



**BOROUGH OF AMBLER  
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
December 15, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes for Consideration:  
November 17, 2020 Zoom Council Meeting  
December 1, 2020 Committee Meeting**

Borough Council will conduct its Council Meeting via Internet vehicle 'ZOOM'. For the safety of Ambler residents, Borough Hall will be closed. Pre-registration is required. Attendees must provide their email, first and last name, and home address. Once registration is processed, a link to attend will be provided via email. A video of the virtual meeting will be posted on this website for the public the following day. The Borough Manager is making the meeting Agenda available for review by the public. Please feel free to read through the Agenda and provide feedback or make an inquiry on any Agenda items. You may email the Borough Council President Frank DeRuosi at [fderuosi@borough.ambler.pa.us](mailto:fderuosi@borough.ambler.pa.us) until Tuesday December 15, at 4:00PM so that Council may consider your comments or address a question from the public during the ZOOM Meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
PUBLIC UTILITIES  
FINANCE & PLANNING  
PARKS & RECREATION  
SALARY & PERSONNEL**

## **MEETING PROCEDURES**

- 1. Pre-registration is required. Attendees must provide their email, first and last name, and home address. Once registration is processed, a link to attend will be provided via email.**
- 2. All participants, except for the Borough Council, Borough Manager, Borough Solicitor, Borough Police Chief, and invited Borough Staff will be muted with video camera/web camera turned off automatically upon entry to the virtual meeting.**
- 3. There will be a Public Comment section regarding agenda items at the end of each committee report . A Public Comment period regarding non-agenda items will occur after voting.**
- 4. The Public Comment section will begin with the Council President reading aloud the comments that were emailed to the Borough ahead of this meeting. Each emailed comment must include the first & last name of the resident, as well as their address. The Council will discuss each comment individually.**
- 5. Participants who wish to speak during the Public Comment section will be instructed to press the “Raise Your Hand” button.**
- 6. One by one the Borough Zoom administrator, will call on each participant with their virtual hand raised. That participant will be unmuted. That participant will have 15 seconds to respond to being called on. If there is no response, the next person “in line” will be called on.**
- 7. It is asked that anyone who speaks during the Public Comment section announce their first and last names, as well as their home address for the record. After the comment, that participant will be muted.**
- 8. The Council President, at any time reserves the right to mute a participant, end the video stream of a participant, or terminate/end the meeting at his discretion, due to hackers, inappropriate language, or any other activity the Council President deems inappropriate.**
- 9. We ask for everyone’s patience and understanding as we navigate through these unprecedented times and work through the unique challenges of virtual public meetings.**

## Public Safety Committee

December 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee members: Erin McKenna Endicott – Chair, Glynnis Siskind, Sara Hertz, Nancy Deininger

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

### Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. A recommendation was approved to adopt the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 for the month of November. (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's next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, December 22 from 2-7 p.m. in the Gymnasium.



**Wissahickon Fire Company**  
**Fire Chief Report**  
**Year 2020 (335 days)**

Township	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Total	%
Ambler	9	9	14	20	16	24	15	13	25	13	21		179	39%
Chalfont		1											1	0%
Conshohocken	1										1		2	0%
Horsham		1	2	1			3	1		1	4		13	3%
Lansdale							1						1	0%
Lower Gwynedd	20	13	20	11	13	28	20	24	12	19	15		195	42%
Montgomery		1	1	1			5						8	2%
Norristown											1		1	0%
Plymouth	1		1							1			3	1%
Upper Dublin		3	1	2	1		1		1	2	1		12	3%
Upper Gwynedd										1			1	0%
Whitemarsh	3	4	3	1	2	6	1	1	2	1	1		25	5%
Whitpain	2	1	3	5	1	1	1	2	1	2	4		23	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>464</b>	

Type of Call	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Total	%
Accident Standby	1		1	1	1		1		1	1			7	2%
AFA Actual	9	11	12	13	9	6	5	8	14	10	14		111	24%
AFA False	6	3	9	7	7	18	14	10	6	11	12		103	22%
Appliance			1					1	1	1			4	1%
Brush	1			1		1	2	1	2		2		10	2%
Building Investigation	2	1		2	1	3	1		3	1			14	3%
CO Detector	2	3	2		2	4	2	2	2	2	3		24	5%
Commercial Bldg	1	1	4	2		1	6			3	3		21	5%
Elevator Rescue									2	1	1		4	1%
EMS Assist		1		2		1					1		5	1%
Fast Team Assist	2		1	1		1				2			7	2%
Gas Odor Inside	2	2	2	2	2	4	1	1	3	1			20	4%
Gas Odor Outside			1	1	1	1							4	1%
Hazmat		1											1	0%
Non Comm Bldg	1	5	6	4	4	1	4	2		2	2		31	7%
Officer Investigation	2	1	1	3	4	4	2	5	3	2	5		32	7%
Ornamental Fireplace													0	0%
Residential Rescue			1			1		1					3	1%
Search	1	1											2	0%
Smoke in Area									1		2		3	1%
Special Service						1			1	1			3	1%
Standby	1	1					2				2		6	1%
Traffic Unit assist		2				2	3		1				8	2%
Trash					1	1	1						3	1%
Vehicle Fire			1	1		1	1			1	1		6	1%
Vehicle Leaking Fuel	1							1					2	0%
Vehicle Rescue	3		3			1	1		1	1			10	2%
Water Rescue								7					7	2%
Wires	1			1	1	7	1	2					13	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>464</b>	

Day of the week	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Total	%
Monday	4	2	11	5	6	5	5	7	5	7	7		64	14%
Tuesday	6	6	7	1	3	8	8	12	10	7	3		71	15%
Wednesday	4	5	3	8	2	17	7	4	5	6	7		68	15%
Thursday	5	7	5	6	5	11	7	7	6	2	8		69	15%
Friday	9	8	6	11	6	11	7	3	4	5	10		80	17%
Saturday	4	2	6	4	7	4	6	5	6	5	4		53	11%
Sunday	4	3	7	6	4	3	7	3	5	8	9		59	13%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>464</b>	



**Wissahickon Fire Company**  
**Fire Chief Report**  
**Year 2020 (335 days)**

Attendance	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Total	%
Day Calls (M to F 6AM to 6PM)	17	16	19	25	10	30	22	25	21	13	23		221	
Attendance at Day Calls	197	148	271	372	142	343	213	320	221	164	263		2,654	45%
Average Day Calls	11.6	9.3	14.3	14.9	14.2	11.4	9.7	12.8	10.5	12.6	11.4	-	12.0	
Night & Weekend Calls	19	17	26	16	23	29	25	16	20	27	25		243	
Attendance at N & W Calls	304	160	439	311	335	356	275	231	279	374	246		3,310	55%
Average Night & Weekend	16.0	9.4	16.9	19.4	14.6	12.3	11.0	14.4	14.0	13.9	9.8	-	13.6	
Total Calls	36	33	45	41	33	59	47	41	41	40	48		464	
Total Attendance	501	308	710	683	477	699	488	551	500	538	509		5,964	100%
Average Total Calls	13.9	9.3	15.8	16.7	14.5	11.8	10.4	13.4	12.2	13.5	10.6		12.9	
Total Drills	4	4	2	0	0	0	4	5	3	4	4	0	30	
Total Drill Attendance	147	139	68	0	0	0	113	142	66	112	110	0	897	
Average Drill Attendance	36.8	34.8	34.0	-	-	-	28.3	28.4	22.0	28.0	27.5	-	29.9	

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Count of Alarm 2020								
Hour of Day	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Total
0	3	1			1	5	2	12
1	3			2			1	6
2	1	1		1	4	1		8
3		3			1	1	2	7
4		3	1		1	5		10
5		1	1		2	3	2	9
6	2	6	4	3	2	2		19
7	4	4	5	1	2	2	3	21
8	3	1		3	1	3	1	12
9	2		5	2	6	8	2	25
10	1	3	3	5	1	2	2	17
11		4	3	2	5	3	3	20
12	5	4	8	5	4	1	2	29
13	6	4	5	10	4	6	2	37
14	7	5	3	6	5	5	4	35
15	2	2	4	2	4	3	4	21
16	5	4	7	3	3	6	1	29
17	2	2	4	3	2	7	1	21
18	3	3	6	6	6	4	3	31
19	4	5	2	4	4	4	4	27
20	4		4	4	2		4	18
21	1	2	2	3	2	4	5	19
22		4	4	3	5	4	1	21
23	1	2			2	1	4	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>464</b>



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BUSINESS: (215) 643-6517  
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1414 E. BUTLER PIKE  
P.O. BOX 98  
AMBLER, PENNSYLVANIA 19002

Ambler Borough Statistics – 2020

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls in Borough</u>	<u>Total Calls for CAAA</u>
January	55	404
February	56	418
March	60	403
April	58	365
May	43	317
June	62	353
July	44	327
August	60	369
September	67	390
October	68	377
November	55	350
December		
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<u>YTD Totals</u>	628	4,073

*Serving Ambler Borough, Lower Gwynedd Township,  
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## Public Utilities Committee

December 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members: Glynnis Siskind – Chair, Haley Welch, Jen Henderson

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

### Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. Borough of Ambler received bids online via the PennBid Program for the Digester Conversion. A recommendation to award to Eastern Environmental Contractors for the low bid of \$ 844,400.00 was approved. **(8-aye)**
2. A recommendation to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) price report to make the WWTP's electricity usage 100% carbon neutral was approved. **(8-aye)**
3. Authorization to contract with Allied Controls for the complete SCADA System Upgrade estimated at \$38,000 was approved . **(8-aye)**

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

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was provided.
2. An application of the Borough of Ambler for approval of the abandonment of public water service to the public in Pennsylvania has been filed and a notice has been advertised. Formal protests and petitions were received.
3. An Ordinance was advertised to allow the Solicitor to use Eminent Domain with PennDOT in regard to the Butler Pike Water Main Project. A permit was granted so the Ordinance is no longer required.

**Finance and Planning Committee**

December 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members Nellie Di Pietro – Chair, Erin McKenna Endicott, Haley Welch

**The Committee will consider the following recommendations:**

1. That the November Bills be paid in the amount of \$ **621,392.54**

#	Fund	NOV 1st Run	NOV 2nd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	33,656.33	123,908.72	157,565.05
2	STREET LGTS		515.27	515.27
3	FIRE			-
4	REFUSE	5,630.52	50,243.27	55,873.79
5	PARKS & REC	690.76	3,054.61	3,745.37
6	WATER	61,300.27	47,628.84	108,929.11
8	SEWER	1,187.73	9,735.76	10,923.49
9	WWTP	182,358.91	101,481.55	283,840.46
35	LIQUID FUELS			-
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>284,824.52</b>	<b>336,568.02</b>	<b>621,392.54</b>
<b>VOID CHECKS</b>				-
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>284,824.52</b>	<b>336,568.02</b>	<b>621,392.54</b>

2. Consider adoption Ordinance 1118 Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Year 2021. A public hearing to consider passage of the Ordinance will be held this evening. **(attached)**
3. Consider adoption of Resolution 2020-10 Authorizing Appropriating Specific Funds for Purposes of the Municipality in 2021.
4. Crown Castle Fiber LLC requests renewal of the Right-of-Way Agreement for an additional term of (5) years. Original contract approved in February 2016 and expire in February 2021. **(attached)**
5. A recommendation is requested to adopt Resolution 2020-11 for Uninvest to allow Gail Gordon to make contributions and authorize disbursements for the Pension Plans. **(attached)**



6. The solicitor provided the **attached** Ordinance to help define mural language. A recommendation is requested to advertise an Ordinance for adoption.

**The following business will be discussed:**

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. The Council would like to explore Storm Water requirements, specifically the area calculation that triggers storm water requirements. **(attached)**
3. The EAC 2021 Budget request was updated in the budget.
4. The solicitor will prepare an ordinance to include 2 hour parking on Race Street, Mattison , Rosemary and Water Street. A permit process is also being developed to provide parking passes to residents on those streets.
5. Review the Preliminary / Final Land Development Plan to redevelop the existing gas station with a bank at 90 W. Butler Avenue – AMBGGOOD, LLC (Revised plans will be submitted by the applicant to reflect Borough Planning Commission recommendations, Borough Engineer, and Montgomery County Planning Commission comments) *Reviews and plans to be forwarded upon receipt.*
6. The 2021 Meeting Schedule will be advertised. **(attached)**

**ORDINANCE 1118**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER**  
**COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2021**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** and is hereby Ordained and Enacted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ambler, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that a Tax be and the same levied on all Real Property within the Borough of Ambler subject to location for the Fiscal Year 2021 as follows:

**TAX RATE**

**For General Purposes**, the sum of six and two hundred eighty thousandth (6.78) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of 6.78 cents on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

**For Street Lighting Purposes**, the sum of two hundred ten thousandth (.210) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of .21 of a cent on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

**For Fire Fighting Purposes**, the sum of four hundred eighty thousandth (.480) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of 0.48 of a cent on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

**For Debt Service Purposes**, the sum of 0.0 mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of 0.0 of a cent on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

**For Parks and Recreation Purposes**, the sum of three hundred ninety thousandth (0.390) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of 0.39 of a cent on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

The same being summarized in tabular form as follows:

TOTAL 7.86 MILLS	MILLS ON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION	CENTS ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION
Tax Rate General Purpose	6.780 Mills	6.78 Cents
Tax Rate Street Lights	0.210 Mills	0.21 Cents
Tax Rate Fire Protection	0.480 Mills	0.48 Cents
Tax Rate Debt Service	0.0 Mills	0.0 Cents
Tax Rate Parks & Recreation	0.390 Mills	0.39 Cents

Enacted by the Borough of Ambler this 15th day of December 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Frank DeRuosi, Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Mary Aversa, Borough Manager

## RESOLUTION 2020-10

**A Resolution of the Borough of Ambler**, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania appropriating specific sums estimated per the 2021 Budget to be required for the specific purpose of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the year 2020 by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ambler, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Section 1.** That the expenditures and expenses for the Fiscal Year 2021 in the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the fund equities, revenues and other financing sources available for the year 2021 for the specific purposes set forth in the following budget summaries.

	<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	
Revenues		\$ 4,250,426
Expenditures		\$ 4,250,426
	<b><u>Refuse Fund</u></b>	
Revenues		\$ 930,400
Expenditures		\$ 930,400
	<b><u>Fire Fund</u></b>	
Revenues		\$ 203,996
Expenditures		\$ 203,996
	<b><u>Liquid Fuels</u></b>	
Revenues		\$ 157,295
Expenditures		\$ 157,295
	<b><u>Parks and Recreation</u></b>	
Revenues		\$ 113,318
Expenditures		\$ 113,318
	<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>	
Revenues		\$ 1,070,815
Expenditures		\$ 1,070,815
	<b><u>Street Light Fund</u></b>	
Revenues		\$ 61,102
Expenditures		\$ 61,102
	<b><u>Wastewater Treatment Plant</u></b>	
Revenues		\$ 3,491,913
Expenditures		\$ 3,491,913
	<b><u>Water Department</u></b>	
Revenues		\$ 2,763,371
Expenditures		<u>\$ 2,763,371</u>
<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>\$13,042,636</b>

**Section 2.** That any Resolution conflicting with this Resolution be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Resolution.

**ADOPTED** this 15th day of December 2020.

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Frank DeRuosi, Council President

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Mary Aversa, Secretary



Crown Castle  
2000 Corporate Drive  
Canonsburg, PA 15317

November 19, 2020

Borough of Ambler  
Attn: Borough Manager, Mary Aversa  
Ambler Borough Hall  
131 Rosemary Avenue  
Ambler, PA 191002

**VIA FEDEX**

**RE: Contract ID: 1415340 - Right-of-Way Use Agreement**

Dear Mary Aversa:

Pursuant to Section 2 of the above referenced agreement between Borough of Ambler and Crown Castle NG East LLC dated February 16, 2016, please accept this letter as notice that Crown Castle Fiber LLC requests renewal of the Right-of-Way Agreement for an additional term of (5) years and hereby requests the City's consent to such renewal.

According to our records, this (5) renewal term would run from February 16, 2021 to February 16, 2026. Please contact John Shive, Sr Network Permitting Specialist, via email at phone at (610) 635-3218 regarding finalizing the terms of renewal.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michael Tuma, SCFS Contract Execution Manager, Contracts Management  
Crown Castle | 1500 Corporate Drive | Canonsburg, PA 15317  
(724) 416-2796 | [Michael.Tuma@crowncastle.com](mailto:Michael.Tuma@crowncastle.com)

RENEWAL TERM AGREED TO BY \_\_\_\_\_:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION 2020-11

BOROUGH OF AMBLER  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CORPORATE RESOLUTION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify to Uninvest Bank & Trust Co. ("Bank") that I am Secretary of Borough of Ambler ("Municipality"), located in Ambler, PA, and that I have been duly elected and am presently serving in that capacity. I further certify that the following resolutions have been duly adopted by the Ambler Borough Council of the Municipality and such resolutions are in full force and effect as of the date hereof and have not been revoked or rescinded as of this date:

RESOLVED that:

- The official(s) designated below ("Authorized Official(s)") is/are duly elected and holding the office shown, authorized to instruct, with regards to disbursements and contributions, Uninvest Bank & Trust Co. on behalf of the Borough of Ambler Police, Non Uniformed and Non Uniformed Defined Contribution Pension Plans. The signatures below are the genuine signatures of such persons.

Authorized Official(s):

<u>Gail Gordon</u>	<u>Finance Manager</u>	<u>Gail Gordon</u>
Printed Name	Title	Signature
_____	_____	_____
Printed Name	Title	Signature
_____	_____	_____
Printed Name	Title	Signature
_____	_____	_____
Printed Name	Title	Signature

- The resolutions shall continue to be in full force and effect until express written notice of its/their rescission, modification or termination has been received by the Bank. Any and all prior resolutions received and certified by the Bank shall continue to have full force and effect until the Bank receives such written notice. Any rescission, modification or termination of a resolution must be accompanied by written notification to the Bank.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name to this document and affixed the seal of the Municipality on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Signer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

**AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE, SECTIONS (insert), TO DEFINE MURALS, DIFFERENTIATE THEM FROM SIGNS, AND ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR MURALS; LEAVING THE REMAINDER OF THE ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND REPEALER; EFFECTIVE ON THE EARLIEST APPLICABLE DATE SET FORTH IN THE BOROUGH CODE**

WHEREAS, it is the determination of Ambler Borough Council that the existing sign ordinance does not sufficiently address murals, and that it is in the best interests of the citizenry, and consistent with the Borough residents' health, safety and welfare, to establish criteria for murals while recognizing and preserving every person's right to free speech and expression,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDAINED as follows:

1. Chapter 27, part 20, Signs, at 27-2003 of the Borough codified ordinances, "Definitions", is modified as follows:  
The definition of "Mural" is stricken and replaced with the following.  
MURAL: Artwork applied to the wall of a building, the primary purpose of which is the expression of non-commercial speech. Artwork that does not have the expression of non-commercial speech as its primary purpose is a sign and may not be painted or applied to the wall of a building.
2. Chapter 27, part 20, signs, at 27-2004, "Prohibited Signs" is amended as follows:  
27-2004(F), the existing language, "Signs painted on any wall surface, excluding murals" is stricken and replaced with the following: "Signs painted on any wall surface".
3. Chapter 27, part 20, is amended by the addition of a new section, 27-2011, the text of which is as follows:

**27-2011 MURALS**

1. Whether the primary purpose of artwork painted on a building is commercial or non-commercial is a fact-based inquiry and the initial determination is to be made by the Borough zoning officer. The determination to be made is whether the expression depicted in the artwork is primarily intended to advance the economic interests of a business. Factors in making this determination include:
  - a. whether the wall is part of a business;
  - b. whether the artwork includes the name or advertising slogans of a business;
  - c. whether the artwork depicts specific elements of a transaction or business activity associated with a particular business or trade;
  - d. whether the artwork includes depictions of the owner or employees of a particular business;
  - e. if volunteered by the building owner or artist, the stated non-commercial expression sought to be expressed in the art work;

- f. Whether the artwork, in consideration of these and any other relevant factors, is intended to call attention to a business or commercial activity.
2. If the zoning officer determines the artwork to be a sign, then it shall be prohibited pursuant to 27-2004(F). If it is determined to be a mural, then it is subject only to the requirements set forth in this part. Specifically:
  - a. It may not be larger than the wall on which it is painted;
  - b. It may not cover doors or windows;
  - c. It may not contain electronic elements and may not be internally illuminated;
  - d. It may not include words or graphic depictions of violence or sexuality that would be considered obscene applying contemporary community standards;
  - e. It may not project into any public right of way;
  - f. It must be created using materials durable enough to last approximately as long as ordinary exterior paint applied to the same wall in a single, uniform color.
3. Persons intending to create a mural within the Borough may apply to the zoning officer free of charge for a determination that the artwork does not constitute a regulated sign. A mural that is painted without zoning officer approval is subject to removal if it is in violation of this ordinance.
4. The perceived cultural, artistic, historical, or societal significance of any depiction in any artwork is unrelated to a determination made by the zoning officer pursuant to this ordinance.
5. Determinations of the zoning officer are appealable to the Zoning Hearing Board in the same manner as other zoning determinations in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.
6. Any prior ordinance that is inconsistent with this ordinance is repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. If any portion of this ordinance is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalid provision shall be severed from the remainder of the ordinance, which shall continue to be given full force and effect. This ordinance is effective on the earliest applicable date provided for in section 3301.3 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

SO ORDAINED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Frank DeRuosi, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Aversa, Council Secretary

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## Memorandum

**To:** Ambler Borough Council  
**From:** Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer  
**Date:** November 13, 2020  
**Re:** Stormwater Management Ordinance

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The Borough Code Department went through three years of residential shed and addition permits.

- The majority of shed permits received have been replacement sheds with increases of impervious surface under 50 sqft.
- The shed sizes range from 50 sqft to 400 sqft.
- The Borough approved approximately 20 shed permits
- The majority of additions were built over and / or in place of existing impervious surfaces such as a front / rear patios or decks.
- The addition sizes range from 150 sqft to 1,200 sqft
- The Borough approved approximately 21 residential additions

The above information clarifies that the Borough has not had missed opportunities as stated at prior meetings. All but five of these projects would not have triggered the stormwater requirements if the threshold were lowered to 500 sqft. Two of those five projects above 500 sqft had chosen to perform stormwater management work by taking advantage of the Growing Ambler Greener or by resolving an existing problem on their own. And two others were above required 1,000 sqft which triggered stormwater management. Almost all of these projects have consisted of removing existing structures or a patio.

This list is not all inclusive because the does not include projects as part of interior alterations coded as such in the building software. Hope this is helpful. Feel free to contact me with any questions.



# 2021 BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. unless noted)

JANUARY 5

FEBRUARY 2

MARCH 2

APRIL 6

MAY 4

JUNE 1

No Committee Meeting in July

AUGUST 3

SEPTEMBER 8 (Wednesday due to Rosh Hashanah)

OCTOBER 5

NOVEMBER 3 (Wednesday due to Election Day)

DECEMBER 7

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

(3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. unless noted)

JANUARY 19

FEBRUARY 16

MARCH 16

APRIL 20

MAY 19 (Wednesday due to PA Primary Election)

JUNE 15

JULY 20

AUGUST 17

SEPTEMBER 21

OCTOBER 19

NOVEMBER 16

DECEMBER 21

**NOTICE**  
**2021 PUBLIC MEETINGS**  
**AMBLER BOROUGH**

Ambler Borough will conduct all regularly scheduled 2021 Meetings via ZOOM Software Program due to COVID-19 restrictions. For the safety of our residents, Borough Hall will be closed. Meetings will continue to be held via ZOOM for as long as there is a declaration of emergency in place and will return to live meetings when the declaration is lifted or expires. The Borough will indicate on the Borough website [www.boroughofambler.com](http://www.boroughofambler.com) when there is a return to live meetings in the Public Meeting Room.

All interested persons are invited to attend these ZOOM Meetings. Ambler Borough Committee and Council agendas will be posted on the Borough website prior to the meeting dates and times.

Instructions on accessing the Zoom Meetings and offering questions or comments will be posted. Please direct any inquiries to Borough Manager at [manager@borough.ambler.pa.us](mailto:manager@borough.ambler.pa.us) or call 215-646-1000.

**Ambler Borough Committee** meetings are held the **first Tuesday** of each month at 7:00 p.m. (except September will be held Wed., Sept. 8 and November will be held Wed., Nov. 3. No Committee meeting in July).

**Ambler Borough Council** meetings are held the **third Tuesday** of each month at 7:00 p.m. (except the May meeting will be held Wed., May 19.)

**Planning Commission** meets monthly on the **fourth Tuesday** at 7:00 pm. (December meeting to be determined).

**Environmental Advisory Council** meets monthly on the **third Wednesday** at 7:00 p.m.

**Zoning Hearing Board** meets as needed on the **first Thursday** of each month (call for specific dates & times or check the Borough website).

**Civil Service Commission** meets as needed (call for specific dates & times or check the Borough website).

MARY AVERSA  
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## **Park and Recreation Committee**

December 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members: Sara Hertz – Chair, Nancy Deininger, Erin McKenna Endicott, Nellie DiPietro

### **The Committee consider the following recommendation.**

1. Authorization is requested to approve the 2021 Contract for Red Tail services. **(attached)**

### **Approved at the Committee Meeting**

1. Resolution 2020-9 for a grant from PECO's Green Region Open Space Grant Program was approved . This grant is for the improvements at Ambler Square. **(8-Aye)**

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

1. The Committee is moving forward with plans for creation of a Community Garden to be installed next spring. Questions can be emailed to Jen Henderson [Jhenderson@borough.ambler.pa.us](mailto:Jhenderson@borough.ambler.pa.us)
2. Ambler Borough Planning Commission is currently working on a Parks Plan outlining the future of the Borough Parks System. They will be holding "zoom" workshops in the coming months for each one of the parks to solicit resident input and participation in this process. **(Attached)**
3. The EAC provided an update on their activities.

# WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR PARKS?



Ambler Borough Planning Commission is currently working on a Parks Plan outlining the future of the Borough Parks System. **WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!**

The Borough will be holding “zoom” workshops in the coming months to see how by maintaining and improving the park system in the Borough we can make Ambler an even better place to live, work, and play.

Please go to the below link or QR for more information and how to register.

Comments can also be submitted by calling or by sending them in writing to the Borough Attention Park Plan.



[WWW.BOROUGHOFAMBLER.COM/DEPARTMENTS/PARKS-RECREATION](http://WWW.BOROUGHOFAMBLER.COM/DEPARTMENTS/PARKS-RECREATION)

## PARK MEETING

### DATES:

#### **KNIGHT PARK**

Tuesday, November 24th at 6pm

#### **PICKERING FIELD**

Tuesday, December 22nd at 6pm

#### **RICCARDI PARK**

Tuesday January 26th at 6pm

#### **BOROUGH PARK**

#### **EDGEWOOD PRESERVE**

#### **TENNIS AVENUE LOT**

#### **REEFS MILL OPEN SPACE**

Tuesday February 23rd at 6pm

#### **JEAN THOMPSON**

#### **PARK, WAHL PLAYGROUND**

#### **LOCUST STREET PARK**

#### **AMBLER SQUARE**

Tuesday March 23rd at 6pm

## Salary & Personnel Committee

December 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members Nancy Deininger – Chair, Glynnis Siskind, Nellie Di Pietro, Jen Henderson

### **The Committee will consider the following recommendations.**

1. Letters of interest were received for the Vacant Borough Council Seat in Ward 1.  
A vote is expected.

### Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. Kia Connelly- Baker was reappointed for a 3-year term to the Board of Trustees of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library representing Ambler Borough. **(8-Aye)**

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

1. Several volunteer committee positions expire at the end of the year. Appointments will be made by Council at the January Meeting for Committee positions with expiring terms which include: Appeals Board (2 seats – 3 year term); Civil Service Commission Alternate (current vacancy – 4 year term balance); Environmental Advisory Council (2 seats – 3 year term); Human Relations Commission ( 1 seat vacancy – 2 year term balance; 1 alternate seat – 2 year term balance); Planning Commission (1 seat – 4 year term); Vacancy Board (1 seat – 1 year term); and Zoning Hearing Board (1 seat – 3 year term; 1 seat Alternate – 3 year term; 1 seat Alternate – 2 year term balance). Interested candidates are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to the Borough Manager at [manager@borough.ambler.pa.us](mailto:manager@borough.ambler.pa.us) or by mail to the Borough Manager.
2. Interviews have been scheduled for the vacant laborer position.
3. Ambler Borough has organized a municipal water authority under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act. Terms for the 9-member Ambler Water Authority Board expiring the first Monday in January 2021 include: from Ambler Borough (1 seat) and from Whitpain Township (1 seat). Interested candidates are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to the Borough Manager at [manager@borough.ambler.pa.us](mailto:manager@borough.ambler.pa.us) or by mail to the Borough Manager.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES**

### **FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. Consider the recommendation that the November bills are paid in the amount of \$ **621,392.54**.
2. Consider adoption Ordinance 1118 Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Year 2021.
3. Consider adoption of Resolution 2020-10 Authorizing Appropriating Specific Funds for Purposes of the Municipality in 2021.
4. Consider approval of Crown Castle Fiber LLC request for renewal of the Right-of-Way Agreement for an additional term of (5) years.
5. A recommendation is requested to advertise for adoption an ordinance amendment to clarify the mural language.
6. A recommendation is requested to adopt Resolution 2020-11 for Uninvest to allow Gail Gordon to make contributions and authorize disbursements for the Pension Plans

### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

1. Authorization is requested to approve the 2021 Contract for Red Tail services

### **SALARY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

1. Letters of interest were received for the Vacant Borough Council Seat in Ward 1. A vote is expected.