



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

October 16, 2018

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Frank DeRuosi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Sorg

ROLL CALL: Ms. Mary Aversa

Minutes for Consideration

September 18, 2018

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Public Safety Committee

The Committee meeting was held October 3, 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 following recommendations were approved at the Committee Meeting.

1. **PEDESTRIAN FLASHERS**

The award for the concrete foundation work on York and Cavalier intersections was granted to Carr and Duff for their quote of \$15,000. **8-Aye**

2. **BUCKET TRUCK**

Authorization was granted to purchase a 2012 Ford Bucket Truck for \$44,264.00. **8-Aye**

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. A discussion was held to address speeding issues and traffic calming options. Interim Chief Hoffman discussed options and steps he is taking within the Police Department to address the concerns.



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	Sep-18	Total	
										YTD	
Accident Standby			1			1		1	1	4	0.9%
AFA Actual	8	15	10	5	9	6	5	22	18	98	21.8%
AFA False	23	9	17	7	9	14	16	9	14	118	26.3%
Appliance			1	3	2		1	1		8	1.8%
Brush			1	2	1	1				5	1.1%
Building Investigation	3		3					1	1	8	1.8%
CO Detector	5	3	4	2	1	2		2	2	21	4.7%
Commercial Building	1	2	1	2	1	2	5	2		16	3.6%
EMS Assist		2								2	0.4%
FAST Team Assist	2				1					3	0.7%
Fluids on Highway	1					1	1			3	0.7%
Gas Odor Inside	1	7	2	1	1		2			14	3.1%
Gas Odor Outside	7	1	2	1	1	1			2	15	3.3%
Hazardous Materials Incident	1									1	0.2%
LDH Task Force						1				1	0.2%
Non Commercial Building	7	2	2	5	1	1	2	1	1	22	4.9%
Officer Investigation	4	1	11		3	1	1		1	22	4.9%
Residential Rescue							1	1	1	3	0.7%
Search						1				1	0.2%
Smoke in Area				1	2	2			1	6	1.3%
Special Service	1						1			2	0.4%
Standby	1							2	1	4	0.9%
Traffic Unit Assist	3	3	4	2	4	3	1	1	3	24	5.3%
Trash			1	1	1					3	0.7%
Vehicle Fire		1	1	1	1		2		1	7	1.6%
Vehicle Rescue	2		5	2		1		1	2	13	2.9%
Wires		2	13	2	2	1		4	1	25	5.6%
Total	70	48	79	37	40	39	38	48	50	449	100.0%

Townships	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Total	
										YTD	
Ambler	29	18	30	12	23	7	22	17	23	181	40.3%
Lower Gwynedd	25	26	40	17	9	22	6	22	19	186	41.4%
Abington	1									1	0.2%
Conshohocken	1							1	1	3	0.7%
Horsham	1			1	2		1		1	6	1.3%
Montgomery	3	2	4	2	1		1	1	2	16	3.6%
Norristown						1				1	0.2%
Plymouth					1	2				3	0.7%
Upper Dublin	3			3		1	3	1	1	12	2.7%
Upper Moreland	1									1	0.2%
West Conshohocken						1				1	0.2%
Whitmarsh	4	1	1	1	2	1		1	2	13	2.9%
Whitpain	2	1	4	1	2	4	5	5	1	25	5.6%
Total	70	48	79	37	40	39	38	48	50	449	100.0%

Day Calls - Mon/Fri 6am- 6pm	34	27	30	18	21	17	22	28	30	227	50.6%
Total Personnel to Day Calls	398	296	388	197	205	177	282	324	315	2,582	
Total Per Day Call	12	11	13	11	10	10	13	12	11	11	

Night and Weekend Calls	36	21	49	19	19	22	16	20	20	222	49.4%
Total Personnel to Night Calls	511	292	543	291	283	259	251	314	318	3,062	
Total Per Night & Weekend Call	14	14	11	15	15	12	16	16	16	14	

All Calls	70	48	79	37	40	39	38	48	50	449	
Total Personnel to All Calls	909	588	931	488	488	436	533	638	633	5,644	
Total Per Call	13	12	12	13	12	11	14	13	13	13	

Monday Night Training Drills	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	36	
Total Personnel to Drill	130	118	131	173	110	139	181	140	100	1,222	
Total Per Drill	33	30	33	35	37	35	36	35	33	34	



**Wissahickon Fire Company
Breakdown of Fire Calls
Year 2018 as of 9/30 (273 days)**

	Day 6am to 6pm	Night 6pm to 6am	Total
Abington	1		1
Ambler	120	61	181
Conshohocken	2	1	3
Horsham	3	3	6
Lower Gwynedd	133	53	186
Montgomery	9	7	16
Norristown	1		1
Plymouth	2	1	3
Upper Dublin	5	7	12
Upper Moreland		1	1
West Conshohocken	1		1
Whitemarsh	8	5	13
Whitpain	17	8	25
TOTAL	302	147	449

	Day 6am to 6pm	Night 6pm to 6am	Total
Monday	45	24	69
Tuesday	53	25	78
Wednesday	46	16	62
Thursday	37	15	52
Friday	44	23	67
Saturday	36	20	56
Sunday	41	24	65
TOTAL	302	147	449
Average FF response	12	14	13



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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	69	398
September	48	391
October		
November		
December		
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YTD Totals	534	2,923

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Public Utilities Committee

The Committee meeting was held October 3, 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 purchase New Sludge Pumps – 2 @ \$37,500.00 each. This was not budgeted in 2018 Capital; the pumps have failed and need replacement. There are funds in capital to cover the expense.
2. Approval is requested to award the bid for Parts to re-build Clarifier #ET-3 to BDI for their low bid of \$59,627.38. This was budgeted in 2018 Capital.
3. Approval is requested to purchase Blowers off of Co-Stars for digesters. The price for the five (5) blowers is \$275,270.00. This was budgeted in 2018 Capital.
4. An update will be provided on the Mattison Estate water connections. **(attached)**

The following recommendation was approved at the Committee meeting.

1. The New Roofs on EPS 1 & 2 and B-10 was awarded to Banes roofing for \$31,950.00. 8-Aye

The following business will be discussed.

1. The WWTP Engineer's report is **attached**.
2. Council's PUC Committee members and staff met with the Harrisburg PUC Attorney and the Borough Solicitor to discuss operations options and the logistics of forming a Water Authority.



October 12, 2018

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

Re: Status Report – September 2018

Dear Mary,

The status of current active projects is as follows:

- 1.) Wissahickon Creek TMDL – The work by Temple University is proceeding. Temple University has begun sharing some of the data collected over the past two years and some of their impressions of that data. A meeting to discuss the proposed direction with EPA is scheduled for October 29, 2018.
- 2.) NPDES Permit and TMDL Compliance– EEMA is working with WWTP personnel to prioritize repair, replacement and refurbishment of certain critical process related valves and pumps. To meet the aluminum limits in the NPDES permit, and phosphorus limits requested by EPA, 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.) Conversion of Digesters – EEMA is proceeding with the design to convert the digesters from anaerobic digestion (without air) to aerobic digestion (with air).
- 4.) Chemical Tank Product Conversion – The WWTP is now using PolyAluminum Chloride as the chemical utilized for phosphorus removal. EEMA is working with plant personnel to identify optimum dosing rates. The dosage rate has been reduced by more than 20% without a noticeable change to the effluent phosphorus concentration, but with lower total aluminum concentrations. This reduces the chemical cost by \$2,500 per month.

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 Committee meeting was held October 3, 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 September 2018 invoices be paid as follows:

#	Fund	SEPT 1ST RUN	SEPT 2ND RUN	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$55,479.91	\$ 304,888.67	\$360,368.58
2	STREET LGTS	\$3,264.45	\$45,890.36	\$49,154.81
3	FIRE	\$36,988.27	\$ 9,401.78	\$46,390.05
4	REFUSE	\$29,969.94	\$5,943.11	\$35,913.05
5	PARKS & REC	\$23,576.93	\$2,685.62	\$26,262.55
6	WATER	\$20,154.71	\$64,240.57	\$84,395.28
8	SEWER	\$3,009.15	\$16,892.39	\$19,901.54
9	WWTP	\$71,931.36	\$112,200.89	\$184,132.25
23	DEBT FUND			\$0.00
30	WATER CAPITAL	\$6,265.68	\$ 6,612.45	\$12,878.13
35	LIQUID FUELS	\$1,941.49	\$ 297.46	\$2,238.95
	TOTALS	\$252,581.89	\$569,053.30	\$821,635.19
	VOID CHECKS			\$0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 252,581.89	\$ 569,053.30	\$821,635.19

The following recommendation was approved at the Committee Meeting.

1. Authorization was granted to award the paving of Heckler Street to S. Vecchione Inc. for their low quote of \$16,662.00. 8-Aye

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. RFP submittals were received for the Borough Auditor.
3. The Wissahickon Valley Historical Society will make a brief presentation on October 16 to the Council on their vision for The Historical Society. **(attached)**
4. **Attached** is a letter from the Planning Commission with a suggestion on their process in updating the Open Space Plan.



Wissahickon Valley
historical society

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To the Mayor, Borough Council and Borough Manager of Ambler Borough

We hope that you have been enjoying the rotating exhibits in the display case we installed in your Borough Building. We wanted to let you know that we are about to undertake an extensive interior project at our headquarters and museum in the 1895 Whitpain Public School at School Road and Skippack Pike in Blue Bell. We are very excited about this, because it will give us the opportunity to improve the display areas and enhance the experience for visitors to the museum. However, the project is extensive enough that we will have to shut down the museum for the next few months, and may not be able to change the exhibits in your display case until we reopen.

We intend to celebrate with a grand reopening when the project has been completed and our museum put back together in its new configuration. We hope that all of you will consider attending our grand reopening, and we will be back in touch with you as we plan a date and time for the event.

We thank you for your support and look forward to continuing to improve our service to our constituent municipalities of Ambler, Lower Gwynedd and Whitpain.

Regards,

Russ Bellavance,
President

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee meeting was held October 3, 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 consider the following recommendation:

1. Tinkergarten would like to host a Lantern walk around daylight savings times (this year it would be Sunday November 4th). Families gather at dusk, light lanterns (tea lights or LED tea lights are provided), sing songs and enjoy a walk in Ricciardi Park

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 meeting is being scheduled.

Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee meeting was held October 3, 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. Authorization is requested to advertise for the Water and WWTP Positions.

The following business will be discussed.

1. An executive session is needed for a personnel matter.
2. The Civil Service rules were sent to the commission for approval. A meeting is set for October 25th at 7:00 p.m.
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 and Civil Service Alternate. Interested residents should forward a letter of interest/resume to the attention of the Borough Manager. manager@borough.ambler.pa.us
6. Benjamin Sheedy was appointed to the EAC.

Recommendations

Public Safety Committee

Public Utilities Committee

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Finance and Planning Committee

Recommend the September 2018 invoices be paid in the amount of **\$821,635.19**.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Tinkergarten would like to host a Lantern walk on Sunday November 4th.

Salary & Personnel Committee

Authorization is requested to advertise for the Water and WWTP Positions

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