



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

October 15, 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:

September 17, 2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Public Safety Committee

The Committee meeting was held October 3, 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. Absent – Mr. Pasceri, Ms. Tomlinson, Ms. Endicott, Mayor Sorg, Ms. Aversa

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.



Wissahickon Fire Company
Fire Chief Report
Year 2019 (273 days)

Township	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Total	%
Ambler	23	12	15	15	12	25	19	18	14	153	37%
Cheltenham						1				1	0%
Conshohocken		1			1			1		3	1%
Hatfield		1								1	0%
Horsham	1	1	2		1	1	2	1	2	11	3%
Lower Gwynedd	17	19	17	20	24	22	17	27	21	184	44%
Lower Providence	1									1	0%
Montgomery	2		1	2		1	1		1	8	2%
North Wales	1									1	0%
Plymouth	2									2	0%
Springfield					1	1				2	0%
Upper Dublin	3	1	4		2	2	2	2	1	17	4%
Upper Salford					1					1	0%
Whitemarsh	2	1	1	2	1	2	5	4	2	20	5%
Whitpain	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	14	3%
TOTAL	53	38	41	41	44	57	48	54	43	419	

Type of Call	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Total	%
Accident Standby	4	1		1	2		1			9	2%
AFA Actual	8	13	11	11	7	8	9	16	10	93	22%
AFA False	10	9	11	11	9	21	17	16	12	116	28%
Appliance			1	2		1	1		1	6	1%
Brush	1				3	2	1		1	8	2%
Building Investigation		3	3	1					1	8	2%
CO Detector			1	2		2	1	4	1	11	3%
Commercial Bldg	4	1	4	1	4	3	4		2	23	5%
Elevator Resuce								1		1	0%
EMS Assist			1	2	1					4	1%
Fast Team Assist	1	1	1	1		1	1			6	1%
Gas Odor Inside	2	1	1	1	1	2	1		1	10	2%
Gas Odor Outside	2		1		1	1		2	2	9	2%
LDH Strike Team	1									1	0%
Non Comm Bldg	4		4	1	1	3	3	3	2	21	5%
Officer Investigation	4			4	2	3	2	6	1	22	5%
Ornamental Fireplace					1				1	2	0%
Search						1				1	0%
Smoke in Area	1	1							1	3	1%
Special Service							2	1	2	5	1%
Standby	2	1	1		3	1		2		10	2%
Traffic Unit assist	1	3		3		3	2	1	1	14	3%
Trash					2					2	0%
Vehicle Fire	1					2		1		4	1%
Vehicle Leaking Fuel									1	1	0%
Vehicle Rescue	3	1				1		1	1	7	2%
Water Rescue						1	1			2	0%
Wires	4	3	1		7	1	2		2	20	5%
TOTAL	53	38	41	41	44	57	48	54	43	419	



**Wissahickon Fire Company
Fire Chief Report
Year 2019 (273 days)**

Day of the week	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Total	%
Monday	7	9	3	5	9	10	7	11	7	68	16%
Tuesday	8	3	8	8	6	13	7	7	6	66	16%
Wednesday	6	3	1	4	8	3	9	7	8	49	12%
Thursday	9	8	6	6	6	9	5	4	4	57	14%
Friday	8	5	8	7	7	11	6	12	6	70	17%
Saturday	10	6	8	6	2	7	8	4	6	57	14%
Sunday	5	4	7	5	6	4	6	9	6	52	12%
TOTAL	53	38	41	41	44	57	48	54	43	419	

Attendance	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Total	%
Day Calls (M to F 6AM to 6PM)	29	19	21	18	23	24	20	30	27	211	
Attendance at Day Calls	394	222	266	145	263	259	201	340	255	2,345	49%
Average	13.6	11.7	12.7	8.1	11.4	10.8	10.1	11.3	9.4	11.1	
Night & Weekend Calls	24	19	20	23	21	33	28	24	16	208	
Attendance at N & W Calls	374	227	266	244	238	441	304	164	214	2,472	51%
Average	15.6	11.9	13.3	10.6	11.3	13.4	10.9	6.8	13.4	11.9	
Total Calls	53	38	41	41	44	57	48	54	43	419	
Total Attendance	768	449	532	389	501	700	505	504	469	4,817	100%
Average	14.5	11.8	13.0	9.5	11.4	12.3	10.5	9.3	10.9	11.5	



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Fire Chief Report
Year 2019 (273 days)

Count of Alarm #	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Total
Hour of Day								
0	2		1	2		2	1	8
1	2	3			2	1		8
2	2	1	3	2	1	2	1	12
3	3	2	2			1		8
4	1		1	1	1	1	1	6
5			2		5	1	2	10
6		1	3		1	2	1	8
7	1	4	1	1		1	3	11
8	2	5	3	5		6	2	23
9	2	5		2		4		13
10	7	3	4	2	3	5	5	29
11	4	1	4	6	4	4	4	27
12	1	8	7	2	6	4	1	29
13	1	5	5	5	4		5	25
14	5	8	5	4	7	3	4	36
15	2	5	3	3	5	4	1	23
16	2	2	3	2	2	8	4	23
17	2	2	5	5	5	4	2	25
18		2	2	2	3	4	5	18
19	1	3	5	2	1	2	2	16
20	5	2	2		1	4	3	17
21	2		3	1	2	2	4	14
22	1	2	2	1	2	3	4	15
23	4	4		1	2	2	2	15
Grand Total	52	68	66	49	57	70	57	419



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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	65	386
August	71	401
September	67	449
October		
November		
December		
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YTD Totals	593	3,676

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Springfield Township and Portions of Upper Dublin Township*

Public Utilities Committee

The Committee meeting was held October 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Glynnis Siskind (Chair), Sal Pasceri, Claudio Zaccone and Francine Tomlinson. Absent – Mr. Pasceri, Ms. Tomlinson, Ms. Endicott, Mayor Sorg, Ms. Aversa

The Committee will make no recommendations.

1. We received five (5) bids for the electrical work for converting the digesters from anaerobic to aerobic. The lowest bid was \$536,440.00. This was much higher than expected, we will change aspects of the design which should reduce the cost. It is recommended that council does not award the bid. The five (5) blowers were purchased and are ready to be delivered to the WWTP. Concrete pads are needed to allow delivery. Therefore we will bid only the concrete pads and the setting of the blowers next week, and open the bids October 31, with the intent that the project can be awarded at the November Committee meeting. This gives us a little time to revise the electrical design.

The following business will be discussed.

1. The WWTP Engineer's will be provided.
2. The Borough is receiving nominations of individuals for appointment to the Ambler Water Authority Board of Directors. The Solicitor has prepared a proposed Ordinance to organize a municipal water authority under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act. Council will consider advertisement for public meetings and for adoption of the Ordinance once Council has appointed applicants to the nine-member Board.

Finance and Planning Committee

The Committee meeting was held October 3, 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. Absent – Mr. Pasceri, Ms. Tomlinson, Ms. Endicott, Mayor Sorg, Ms. Aversa

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

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

#	Fund	SEPT 1st Run	SEPT 2ND RUN	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$225,860.83	\$ 103,658.33	\$329,519.16
2	STREET LGTS	\$278.00	\$5,062.61	\$5,340.61
3	FIRE	\$40,534.38	\$ 5,528.28	\$46,062.66
4	REFUSE	\$29,509.78	\$6,695.13	\$36,204.91
5	PARKS & REC	\$7,665.00	\$16,474.70	\$24,139.70
6	WATER	\$32,621.08	\$81,893.51	\$114,514.59
8	SEWER	\$2,438.28	\$16,164.14	\$18,602.42
9	WWTP	\$67,386.25	\$128,280.19	\$195,666.44
35	LIQUID FUELS	\$1,865.31	\$ 615.70	\$2,481.01
TOTALS		\$408,158.91	\$364,372.59	\$772,531.50
VOID CHECKS				\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 408,158.91	\$ 364,372.59	\$772,531.50

2. Authorization is requested to consider the **attached** memo of understanding for the RF100 at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. This will be for preparation of a plan specific to Ambler's needs.
3. Authorization is requested to extend the contract with Covanta for three years at a cost per ton each year of \$59.62 (2020), \$60.81 (2021) and \$62.03 (2022). This increase as a percentage is 2% for each of three extensions.

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. The Draft 2020 Budget is being prepared, public meetings will be scheduled.
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. A presentation was made by Mrs. Angela Davoli and Carmen Ciliberto regarding plans to have a 'twinship gathering' and presentation in Maida, Italy next year. This is planned for the 3rd week of July (the feast is July 18, 2020). Accommodations will be 'in town' and their Mayor will be planning side trips in Calabria. Attendees will pay airfare and all costs other than side trips. RSVP needed by January 2020.

5. The **attached** estimate is for the parking meter upgrades that were approved by Council.

Approved at the Committee Meeting.

1. A vote was held to remove Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) or Historical Commission from the agenda. (6-Aye)

2. Consider authorization to install 3K-Warm LED lights for the RSLPP Project Upgrade. (6-Aye)

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee meeting was held October 3, 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. Absent – Mr. Pasceri, Ms. Tomlinson, Ms. Endicott, Mayor Sorg, Ms. Aversa

The Committee will make no recommendations.

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. The Survey will be mentioned in Hometown News and will run through November 15. Please see the link to the Plastics reduction survey on the Borough website:
<http://boroughofambler.com/borough-plastic-reduction-survey/>

Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee meeting was held October 3, 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. Absent – Mr. Pasceri, Ms. Tomlinson, Ms. Endicott, Mayor Sorg, Ms. Aversa

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business will be discussed.

1. Letters of Interest / Resumes are being accepted by Borough Council until the end of October Council plans to appoint applicants to the nine-member Ambler Water Authority Board.

Recommendations

Finance and Planning Committee

Recommendation that the September 2019 invoices be paid in the amount of **\$772,531.50**.

Authorization is requested to extend the contract with Covanta for three years at a cost per ton each year of \$59.62 (2020), \$60.81 (2021) and \$62.03 (2022).

Authorization is requested to approve the memo of understanding for the RF100 at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

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.