



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

August 21, 2018

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Frank DeRuosi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Sorg

ROLL CALL: Ms. Mary Aversa

Minutes for Consideration

July 17, 2018

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Public Safety Committee

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 American Heart Association presented the Mission Lifeline Bronze Award, a designation for treatment of patients who experience severe heart attack, to the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler.
6. A Red Cross Blood Drive has been scheduled at the Borough Hall Gym on Friday, September 7, 2018 (2-7 p.m.) Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Ambler.
7. A report for the Bridge at Hendricks Street was received. The Bridge weight restrictions will be posted and staff will reach out to the public to raise awareness of the new limits. We are also preparing to do the same procedure for Maple Avenue.
8. 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 requests PennDOT reconsider having the St. Mary's Villa project install this signal at Bethlehem and Lindenwold as part of their Highway Occupancy Permit



Wissahickon Fire Company
Year 2018 Summary
Chiefs Report

Types of Calls	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Total	
								YTD	
Accident Standby			1			1		2	0.6%
AFA Actual	8	15	10	5	9	6	5	58	16.5%
AFA False	23	9	17	7	9	14	16	95	27.1%
Appliance			1	3	2		1	7	2.0%
Brush			1	2	1	1		5	1.4%
Building Investigation	3		3					6	1.7%
CO Detector	5	3	4	2	1	2		17	4.8%
Commercial Building	1	2	1	2	1	2	5	14	4.0%
EMS Assist		2						2	0.6%
FAST Team Assist	2				1			3	0.9%
Fluids on Highway	1					1	1	3	0.9%
Gas Odor Inside	1	7	2	1	1		2	14	4.0%
Gas Odor Outside	7	1	2	1	1	1		13	3.7%
Hazardous Materials Incident	1							1	0.3%
LDH Task Force						1		1	0.3%
Non Commercial Building	7	2	2	5	1	1	2	20	5.7%
Officer Investigation	4	1	11		3	1	1	21	6.0%
Residential Rescue							1	1	0.3%
Search						1		1	0.3%
Smoke in Area				1	2	2		5	1.4%
Special Service	1						1	2	0.6%
Standby	1							1	0.3%
Traffic Unit Assist	3	3	4	2	4	3	1	20	5.7%
Trash			1	1	1			3	0.9%
Vehicle Fire		1	1	1	1		2	6	1.7%
Vehicle Rescue	2		5	2		1		10	2.8%
Wires		2	13	2	2	1		20	5.7%
Total	70	48	79	37	40	39	38	351	100.0%

Townships	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Total	
								YTD	
Ambler	29	18	30	12	23	7	22	141	40.2%
Lower Gwynedd	25	26	40	17	9	22	6	145	41.3%
Abington	1							1	0.3%
Conshohocken	1							1	0.3%
Horsham	1			1	2		1	5	1.4%
Montgomery	3	2	4	2	1		1	13	3.7%
Norristown						1		1	0.3%
Plymouth					1	2		3	0.9%
Upper Dublin	3			3		1	3	10	2.8%
Upper Moreland	1							1	0.3%
West Conshohocken						1		1	0.3%
Whitemarsh	4	1	1	1	2	1		10	2.8%
Whitpain	2	1	4	1	2	4	5	19	5.4%
Total	70	48	79	37	40	39	38	351	100.0%

Day Calls - Mon/Fri 6am- 6pm	34	27	30	18	21	17	22	169	48.1%
Total Personnel to Day Calls	398	296	388	197	205	177	282	1,943	
Total Per Day Call	12	11	13	11	10	10	13	11	

Night and Weekend Calls	36	21	49	19	19	22	16	182	51.9%
Total Personnel to Night Calls	511	292	543	291	283	259	251	2,430	
Total Per Night & Weekend Call	14	14	11	15	15	12	16	13	

All Calls	70	48	79	37	40	39	38	351	
Total Personnel to All Calls	909	588	931	488	488	436	533	4,373	
Total Per Call	13	12	12	13	12	11	14	12	

Monday Night Training Drills	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	29	
Total Personnel to Drill	130	118	131	173	110	139	181	982	
Total Per Drill	33	30	33	35	37	35	36	34	

EMERGENCY: DIAL 911
EMAIL: info@amblerambulance.org



BUSINESS: (215) 643-6517
FAX: (215) 643-5212

Excellence in Pre-Hospital Care
COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, AMBLER
1414 E. BUTLER PIKE
P.O. BOX 98
AMBLER, PENNSYLVANIA 19002

Ambler Borough Statistics – 2018

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls in Borough</u>	<u>Total Calls for CAAA</u>
January	62	249
February	69	227
March	58	271
April	65	239
May	50	405
June	53	365
July	60	378
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
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YTD Totals	417	2,134

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



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Red Cross**

**M K E S O M E N E
W H L E G I N**

Without A, B & O, we can't save anybody. You are the #MissingType we need.

**Blood Drive
Borough of Ambler
Ambler Borough Hall**

**Gym
131 Rosemary Ave
Ambler, PA 19002**

**Friday, September 7, 2018
2:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Ambler

Or

Contact Mary at maversa@borough.ambler.pa.us

to schedule an appointment.



Scan to schedule an appointment.

Schedule your blood donation appointment today.
#MissingType | redcrossblood.org/missingtypes | 1-800-RED CROSS

Public Utilities Committee

Committee Members: Sal Pasceri (Chair), Claudio Zaccone, Francine Tomlinson and Glynnis Siskind. Absent: Ms. Tomlinson.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Approval is requested to start the upgrade to convert the digesters over to aerobic digesters. We need to upgrade the electric for the new blowers; this will go out for bid. In addition we need to remove the lids and install the piping for the air flow; this will go out for bid. We have budgeted \$700,000 in the WWTP budget for this project for 2018 that should cover the entire project.
2. Approval is requested to award the rebuilding of the WWTP ET2 and ET3 Clarifier project to BDI for their low quote of \$18,358.00. **(attached)**
3. Additional time and funding is needed to complete the Water Quality Improvement Plan (TMDL Alternative) and to have it reviewed and accepted by the Management Committee, the 13 municipalities, 4 WWTP's, and finally by the PADEP and EPA. An additional \$5,000 contribution is needed from each of the 17 shareholders for 2018 and \$10,000 for 2019 to fund the technical expertise and the legal advisor. The Inter-Governmental Agreements will be extended for one additional year. **(attached)**

The following business will be discussed.

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was received.
2. The Borough Solicitor will provide an update on discussions held with the Harrisburg attorney regarding forming a Water Authority.
3. An updated Notice was prepared by the Borough's engineers at Gilmore & Associates regarding PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) that appears on the Borough website. These are the chemicals in the news found around military bases. The Notice includes background information, previous sampling results, and updated information since the 2016 sampling and Notice. Water Dept. has voluntarily sampled its distribution points a report will be provided once the analysis is complete.

Mary Aversa

From: Ambler WasteWater <awwtpsupt@borough.ambler.pa.us>
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 8:00 AM
To: maversa@borough.ambler.pa.us
Subject: Clarifiers

Mary I have 3 quotes for rebuilding clarifiers #2 and #3 BDS was \$73,301.00, Blooming Glen was \$29,965.54 and BDI was \$18,358.00. I would recommend going with BDI, we did some investigating and received some good feedback about the work they do. If you need any more information let me know. Thanks Pat

Finance and Planning Committee

Committee Members: Francine Tomlinson (Chair), Nellie Di Pietro and Erin McKenna Endicott. Absent: Ms. Tomlinson

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. That the July 2018 invoices be paid as follows:

#	Fund	JULY 1ST RUN	JULY 2ND RUN	JULY 3RD RUN	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$43,151.80	\$ 56,377.77	\$ 27,206.90	\$126,736.47
2	STREET LGTS	\$261.01	\$29.90	\$4,659.50	\$4,950.41
3	FIRE				\$0.00
4	REFUSE	\$30,473.08	\$2,666.90	\$3,505.66	\$36,645.64
5	PARKS & REC	\$1,171.72	\$1,798.18	\$985.18	\$3,955.08
6	WATER	\$28,365.39	\$38,375.93	\$12,590.66	\$79,331.98
8	SEWER	\$4,020.13	\$140,776.24	\$3,346.15	\$148,142.52
9	WWTP	\$90,011.44	\$51,687.61	\$60,896.10	\$202,595.15
23	DEBT FUND				\$0.00
30	WATER CAPITAL	\$6,066.75	\$ 3,896.00	\$ 15,822.50	\$25,785.25
35	LIQUID FUELS		\$ 961.57		\$961.57
	TOTALS	\$203,521.32	\$296,570.10	\$129,012.65	\$629,104.07
	VOID CHECKS				\$0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 203,521.32	\$ 296,570.10	\$ 129,012.65	\$629,104.07

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. Request for qualifications of professional services (Solicitor, Municipal Engineer, Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineer and Building Inspector) has been advertised. The Borough will accept sealed qualifications submittals until 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 14, 2018. The proposal for the Auditor will be advertised.
3. Borough Departments will investigate ways for the Borough to include sustainable energy practices and recommend cost saving improvements in the 2019 Budget.

4. The County's updated Hazard Mitigation Plan is being reviewed by Ambler's Planning Commission. A Municipal Adoption Resolution was provided.
5. Solicitations of bids for the Municipal Building Public Restrooms Architectural Barrier Removal Project (CDBG Grant) have been advertised. Bid opening is scheduled for September 10th at 11:00 a.m. at Borough Hall.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Committee Members: Sara Hertz (Chair), Nancy Deininger and Erin McKenna Endicott.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Consider adoption of a Resolution 2018-13 Recognizing Plant Ambler Volunteers. (**attached**)

The following business will be discussed.

1. The committee is looking into various “Friends of Park” programs to gather information and possible program guidelines for Ambler Parks. A link to the survey was posted on the borough's website.
2. Scheduled summer events are as follows:
 - **Movie Night** – August 24 (7:30pm) – “Toy Story” – Knight’s Park
 - **Yoga** –Aug. 28 (7:00pm) & Aug. 25 (9:30am) – Pickering Field



**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2018-**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
PLANT AMBLER VOLUNTEERS**

WHEREAS, *Plant Ambler* volunteers have been making Ambler a more attractive place to live and work by providing gardening and landscaping displays such as spring pansies, fall mums and winter greens throughout the Borough since 1973; and

WHEREAS, *Plant Ambler* is a community-beautification effort staffed entirely by knowledgeable and dedicated community volunteers and supported by donations; and

WHEREAS, *Plant Ambler* volunteers are always willing to share their enthusiasm about gardening with "green" newcomers who appreciate the valuable lessons learned as these volunteers demonstrate how to till the soil and not to water the weeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Ambler Borough Council and the Mayor of Ambler, on behalf of all our residents, do hereby recognize Hilary Heckman and all the *Plant Ambler* volunteers as being truly philanthropic people who we value and thank you for volunteering your time & energy, skills & effort, and hard work these past 45 years towards the beautification of Ambler Borough.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Jeanne Sorg, Mayor

Mary Aversa, Secretary

Salary & Personnel Committee

Committee Members: Nancy Deininger (Chair), Sal Pasceri, Claudio Zaccone and Nellie Di Pietro.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. A recommendation is requested to hire Jarrett Evans as the Waste Water Plant Assistant Superintendent.
2. The Borough Employee Personal 457B Plan is currently managed by Mass Mutual. A meeting was held with Borough Employees who participate in the plan and they are in agreement to transfer the investment accounts to Nationwide. Staff will execute the required paper work.

The following business will be discussed.

1. An executive session was held on August 7th for a personnel matter.
2. **Attached** are the Civil Service rules that will be sent to the commission for approval
3. The Police Department will be taking applications and scheduling testing for a new patrolman.
4. The vacant Assistant Supervisor position for the Wastewater plant was advertised and interviews were held. An executive session is requested.
5. Ambler Main Street is always looking for volunteers, if you would like to help contact liz@amblermainstreet.org .
6. 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

Recommendations

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Finance and Planning Committee

Recommend the July 2018 invoices be paid in the amount of \$ **\$629,104.07**.

Parks & Recreation Committee

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Salary & Personnel Committee

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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 your 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