



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

July 16, 2019

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Frank DeRuosi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Jeanne Sorg

ROLL CALL: Ms. Mary Aversa

Minutes for Consideration:

June 18, 2019

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 will is **attached**.
3. The Community Ambulance report is **attached**.
4. The Public Works and the Code Enforcement reports are **attached**.
5. The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, September 6th (2-7 p.m.) in the Borough Hall Gym. An appointment to give may be made at www.redcrossblood.org (keyword 'ambler') or by calling 1-800-Red Cross.
6. The Police Chief is in the process of ordering a new car and equipment to replace those damaged by a fire. The vehicle cost is 48K under Costars this includes the factory upfront cost for outfitting the vehicle as required. We are waiting for numbers from our insurance company to offset the replacement costs. In addition to the vehicle outfitting we are waiting for costs and insurance details for the computer communication devices that are estimated at about 20K. (attached)



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Ambler Borough Statistics – 2019

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls in Borough</u>	<u>Total Calls for CAAA</u>
January	65	412
February	58	402
March	75	408
April	66	406
May	57	407
June	69	405
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
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YTD Totals	390	2440

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Borough of Ambler Code Enforcement Report for June 2019

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Building	5	9	16	16	17	12							75
Dumpster	1	2	2	1	3	4							13
Fire	0	1	0	0	1	0							2
Mechanical	2	5	4	2	6	1							20
Plumbing	3	5	3	4	8	1							24
Road Opening	2	2	5	0	2	1							12
Use and Occupancy	0	0	3	1	0	1							5
Vendor Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Zoning	3	1	2	3	6	7							22
Rental Inspections	9	12	0	180	14	14							229
TOTALS	25	37	35	207	57	41							402

** First batch of inspection notices for the 2019 rental inspection program were sent out in March; the April rental inspection total also includes two large apartment complexes in the Borough ***

Public Utilities Committee

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

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business will be discussed.

1. The WWTP Engineer's will be provided.
2. The Borough Solicitor is working on the process of forming a Water Authority.
3. Water engineer is completing the engineering design and layout for the Butler Pike Water Main Replacement Project. The County anticipates late 2020 for the Prophecy Creek bridge reconstruction. This allows leeway to solicit bids and undertake the Water Dept. project before the County begins its work. Planning will involve solicitor's negotiations with the Sons of Italy property and Montgomery County for easements where we will directionally drill under the creek, in addition to obtaining DEP permitting for the creek crossing and earth disturbance.

Finance and Planning Committee

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

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. That the June 2019 invoices be paid as follows:

#	Fund	JUNE 1st Run	JUNE 2ND RUN	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$46,451.95	\$ 68,120.52	\$114,572.47
2	STREET LGTS	\$2,021.16	\$4,765.45	\$6,786.61
3	FIRE			\$0.00
4	REFUSE	\$29,748.52	\$9,923.75	\$39,672.27
5	PARKS & REC	\$3,943.32	\$3,744.55	\$7,687.87
6	WATER	\$57,950.60	\$68,097.09	\$126,047.69
8	SEWER	\$7,279.59	\$11,787.30	\$19,066.89
9	WWTP	\$104,170.83	\$86,121.55	\$190,292.38
23	DEBT FUND			\$0.00
30	WATER CAPITAL			\$0.00
35	LIQUID FUELS	\$88,044.52	\$ 353.08	\$88,397.60
TOTALS		\$339,610.49	\$252,913.29	\$592,523.78
VOID CHECKS				\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 339,610.49	\$ 252,913.29	\$592,523.78

2. Authorization is requested to approve the lease for the Head Start program with Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. **(attached)**
3. A recommendation to award the bid for the 2019 street paving bid to Monster Paving, Inc. for all items included with the Base Bid in the amount of \$177,860.40, as well as Alternate Bids 2 and 4. **(attached)**

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Borough Engineer's report is attached.
2. The Committee will look into the feasibility of creating a Historical Architectural Review

Board (HARB) or Historical Commission.

3. The Planning Commission is preparing language to amend our wireless ordinance and fee schedule to comply with the FCC order as well as develop design requirements for wireless facilities in the rights-of-way to prevent aesthetically obtrusive facilities.
4. Plans are being prepared by the engineer for advertisement for the resurfacing of the Cavalier Parking Lot.

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Status

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Borough Engineer		
2001-1010	TEA-21 - Ambler Streetscape 2002	Construction underway. Outstanding work includes: SEPTA connection to signal, signal activation, and 30-day test period. PennDOT to contract for design changes to SEPTA controller. SEPTA to implement modifications. Anticipate 6 to 8 months until completed.
2003-0122-01	Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit	NOI for 2018 Individual MS4 Permit submitted 9/16/17. Awaiting PADEP review of TMDL Strategy & PRP. 2018 Annual Status Report submitted to PADEP 9/28/18. Next Annual Status Report due 9/30/19 for period 7/1/18 thru 6/30/19.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Revised Safety Report approved by PADOT. Traffic Unit comments addressed, awaiting approval notice. DVRPC to forward plans to ADA unit for review.
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. Escrow release for Phase 1 (Boiler House parking) provided 9/27/18.
2014-12015	St. Mary's Villa Residential Redevelopment- TIS	Ambler provided signal warrant analysis to UDT for inclusion with Traffic Signal Permit Application (TE-160) submission to PADOT. UDT has commitment from Mattison Estates developer to fully fund the signal. UDT to submit Traffic Signal Permit Application (TE-160) to PADOT.
2017-01010-01	Ambler Pocket Park	E&S application approved (adequacy) by MCCD 4/9/19. Stream Encroachment Permit approved by PADEP on 5/20/19.
2017-01010-02	Ambler Traffic Signals	RRFB permit plans approved by PADOT. PW obtaining quotes for installation of pole foundations.
2017-09055	Bridge/Culvert Assessments	Load rating reports Hendricks/Rose Valley provided 7/31/18 & for N. Maple/Tannery Run provided 10/2/18.. Condition assessment of Hendricks/Rose Valley underway. Condition assessment of N. Ridge/ Rose Valley to be completed. Visual assessment of Tannery Run underway.
2018-08087	171 Rosemary Ave - Zaccone Motors	Conditional preliminary/final approval granted at 3/19/19 Council meeting. Applicant notified by letter dated 3/22/19.
2018-10097	44 Tennis Ave - FEMA/PEMA HMGF Demolition	Work complete. Maintenance bond dated 4/23/19. End of maintenance period 10/21/20.
2018-11003	119 W. Butler Ave - Bank of America Drive-up ATM	Review of land development application provided 12/8/18.
2019-01010	2019 General Services	
2019-03029	Wissahickon Library Bldg Addition	Conditional preliminary/final approval granted at 4/16/19 Council meeting. Applicant notified by letter dated 5/8/19.
2019-05082	Ambler Borough 2019 Road Paving	Bids opened on 7/11/19. Anticipate consideration of award at the 7/16 Council Meeting.
2019-05082-02	Cavaller Lot Paving	Preparation of specs for quotes underway.

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Borough Engineer		
2019-05085	Ambley Borough 2019 ARLE Application	Application for potential traffic signal at Bethlehem/Lindenwood to be prepared and submitted. Applications due 6/28/19. CANCELED - UDT has commitment from Mattison Estates developer to fully fund the signal. UDT to submit Traffic Signal Permit Application (TE-160) to PADOT.
Sewer Engineer		
2013-02020-01	Ambley Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is under construction
2019-01050	2019 Ambley Borough General Sewer Service	On-going
Water Engineer		
2012-10043	Loch Aish Dam Annual Inspections	Annual inspection report submitted to DEP on 1/23/19.
2013-02020-02	Ambley Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water Main is tested/complete
2017-03065	Prophecy Creek Bridge	Assisting Water Dept. with review of County's plans for bridge replacement project and impact on existing water main. Currently inactive.
2017-03128	Lafayette Ave. Water Main Replacement	Project complete. 18 month maintenance period began 12/18/18.
2018-01154	Gwynedd Walk (LGT)	Water main construction and testing complete. 18 month maintenance period began 9/4/18.
2018-01171	Mattison Estates (UDT)	Water shop drawing submittals reviewed. Preconstruction meeting held on 4/9/19. Water construction anticipated to begin in June 2019.
2018-09046	Houston Road Tank – Sprint Modifications	Plan review comments issued 3/14/19; resubmission required.
2019-01049	2019 Ambley Borough General Water Service	Ongoing assistance concerning PFAS issues, including regulatory activity, source monitoring, providing information and responses to the public. Assisting staff with resident communication and identification of sampling locations needed for 2019 Lead and Copper sampling. Attending webinar hosted by EPA to discuss and share information regarding preliminary planning for UCMR5 (Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule), its impact on water infrastructure, and contaminants being considered for inclusion in UCMR5.
2019-01134	DRBC Docket Renewal	Docket renewal application submitted 3/1/19.
2019-01169	Butler Pike Water Main Replacement	Field survey and preparation of existing conditions plan completed. Engineering design and layout for the proposed water mains underway.
2019-02012	Houston Road Tank/Verizon	Plan review letter issued 3/25/19 recommending acceptance of proposed work. Start of antenna modifications scheduled for week of 7/15/19.
2019-02097	PWS Applications for Wells 4 and 8	Working with Water Superintendent to complete permitting for iron/manganese treatment.

Parks and Recreation Committee

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

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Authorization is requested to apply for a grant for EV charging stations to be installed at 2 locations in Ambler. The proposed locations are Borough Hall/ Cavalier Lot location and Lindenwold- Race Street. Smart Charge will assist with the grant submittal and Borough crews will provide electric to the locations. **(attached)**

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Ambler Environmental Advisory Council would like to give every homeowner a rain barrel and assess your property's storm water needs to see if it qualifies for a reduced cost rain garden, downspout planter, or permeable conversion
2. The Committee would like to explore a possible Plastics Ordinance in the Borough. They will work with the local businesses and discuss options.
3. Movies in the Park schedule: "Star Wars – The Last Jedi" on Friday, July 19th at Ricciardi Park at dusk. A Viewer's Choice movie to be shown Friday, August 23rd at Knight Park.
4. Yoga and Mindfulness sessions will be held this summer in the parks as follows: Yoga- July 30 and August 6 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Pickering Field; Mindfulness – July 25, August 1 & 8 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. at Ricciardi Park.
5. The Wissahickon Summer Pops Concert will be held Wednesday, July 31st at Alley of the Arts. These orchestral performances involve approximately 50 young musicians enrolled in the Wissahickon School District's Summer Music Program.
6. The EAC has requested time for Chan Jeon to present this project on recycling at the August 6 Committee Meeting.

Salary & Personnel Committee

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

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Recommendations

Public Utilities Committee

Public Safety Committee

Finance and Planning 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.