



# **BOROUGH OF AMBLER**

## **COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**January 15, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

**A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for March 13, at 7:00pm.**

**CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Frank DeRuosi**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Jeanne Sorg**

**ROLL CALL: Ms. Mary Aversa**

**Minutes for Consideration:**

**December 18, 2018**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

## **Public Safety Committee**

The Committee meeting was held January 2, 2019 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 consider no recommendations this evening.**

**The following business will be discussed.**

1. The Police Department report is **attached**.
2. The Fire Department report will be provided.
3. The Community Ambulance report is **attached**.
4. The Public Works and the Code Enforcement reports were received.
5. The Borough Engineer provided an update on the St. Mary's Villa project and the traffic signal at Bethlehem and Lindenwold. Staff will look into grant funding.



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### 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	59	422
November	61	391
December	75	406
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YTD Totals	729	4142

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## **Public Utilities Committee**

The Committee meeting was held January 2, 2019 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 recommendations.**

1. A recommendation is requested to award the 3-year contract with MJ Reider for lab testing at a cost of \$141,926.50. We will evaluate the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year based on testing requirements.
2. A recommendation is requested to purchase a 2019 Ram 1500 V-6 for the Water Department at a cost of \$23,962. (Co-Stars pricing) This item was budgeted. (attached)

### **The following business will be discussed.**

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was received.
2. Council's PUC Committee members and staff met with our Harrisburg Attorney and our Borough Solicitor to discuss operations options and the logistics of forming a Water Authority. The Solicitor is preparing a notice of action.
3. The Water Engineer has reviewed plans with respect to proposed water system improvements for the Mattison Estates (St. Mary's Villa) project and recommends that Ambler Borough approves the plans.

## Finance and Planning Committee

The Committee meeting was held January 2, 2019 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 **December 2018** invoices be paid as follows:

#	Fund	DEC 1ST RUN	DEC 2ND RUN	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$30,599.87	\$ 209,967.16	\$240,567.03
2	STREET LGTS	\$2,565.54	\$4,816.43	\$7,381.97
3	FIRE		\$ 7,579.88	\$7,579.88
4	REFUSE	\$29,633.53	\$1,499.15	\$31,132.68
5	PARKS & REC	\$3,998.45	\$208.23	\$4,206.68
6	WATER	\$45,423.13	\$78,889.92	\$124,313.05
8	SEWER	\$2,467.05	\$146,669.61	\$149,136.66
9	WWTP	\$94,615.64	\$84,011.32	\$178,626.96
23	DEBT FUND			\$0.00
30	WATER CAPITAL			\$0.00
35	LIQUID FUELS			\$0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$209,303.21</b>	<b>\$533,641.70</b>	<b>\$742,944.91</b>
<b>VOID CHECKS</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 209,303.21</b>	<b>\$ 533,641.70</b>	<b>\$742,944.91</b>

### **The following business will be discussed.**

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on February 12, 2019 to render a decision on the application for a garage at Rosemary Avenue and hear the application for N. Main Street outdoor storage.
3. Sample ordinance language was given to the Borough Planning Commission to review and recommend language to address green improvement options when replacing Borough sidewalks or driveways and the like.

## **Parks and Recreation Committee**

The Committee meeting was held January 2, 2019 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 this evening.**

### **The following business will be discussed.**

1. The Committee is researching preparing a Plastics Ordinance for the Borough. Committee members will work with the local businesses and explore options.
3. The Committee is scheduling a training session on cycling safety in March for ages 10-16.
4. 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. The workshops dates are as follows.
  - Saturday January 12 - 9am at Ambler Borough Hall
  - Tuesday January 22 - 12pm at Ambler Borough Hall
  - Thursday January 31 - 6pm at Ambler Mennonite Church
  - Saturday February 2 - 11am at Ambler Borough Hall
  - Wednesday February 13 - 6pm at Weavers Way
  - Friday February 22 - 2pm at Ambler Borough Hall
  - Thursday March 7 - 6pm - at Weavers Way
  - Monday March 11 - 6pm - at Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association
  - Saturday April 13 - 10am at Ambler Borough Hall

## **Salary & Personnel Committee**

The Committee meeting was held January 2, 2019 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 approved the following recommendation:**

1. The following appointments to Boards and Commissions were approved. (9-Aye)

Karen Polesir (incumbent) – Vacancy Board (1 year term)

Robert Lagreca (incumbent) – Planning Commission (4 year term)

Carissa Hazelton (incumbent) – Planning Commission (4 year term)

Ryan Kennedy (incumbent) – Zoning Hearing Board (3 year term)

### **The following business will be discussed.**

1. Ambler Main Street is always looking for volunteers, if you would like to help contact [liz@amblermainstreet.org](mailto:liz@amblermainstreet.org).
1. The Committee is reviewing a Social Media Policy for employees and will make a recommendation to Council.
4. Interviews are being conducted for the WWTP Position.

## **Recommendations**

### **Public Safety Committee**

### **Public Utilities Committee**

A recommendation is requested to award the 3-year contract with MJ Reider for lab testing at a cost of \$141,926.50.

A recommendation is requested to purchase a 2019 Ram 1500 V-6 for the Water Department at a cost of \$23,962.

### **Finance and Planning Committee**

Recommendation that the December 2018 invoices be paid in the amount of \$ 742,944.91.

### **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 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***