanting Prohibited. Any bamboo either planted or caused to be planted or existing on a
  property prior to the effective date of this subsection may not be replanted or replaced once
  such bamboo is or has become, for any reason, dead, destroyed, uprooted, or otherwise
  removed.

### 6. Violation and Penalty.

- A. Upon a determination by the Borough that a violation of this ordinance exists, the property owner will be sent a letter explaining the violation and the steps that must be undertaken to abate and remedy the violation. Such notice shall be sent by regular mail to the property owner's address of record.
- B. The letter will instruct the property owner that it has ten days within which to begin a correction of the violation and advise that if such work does not commence within ten days (or any additional period agreed to by the Borough), then the owner will be issued a summary citation enforceable in magisterial district court. The letter will also advise that the owner has 120 days within which to complete the removal of the bamboo that forms the basis for the violation. The letter shall include details as to the steps that need to be taken to correct the violation.
- C. If the work to correct the violation does not commence within ten days or such additional time as agreed to by the Borough, or is not completed within 120 days, the summary citation shall issue as in the usual course.

- D. A violation of this ordinance is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$600.00 (to be determined by the court) along with the payment of court costs. The Borough reserves the right to enforce this ordinance through all legal and equitable means, including injunctive relief.
- 7. This ordinance is effective upon adoption. Enforcement of this ordinance will commence one year (365 days) after adoption.

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SO ORDAINED this	day of	, 2018.
Frank DeRuosi, Council Pres	ident	<b>-</b> :

ATTEST: \_\_

Mary Aversa, Secretary

## Borough Of Ambler

## 131 ROSEMARY AVENUE AMBLER, PENNSYLVANIA 19002-4476

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April 24, 2018

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

Re: Proposed Language to Prohibit the Spread of Bamboo

Dear Ms. Aversa:

Please be advised that the Ambler Borough Planning Commission at its April 24, 2018, meeting reviewed the proposed bamboo ordinance and the vote taken passed to recommend to Council to add a new Section 10-105 Bamboo to the existing Grass and Weeds regulations in Chapter 10, Part 1 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances. The roll-call vote with six members present was unanimous.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Chairman, Robert Lagreca.

Very truly yours,

Carol Ann DiPietro Secretary Ambler Borough Planning Commission

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> JODY L. HOLTON, AICP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 23, 2018

Mr. Glenn Kucher Borough of Ambler 131 Rosemary Avenue Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002

Re: MCPC #17-0211-003

Proposal Name: Bamboo Ordinance - Code of Ordinances Text Amendment

Borough of Ambler

Dear Mr. Kucher:

We have reviewed the above-referenced Code of Ordinances text amendment as you requested on April 4, 2018. We forward this letter as a report of our review.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Borough of Ambler proposes the above-referenced code text amendment to address the growth of bamboo, three species of which are on the DCNR Invasive Plant List, in the borough. The proposed language would add a new section §10-105 Bamboo to the existing Grass and Weeds regulations in Chapter 10, Part 1 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances.

The new language would define bamboo and regulate running varieties only (vs. clumping varieties). The planting of new bamboo would be prohibited and violation would result in a summary offense fine. Existing bamboo would be permitted to remain so long as no part of the plant reaches across any property line of the bamboo owner, which is also defined in the proposed language. The proposal would place responsibility for the work and cost associated with bamboo removal or abatement in order to achieve compliance on the bamboo owner, and the work would be required to be completed within 120 days from notice of violation.

We reviewed a previous iteration of a proposed bamboo ordinance in a letter dated February 23, 2018.



### RECOMMENDATION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) supports the applicant's proposal without comment as we have found it to be generally consistent with best practices for the municipal regulation of running bamboo varieties. We commend the borough for taking this initiative and we believe that the proposed ordinance, if adopted, will help mitigate some of the harmful or undesirable effects of bamboo growth in Ambler, particularly in regard to encroachment onto adjacent properties.

## CONCLUSION

Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the municipality and final disposition for the approval of any proposal will be made by the municipality.

Sincerely,

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c: Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
 Robert LaGreca, Chair, Borough Planning Commission
 Joseph Bresnan, Esq., Borough Solicitor
 Joseph Dougherty, Borough Engineer



# RESOLUTION 2018-09 Borough of Ambler Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ambler and City of Maida declared, by signature of our mayors, a joint agreement on June 15, 2010, proclaiming an endless bond of friendship and twinship which recognizes the unique and special relationship between our two communities; and

WHEREAS, our communities share sentimental and historical ties, similar values and cherished citizens; and

WHEREAS, distance has no meaning where there is friendship, with such friendship embracing both the good will of our peoples and the determination of our communities; and

WHEREAS, today an esteemed delegation from Maida, including Mayor Salvatore Paone and Town Councillor Marianna Pettinato, visits the Borough of Ambler to engage in diplomacy and friendship and to further bilateral relationships based on the cooperation of both our towns.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Ambler Borough Council and the Mayor of Ambler do hereby extend our welcome to our guests from Maida and further, do hereby anticipate a meaningful cultural exchange between our delegations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Ambler Borough Council and the Mayor of Ambler certify that the intents enumerated in the joint agreement are worthy objectives for our communities to pursue.

ADOPTED this 5th day of June, 2018.

## Borough Of Ambler

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# RESOLUTION 2018-10 Borough of Ambler Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

# **An Authorizing Resolution Of Ambler Borough Council**

ON THIS DAY of June 19, 2018, the Borough Council of the Borough of Ambler hereby passes this Resolution authorizing the Wissahickon Valley Public Library filing of the Keystone Grant for Public Library Facilities Application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authoring the person identified, Anne M. Frank, as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Frank DeRuosi,	Council President
Mary E. Aversa,	a ·

I, Mary E. Aversa, Borough Manager/Secretary, do hereby certify that this Resolution 2018-10 will be brought before Ambler Borough Council and adopted at its Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

Mary E. Aversa, Secretary

## Parks and Recreation Committee

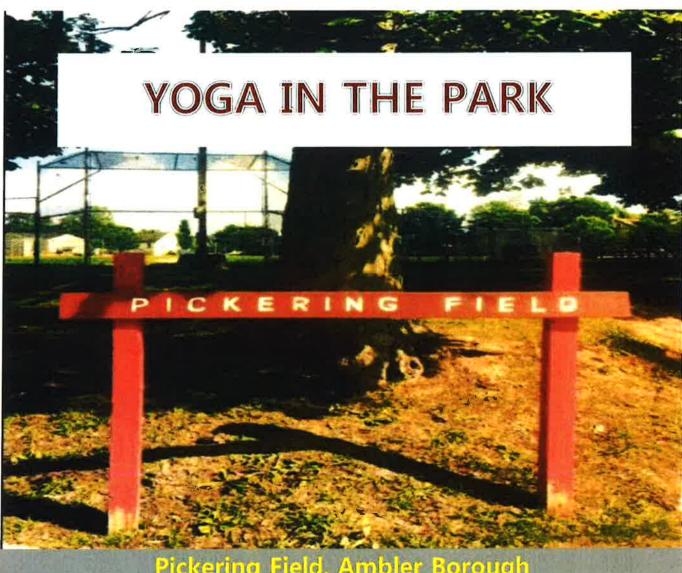
The Committee meeting was held June 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Sara Hertz (Chair), Nancy Deininger and Erin McKenna Endicott.

### The Committee will make no recommendations.

## The following business will be discussed.

- 1. The committee is researching "Friends of Park" programs to gather information and possible program guidelines for Ambler Parks.
- 2. The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary has installed storm drain 'street art' decals at the corner of Butler & Ridge near Rita's water ice. The street art is to create public awareness about keeping our storm drains clean.
- 3. Summer Camp begins the week of June 18<sup>th</sup> and runs six weeks through July 27<sup>th</sup>. Signups are still being accepted for weeks 2-6. Camp hours are 8:30 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost is \$40 per week. Parents may stop by during camp hours for sign-ups or for more information contact Christie Dunning of the YMCA at 215-628-9950 extension 1573.
- 4. Family Movies in the Parks have been scheduled: The Goonies at Pickering Field on June 22 (8 p.m.) and Toy Story at Knight's Park on August 24 (7:30 p.m.) Yoga in the Park at Pickering Field for adults is scheduled as follows: Tuesdays (7:00 p.m.) on June 26, July 17 and August 28 as well as on Saturdays (9:30 a.m) on June 30, July 21 and August 25. All events are free. In the event of inclement weather events will take place in the Borough Hall gym (movies at 7:30 and yoga at scheduled times).
- 5. Ambler Junior Baseball has received notice that turn is available to be used at Knight Park. The feasibility is being reviewed and an update will be provided.





## Pickering Field, Ambler Borough

Ambler Borough Parks & Recreation is pleased to offer several free yoga sessions at Pickering Field. The sessions are for adults and will be conducted by certified yoga instructor, and Borough resident, Dan Rauscher. A yoga mat and appropriate attire are required.

TUESDAYS - 7 p.m.

July 17th

August 28th

SATURDAYS - 9:30 a.m.

June 30th

July 21st

August 25th

Please direct any questions to Parks & Recreation Chairperson Sara Hertz at shertz@borough.ambler.pa.us . In the event of inclement weather, the yoga sessions will take place in the gym at Borough Hall.

## Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee meeting was held June 5, 2018 at 7:00 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 recommendation.

## The following business will be discussed.

- 1. An executive session was held for a personnel matter. An executive session is requested.
- 2. Vacancies exist on the Environmental Advisory Council. Interested residents should forward a letter of interest/resume to the attention of the Borough Manager. manager@borough.ambler.pa.us
- 3. The vacant Assistant Supervisor position for the Wastewater plant has been advertised, interviews are being scheduled.
- 4. Ambler Main Street is always looking for volunteers, if you would like to help contact liz@amblermainstreet.org.

## Recommendations

## **Public Utilities Committee**

A recommendation is requested to approve the Penna Escrow agreement for the Enclave at Lower Gwynedd.

## **Public Safety Committee**

## **Finance and Planning Committee**

Recommend the May 2018 invoices be paid in the amount of \$889,330.64.

A recommendation is requested to adopt Ordinance 1110 to address the spread of bamboo in the Borough.

A recommendation is requested to approve the SEPTA lease for the 2018 Farmers Market.

Authorization is requested for the architect/engineer to prepare the CDBG Municipal Building Public Restroom bid documents and to advertise the project for bid.

A recommendation is requested to adopt Resolution 2018-9 in recognition of the special relationship between residents of Maida, Italy and Ambler.

A recommendation is requested to adopt Resolution 2018-10 for the Ambler Library Grant Application for Keystone Grant funding.

## **Parks & Recreation Committee**

## Salary & 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. It is requested that you state you name and address. 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