



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

September 18, 2018

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Frank DeRuosi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Sorg

ROLL CALL: Ms. Mary Aversa

Minutes for Consideration

August 21, 2018

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Public Safety Committee

The Committee meeting was held September 4, 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. Absent: Mr. Zaccone

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Consider adoption of a Resolution 2018-14 Suspending Enforcement of Ordinance 748 for Persons Attending Oktoberfest Festival Events. **(Attached)**

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. 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.
6. The Bridge weight restrictions were posted on Hendricks Street and the Police Department is working with the public to raise awareness of the new limits. We are also preparing to do the same procedure for Maple Avenue.
7. Maura McCarthy, Executive Director of Friends of the Wissahickon, presented Ambler with an award to thank us for our work to improve the water quality of the Wissahickon Creek.

BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-_____

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE 748
FOR PERSONS ATTENDING AMBLER BOROUGH'S

**OKTOBERFEST FESTIVAL EVENTS
ON OCTOBER 5, 6 AND 7, 2018**

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance 748, Codified in the Borough Ordinances at §6-101, prohibiting the carrying of alcoholic beverages in open containers, will not be enforced on October 5 and 6, 2018 or October 7, 2018 (rain date) against any attendee of Ambler Borough's Oktoberfest Festival events. During the festival, 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 _____ day of _____, 2018.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Mary Aversa, Secretary



**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	Aug-18	Total	
									YTD	
Accident Standby			1			1		1	3	0.8%
AFA Actual	8	15	10	5	9	6	5	22	80	20.1%
AFA False	23	9	17	7	9	14	16	9	104	26.1%
Appliance			1	3	2		1	1	8	2.0%
Brush			1	2	1	1			5	1.3%
Building Investigation	3		3					1	7	1.8%
CO Detector	5	3	4	2	1	2		2	19	4.8%
Commercial Building	1	2	1	2	1	2	5	2	16	4.0%
EMS Assist		2							2	0.5%
FAST Team Assist	2				1				3	0.8%
Fluids on Highway	1					1	1		3	0.8%
Gas Odor Inside	1	7	2	1	1		2		14	3.5%
Gas Odor Outside	7	1	2	1	1	1			13	3.3%
Hazardous Materials Incident	1								1	0.3%
LDH Task Force						1			1	0.3%
Non Commercial Building	7	2	2	5	1	1	2	1	21	5.3%
Officer Investigation	4	1	11		3	1	1		21	5.3%
Residential Rescue							1	1	2	0.5%
Search						1			1	0.3%
Smoke in Area				1	2	2			5	1.3%
Special Service	1						1		2	0.5%
Standby	1							2	3	0.8%
Traffic Unit Assist	3	3	4	2	4	3	1	1	21	5.3%
Trash			1	1	1				3	0.8%
Vehicle Fire		1	1	1	1		2		6	1.5%
Vehicle Rescue	2		5	2		1		1	11	2.8%
Wires		2	13	2	2	1		4	24	6.0%
Total	70	48	79	37	40	39	38	48	399	100.0%

Townships	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Total	
									YTD	
Ambler	29	18	30	12	23	7	22	17	158	39.6%
Lower Gwynedd	25	26	40	17	9	22	6	22	167	41.9%
Abington	1								1	0.3%
Conshohocken	1							1	2	0.5%
Horsham	1			1	2		1		5	1.3%
Montgomery	3	2	4	2	1		1	1	14	3.5%
Norristown						1			1	0.3%
Plymouth					1	2			3	0.8%
Upper Dublin	3			3		1	3	1	11	2.8%
Upper Moreland	1								1	0.3%
West Conshohocken						1			1	0.3%
Whitemarsh	4	1	1	1	2	1		1	11	2.8%
Whitpain	2	1	4	1	2	4	5	5	24	6.0%
Total	70	48	79	37	40	39	38	48	399	100.0%

Day Calls - Mon/Fri 6am- 6pm	34	27	30	18	21	17	22	28	197	49.4%
Total Personnel to Day Calls	398	296	388	197	205	177	282	324	2,267	
Total Per Day Call	12	11	13	11	10	10	13	12	12	

Night and Weekend Calls	36	21	49	19	19	22	16	20	202	50.6%
Total Personnel to Night Calls	511	292	543	291	283	259	251	314	2,744	
Total Per Night & Weekend Call	14	14	11	15	15	12	16	16	14	

All Calls	70	48	79	37	40	39	38	48	399	
Total Personnel to All Calls	909	588	931	488	488	436	533	638	5,011	
Total Per Call	13	12	12	13	12	11	14	13	13	

Monday Night Training Drills	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	33	
Total Personnel to Drill	130	118	131	173	110	139	181	140	1,122	
Total Per Drill	33	30	33	35	37	35	36	35	34	



**COMMUNITY
AMBULANCE
ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 98
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215-643-6517

Federal Tax #23-6296530

Medicare Provider #CO-281-325

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	69	398
September		
October		
November		
December		
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YTD Totals	486	2,532

Public Utilities Committee

The Committee meeting was held September 4, 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. Absent: Ms. Tomlinson. Absent: Mr. Zaccone

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. Approval is requested to have Tower 1 & 2 painted (chlorine canopy) at the WWTP by AFN-USA for their low quote of \$67,200.00. (Wenrich-\$192,792.00 SP Smith-\$209,350.00)
2. Approval is requested to award Associated Paving Contractors, Inc. to blacktop area by Grit Building for their low quote of \$13,289.00. (B. F. Brown- \$14,995.00, SJM Construction- \$24,700.00)
3. Consider adoption of a Resolution 2018-15 Encouraging the U.S. EPA to Move Forward on Making an Assessment on the Lifetime Health Advisory for PFAS. (**attached**)

The following business will be discussed.

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was received.
2. Council's PUC Committee members and staff will meet with the Harrisburg PUC Attorney and the Borough Solicitor later this month to discuss operations options and the logistics of forming a Water Authority.
3. Voluntary PFAS water testing of the distribution system occurred August 16, 2018. Lab results for PFOA/PFOS have been received from Eurofins. The highest total result of PFOA+PFOS from the 2018 samplings is less than one-fourth (25%) of the 70 parts per trillion (ppt) U.S. EPA health advisory. (**attached**)

**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 2018-_____

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING
U.S. EPA TO MOVE FORWARD ON MAKING AN ASSESSMENT ON
THE AGENCY'S LIFETIME HEALTH ADVISORY FOR PFAS**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), as authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended in 1996, had in the past assigned monitoring schedules for Public Water Systems under the Third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3); and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the UCMR3 established a new list of unregulated contaminants including certain compounds in the PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) family of contaminants, to be monitored, with assessment monitoring assigned to Ambler Borough Water Department at the starting year and month of August 2013; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the U.S. EPA issued a lifetime health advisory of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for the combined concentration of two of these chemicals, PFOS and PFOA; and

WHEREAS, research is still ongoing and data continues to be gathered, with reports circulating stating that a lower lifetime health advisory may be recommended; and

WHEREAS, Ambler Borough Water Department seeks to remain active and updated regarding issues related to PFAS and is aware that this health advisory is neither regulated nor enforceable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Ambler is aware that the presence of PFAS in the environment is an issue of concern nationwide, with some communities affected more significantly than others; that the U.S. EPA has obtained a collection of information that should provide sufficient data for the agency to issue or revise a scientific determination of lifetime health advisory, or an enforceable maximum contaminant level, if appropriate and necessary; and that the U.S. EPA is encouraged to move forward in a timely manner in making such a determination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ambler Borough Council and the Ambler Borough Water Department will continue to work with our federal and state regulators to provide the highest quality drinking water to all customers.

SO RESOLVED THIS _____ day of _____, 2018.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Mary Aversa, Secretary

UPDATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2018
AMBLER BOROUGH WATER DEPARTMENT
INFORMATION REGARDING PFOA AND PFOS IN WATER SUPPLY

Ambler Borough Water Department continues to remain active and updated regarding issues related to polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). In a previous Notice issued in July 2018, the Borough indicated that follow-up sampling of all of its sources and storage tanks would occur in August 2018. The scheduled sampling was completed on August 16, 2018, and results were recently received from the laboratory. The table below includes the most recent sampling results, as well as the October 2016 sampling results:

Well No. or Location	PFOA (ppt) 2016	PFOA (ppt) 2018	PFOS (ppt) 2016*	PFOS (ppt) 2018*	PFOA+PFOS 2018	% of 70 ppt EPA Health Advisory 2018 PFOS+PFOA
2	13	6.2	ND (<10)	7.8	14.0	20.0%
4	9	9.1	ND (<10)	8.3	17.4	24.9%
6	9	ND	ND (<10)	7.0	7.0	10.0%
7	8	ND	ND (<10)	7.0	7.0	10.0%
8	4	2.6	ND (<10)	5.9	8.5	12.1%
9	10	8.7	ND (<10)	7.3	16.0	22.9%
11	8	8.5	ND (<10)	6.8	15.3	21.9%
12	7	7.7	ND (<10)	5.5	13.2	18.9%
14	6	6.7	ND (<10)	5.5	12.2	17.4%
Whitemarsh WTP Raw	10	8.1	ND (<10)	6.9	15.0	21.4%
Whitemarsh WTP Treated	**	7.6	**	4.0	11.6	16.6%
Storage Tanks						
Loch Alsh Tank	12	9.9	ND (<10)	6.8	16.7	23.9%
Broad Axe Tank	7	10.1	ND (<10)	6.8	16.9	24.1%
Houston Road Tank	7	7.4	ND (<10)	6.1	13.5	19.3%

* Method Reporting Limit (MRL) for PFOS in 2016 sampling was 10 ppt; MRL for PFOS in 2018 sampling was 1.9 ppt
 ** Whitemarsh WTP Treated not sampled in 2016; only raw water was sampled

Notes:

ppt=parts per trillion

ND=Not Detected

2016 samples collected on October 31, 2016 and analyzed by Eurofins QC - Lancaster, PA

2018 samples collected on August 16, 2018 and analyzed by Eurofins Eaton - Monrovia, CA

MRL (Method Reporting Limit):

PFOA (2016 sampling): 2 ppt

PFOS (2016 sampling): 10 ppt*

PFOA (2018 sampling): 2.0 ppt

PFOS (2018 sampling): 1.9 ppt

* Higher MRL for this compound in 2016 resulted in ND results for PFOS for all samples

As many are aware, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) issued a Lifetime Health Advisory of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for the combined concentration of PFOS and PFOA in May 2016. The concentrations of these compounds in all of Ambler's sources and storage tanks continue to be significantly below this Lifetime Health Advisory. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) adopts the drinking water regulatory standards, health advisories, and guidelines of the USEPA. These compounds remain unregulated in drinking water.

Scientific study, research, and data continue to evolve, not only for these two contaminants, but for the full family of PFAS. The current USEPA Lifetime Health Advisory is based on the best science available to identify the combined concentration of PFOA and PFOS in drinking water below which adverse health effects are not anticipated to occur over a lifetime of exposure for the most sensitive members of the population.

The results above generally indicate that the concentrations of these compounds have not increased since sampling in 2016 and, in many cases, have decreased. Ambler Borough will continue to monitor the concentrations of these compounds, with all sources and storage tanks scheduled for annual sampling.

Ambler Borough remains committed to providing the highest quality drinking water to all customers. The Borough will continue to be engaged and in compliance with any recommendations and requirements from our federal and state regulators. The Borough's water continues to be in compliance with all regulations of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Additional information regarding PFAS can be found at the following websites:

<https://www.epa.gov/pfas>

<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/index.html>

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/pfcs>

Finance and Planning Committee

The Committee meeting was held September 4, 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. Absent: Mr. Zaccone

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

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

#	Fund	AUG 1ST RUN	AUG 2ND RUN	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$83,828.12	\$ 52,219.19	\$136,047.31
2	STREET LGTS	\$5,741.30		\$5,741.30
3	FIRE			\$0.00
4	REFUSE	\$32,022.79	\$6,085.69	\$38,108.48
5	PARKS & REC	\$1,466.62	\$3,707.16	\$5,173.78
6	WATER	\$64,815.15	\$48,724.72	\$113,539.87
8	SEWER	\$5,394.73	\$6,321.83	\$11,716.56
9	WWTP	\$59,585.17	\$88,211.20	\$147,796.37
23	DEBT FUND			\$0.00
30	WATER CAPITAL	\$5,351.69	\$ 49.81	\$5,401.50
35	LIQUID FUELS	\$3,739.80		\$3,739.80
	TOTALS	\$261,945.37	\$205,319.60	\$467,264.97
	VOID CHECKS			\$0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 261,945.37	\$ 205,319.60	\$467,264.97

2. The County's updated Hazard Mitigation Plan was reviewed by Ambler's Planning Commission. A Municipal Resolution 2018-16 for adoption is **attached**.
3. **Attached** is the summary for the Comcast Franchise agreement, a list of locations will be provided for free service. Resolution 2018-17 to grant Comcast the ability to construct, operate and maintain a cable system utilizing public rights-of-way and properties within the Borough's jurisdiction is required.

4. A determination is requested from Council for the Ambler Borough Hall Municipal Building Public Restrooms Project. Low bidder for the project is L.J. Paoletta Construction, Inc. of Brookhaven, PA, at a bid cost of \$168,000. The CDBG grant is for \$70,425 for construction, well below the bid. Bid ranges for the three bids received were \$168,000 to \$209,400. Should Council determine to proceed with the project, with increased total project costs based upon bidding and current market conditions, the Borough is to provide a statement to the Office of Housing and Community Development committing to cover the additional construction costs. Finance Dept. notes that Reserve Funds are available for the project. (**attached**)

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) were received. The Committee will review the proposals.
3. Borough Departments will investigate ways for the Borough to include sustainable energy practices and recommend cost saving improvements in the 2019 Budget.
4. Bill Sabey gave a presentation about the Sierra Club's "Ready For 100" campaign.
5. An executive session was held to discuss a FEMA acquisition Grant. A vote was held to approve a 23K grant match per property that the Borough will acquire. 7-Aye- 1- Nay Ms. Tomlinson.
6. The Borough has received the following Zoning Hearing Board application. (**attached**) Main Street – Commercial outside storage and SEPTA- driveway entrance
7. Attached are the Minimum Municipal Obligations from Joe Duda , Borough Actuary for 2019.

**Borough of Ambler
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania**

**Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Municipal Adoption Resolution 2018-_____**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ambler, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires State and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ambler acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Montgomery County Planning Commission in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of the Borough of Ambler, and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by natural hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body for the Borough of Ambler:

- The Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Borough of Ambler, and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

ADOPTED, this _____ day of _____, 2018

BOROUGH OF AMBLER

Attest:

Frank DeRuosi, Borough Council President

Mary Aversa, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION OF A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
BOROUGH AND
COMCAST OF PENNSYLVANIA, LLC**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and Pennsylvania law, the Borough of Ambler (hereinafter the "Borough") is authorized to grant franchises to construct, operate and maintain a cable system utilizing public rights-of-way and properties within the Borough's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Comcast of Pennsylvania, LLC ("Comcast") currently holds a cable franchise from the Borough most recently granted to Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Comcast has requested that the Borough renew Comcast's franchise to maintain, construct, operate, and upgrade its Cable System over, under and along the aforesaid rights-of-way for use by the Borough's residents; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid rights-of-way used by Comcast are public properties acquired and maintained by the Borough and held in trust on behalf of citizens of the Borough and the right to use said rights-of-way is a valuable property right; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to protect and manage the aforesaid rights-of-way, require high standards of customer service, ensure future technical improvements to maintain a technologically-advanced cable system, establish certain reporting requirements, obtain certain complimentary services, receive franchise fees for Comcast's use of the Borough's rights-of-way as provided by federal law, and provide for the current and future cable-related needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough held a public hearing on the subject of cable franchise renewal, including reviewing the cable operator's past performance and identifying the Borough's future cable-related community needs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that this Agreement and the process for consideration of this Agreement complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough, after affording the public notice and opportunity for comment, has determined that the public interest would be served by renewing Comcast's franchise according to the terms and conditions contained in the cable franchise agreement negotiated between the Borough and Comcast; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that Comcast has the financial, legal and technical ability to provide cable services to subscribers located in the Borough;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council does hereby approve the cable franchise agreement negotiated with Comcast, including all of the terms and conditions contained therein, and does hereby authorize the execution of such agreement.

RESOLVED this ____ day of _____, 2018.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF
AMBLER

President, Borough Council

eBid eXchange Export

Solicitation: Borough of Ambler Generated 9/10/2018 11:17:21 AM Eastern	Montgomery County Municipal Building Public Restrooms Architectural Barriers Removal	B-17-03-101
Company	Base Bid	
Donald E. Reisinger, Inc.		\$223,900.00
L.J. Paoletta Construction, Inc.		\$168,000.00
Uhrig Construction Inc.		\$209,400.00

ZONING HEARING NOTICE

Notice is Hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of Ambler will conduct a public hearing on October 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm prevailing time at the Ambler Borough Hall, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pa 19002.

At that time, the Board will hear testimony and accept evidence on the application of **Forest & Main Brewing Company (applicant)** for the real property located at 61 N. Main Street, Ambler, PA 19002 parcel number 01-00-02734-00-1 (the "Tract") requesting to have outdoor storage facilities in the DC – Downtown Commercial Zoning District. Specifically, the Applicant requests a special exception pursuant to Section 27-2802.2.C to permit outdoor storage facilities. Applicant also seeks an appeal of the decision of the Zoning Officer regarding the outdoor storage facilities.

At that time, the Board will also hear testimony and accept evidence on the application of **SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SEPTA), 1234 Market Street, 5th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19107 (applicant)** for real property located at West Butler Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002 parcel number 01-00-00532-00-7 (the "Tract") proposing to create an additional driveway entrance to an existing parking lot in the C - Commercial Zoning District. Specifically, the Applicant requests a special exception pursuant to Section 27-1906.F to permit roads, driveways, and parking facilities within the floodplain AND a special exception pursuant to Section 27-1906.G to permit grading and regrading of lands within the floodplain in order to add an additional driveway to the existing parking lot.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the hearing. Any individual with a disability wishing to attend the above-scheduled hearing who requires an auxiliary aid, service or other special accommodations to participate in this hearing should contact the Borough at (215) 646-1000 as soon as possible to discuss how the Borough of Ambler can best provide assistance.

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September 3, 2018

Ms. Gail Gordon
Finance Director
Borough of Ambler
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002


RE: Borough of Ambler Police and Municipal Employees' Pension Plans
2019 Minimum Municipal Obligations

Dear Gail:

As requested, we have completed the calculation of the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Borough of Ambler Municipal Employees' (Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution) and Police Pension Plans. These calculations are based on the January 1, 2017 Actuarial Valuations and reflect a 3% of pay municipal employees' contribution in the Defined Benefit plan and a 5% of pay police contribution. Please keep in mind that these documents must be submitted to the governing body by September 30, 2018 (although revisions may be made up to the time the budget is finalized).

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely Yours,


Joseph W. Duda, FSA, FCA, EA, MAAA
President

Enclosures

**FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT AND MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION
BUDGET FOR 2019**

NAME OF MUNICIPALITY: BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNTY: MONTGOMERY

	POLICE PENSION PLAN
1. TOTAL ANNUAL PAYROLL (Estimated W-2 Salary for 2018)	949,774
2. NORMAL COST PERCENTAGE (Derived from latest actuarial valuation 1/1/17)	19.91%
3. TOTAL NORMAL COST (Item 1 times Item 2)	189,100
4. TOTAL AMORTIZATION REQUIREMENT (Derived from latest actuarial valuation 1/1/17)	0
5. TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (Derived from latest actuarial valuation 1/1/17)	56,902
6. TOTAL FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT (Item 3 +Item 4 + Item 5)	246,002
7. TOTAL MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	47,489
8. FUNDING ADJUSTMENT (Derived from latest actuarial valuation 1/1/17)	109,639
9. MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (Item 6 - Item 7 - Item 8, but not less than zero)	88,874

Signature of Chief Administrative Officer

Date Certified to Governing Body

**FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT AND MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION
BUDGET FOR 2019**

NAME OF MUNICIPALITY: BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNTY: MONTGOMERY

	MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN
1. TOTAL ANNUAL PAYROLL (Estimated W-2 Salary for 2018)	1,113,947
2. NORMAL COST PERCENTAGE (Derived from latest actuarial valuation 1/1/17)	7.75%
3. TOTAL NORMAL COST (Item 1 times Item 2)	86,331
4. TOTAL AMORTIZATION REQUIREMENT (Derived from latest actuarial valuation 1/1/17)	0
5. TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (Derived from latest actuarial valuation 1/1/17)	19,988
6. TOTAL FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT (Item 3 +Item 4 + Item 5)	106,319
7. TOTAL MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	33,418
8. FUNDING ADJUSTMENT (Derived from latest actuarial valuation 1/1/17)	45,541
9. MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (Item 6 - Item 7 - Item 8, but not less than zero)	27,360

*A funding adjustment exists only if the assets exceed accrued liability as reported in the latest actuarial valuation and is determined pursuant to Section 302 (C) of Act 205 of 1984.

Signature of Chief Administrative Officer

Date Certified to Governing Body

**FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT AND MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION
BUDGET FOR 2019**

NAME OF MUNICIPALITY: BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNTY: MONTGOMERY

	NON UNIFORMED DC PLAN
1. TOTAL ANNUAL PAYROLL (Estimated W-2 Salary for 2018)	775,020
2. NORMAL COST PERCENTAGE *	6.9370%
3. TOTAL NORMAL COST (Item 1 times Item 2)	53,763
4. TOTAL AMORTIZATION REQUIREMENT	0
5. TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	0
6. TOTAL FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT (Item 3 + Item 4 + Item 5)	53,763
7. TOTAL MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	0
8. FUNDING ADJUSTMENT	0
9. MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (Item 6 - Item 7 - Item 8, but not less than zero)	53,763

* 8% for those employees whom contribute 5%. If they contribute 3%, then normal cost percentage is 4%.
If they contribute 4%, then the normal cost percentage is 6%.

Signature of Chief Administrative Officer

Date Certified to Governing Body

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee meeting was held September 4, 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. Absent: Mr. Zaccone

The Committee will make no recommendations.

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. The committee will evaluate the survey results and make recommendations. (**attached**)
2. A Resolution will be presented to Plant Ambler for their dedication in beautifying Ambler for 45 years.

Mary Aversa

From: Erin McKenna Endicott <mckendicott@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 6:24 AM
To: Jeanne Sorg; Mary Aversa
Subject: Fwd: Friends of Park Survey Results

I apologize for mistakenly leaving the both of you off of the park survey results. The P&R committee and the rest of council all received a copy on 8/21.

Erin

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sara Hertz <saraforambler@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Aug 21, 2018, 3:05 PM
Subject: Re: Friends of Park Survey Results
To: Erin McKenna Endicott <mckendicott@gmail.com>
Cc: Sara Hertz <shertz@borough.ambler.pa.us>, Nancy Deininger <ndeininger@borough.ambler.pa.us>, Frank DeRuosi <fderuosi@borough.ambler.pa.us>

Thanks so much for putting all of this together, Erin. It saddens me that we don't have one response from Jean Thompson Park.

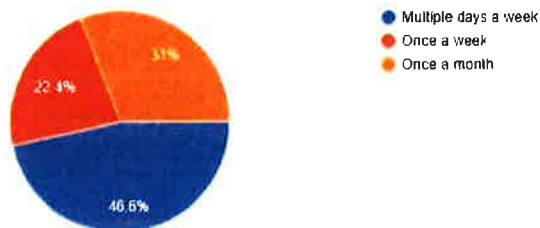
I agree that a pilot implementation would be a good idea. I'd like to put this on the agenda for the September Committee meeting.

Sara

On Tue, Aug 21, 2018 at 2:57 PM, Erin McKenna Endicott <mckendicott@gmail.com> wrote:
Hello P&R Committee,

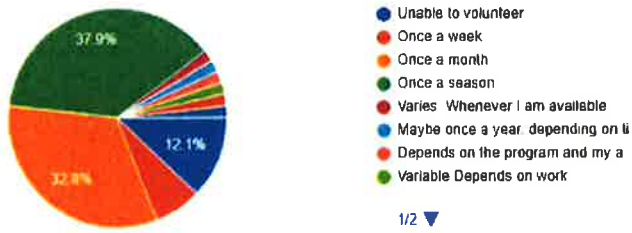
Attached is an excel sheet of the responses to the survey. It looks like Ricciardi has the most interested participants, and almost all of those willing to take on a leadership role. Pickering has the second most interested residents; however, no "YES" for leadership roles. Since Jill had presented this idea to council and is willing to take on a leadership role, I would like to consider piloting the program at Ricciardi and Wahl. There is definitely some good feedback to consider for future P&R programs in addition to the Friends

How frequently do you visit your park?



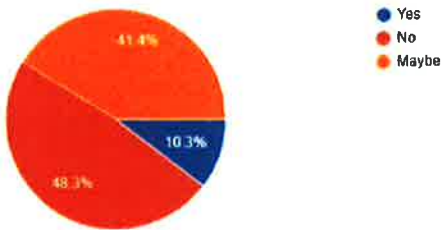
groups.

How much time would you be willing to volunteer?



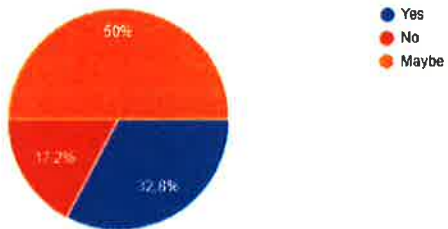
Would you be willing to take on a leadership role?

58 responses



Would you be willing to make small monetary donations to improve your park?

56 responses



Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee meeting was held September 4, 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. Absent: Mr. Zaccone

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. A determination is requested from Council to consider appointment of applicants to fill the vacant Civil Service Committee seats. Resumes/letters of interest have been received for the one vacant Civil Service Committee seat and three vacant alternate seats. Additional resumes/letters of interest to fill the remaining alternate seats are needed from the public. **(attached)**

The following business will be discussed.

1. An executive session is needed for a personnel matter.
2. The Civil Service rules will be sent to the commission for approval.
3. The Police Department will be taking applications and scheduling testing for a new patrolman.
4. Ambler Main Street is always looking for volunteers, if you would like to help contact liz@amblermainstreet.org .
5. 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

Public Safety Committee

Consider adoption of a Resolution 2018-14 Suspending Enforcement of Ordinance 748 for Persons Attending Oktoberfest Festival Events

Public Utilities Committee

Approval is requested to have Tower 1 & 2 painted (chlorine canopy) at the WWTP by AFN-USA for their low quote of \$67,200.00.

Approval is requested to award Associated Paving Contractors, Inc. to blacktop area by Grit Building for their low quote of \$13,289.00.

Consider adoption of a Resolution 2018-15 Encouraging the U.S. EPA to Move Forward on Making an Assessment on the Lifetime Health Advisory for PFAS

Finance and Planning Committee

Recommend the August 2018 invoices be paid in the amount of **\$467,264.97**.

A recommendation is requested to adopt Municipal Resolution 2018-16 adopting the County's updated Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Resolution 2018-17 to grant Comcast the ability to construct, operate and maintain a cable system utilizing public rights-of-way and properties within the Borough's jurisdiction is required.

A determination is requested from Council for the Ambler Borough Hall Municipal Building Public Restrooms Project. Low bidder for the project is L.J. Paoletta Construction, Inc. of Brookhaven, PA, at a bid cost of \$168,000.

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