



BOROUGH OF AMBLER
BUDGET MEETING 6:00 PM
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
November 17, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Minutes for Consideration:

November 4, 2020 Zoom Committee Meeting
October 20, 2020 Zoom Council 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 until Tuesday November 17, 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

November 4, 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.

The Committee approved the following recommendation:

1. A recommendation was approved to adopt the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 for the month of November. (9-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 (305 days)

Township	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Total	%
Ambler	9	9	14	20	16	24	15	13	25	13	158	38%
Chalfont		1									1	0%
Conshohocken	1										1	0%
Horsham		1	2	1			3	1		1	9	2%
Lansdale							1				1	0%
Lower Gwynedd	20	13	20	11	13	28	20	24	12	19	180	43%
Montgomery		1	1	1			5				8	2%
Plymouth	1		1							1	3	1%
Upper Dublin		3	1	2	1		1		1	2	11	3%
Upper Gwynedd										1	1	0%
Whitemarsh	3	4	3	1	2	6	1	1	2	1	24	6%
Whitpain	2	1	3	5	1	1	1	2	1	2	19	5%
TOTAL	36	33	45	41	33	59	47	41	41	40	416	

Type of Call	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-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	97	23%
AFA False	6	3	9	7	7	18	14	10	6	11	91	22%
Appliance			1					1	1	1	4	1%
Brush	1			1		1	2	1	2		8	2%
Building Investigation	2	1		2	1	3	1		3	1	14	3%
CO Detector	2	3	2		2	4	2	2	2	2	21	5%
Commercial Bldg	1	1	4	2		1	6				18	4%
Elevator Rescue									2	1	3	1%
EMS Asslet		1		2		1					4	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	5%
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	29	7%
Officer Investigation	2	1	1	3	4	4	2	5	3	2	27	6%
Ornamental Fireplace											0	0%
Residential Rescue			1			1		1			3	1%
Search	1	1									2	0%
Smoke In Area									1		1	0%
Special Service						1			1	1	3	1%
Standby	1	1					2				4	1%
Traffic Unit assist		2				2	3		1		8	2%
Trash					1	1	1				3	1%
Vehicle Fire			1	1		1	1			1	5	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%
TOTAL	36	33	45	41	33	59	47	41	41	40	416	

Day of the week	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Total	%
Monday	4	2	11	5	8	5	5	7	5	7	57	14%
Tuesday	6	6	7	1	3	8	8	12	10	7	68	16%
Wednesday	4	5	3	8	2	17	7	4	5	6	61	15%
Thursday	5	7	5	6	5	11	7	7	6	2	61	15%
Friday	9	8	6	11	6	11	7	3	4	5	70	17%
Saturday	4	2	6	4	7	4	6	5	6	5	49	12%
Sunday	4	3	7	6	4	3	7	3	5	8	50	12%
TOTAL	36	33	45	41	33	59	47	41	41	40	416	



Wissahickon Fire Company
Fire Chief Report
Year 2020 (305 days)

Attendance	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Total	%
Day Calls (M to F 6AM to 8PM)	17	16	19	25	10	30	22	25	21	13	198	
Attendance at Day Calls	197	148	271	372	142	343	213	320	221	164	2,391	44%
Average Day Calls	11.6	9.3	14.3	14.9	14.2	11.4	9.7	12.8	10.5	12.6	12.1	
Night & Weekend Calls	19	17	26	16	23	29	25	16	20	27	218	
Attendance at N & W Calls	304	160	439	311	335	356	275	231	279	374	3,064	56%
Average Night & Weekend	16.0	9.4	16.9	19.4	14.6	12.3	11.0	14.4	14.0	13.9	14.1	
Total Calls	36	33	45	41	33	59	47	41	41	40	416	
Total Attendance	501	308	710	683	477	699	488	551	500	538	5,455	100%
Average Total Calls	13.9	9.3	15.8	16.7	14.5	11.8	10.4	13.4	12.2	13.5	13.1	
Total Drills	4	4	2	0	0	0	4	5	3	4	26	
Total Drill Attendance	147	139	68	0	0	0	113	142	66	112	787	
Average Drill Attendance	36.8	34.8	34.0	-	-	-	28.3	28.4	22.0	28.0	30.3	

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Count of Alarm 2020								
Hour of Day	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Total
0	3	1			1	4	2	11
1	3			2			1	6
2	1	1		1	4	1		8
3		3			1	1	1	6
4		3	1		1	5		10
5		1			2	1	2	6
6	2	4	4	3	2	2		17
7	2	3	5	1	2	1	2	16
8	1			1	1	2	1	6
9	2		5	2	6	8	2	25
10	1	3	3	5		2	2	16
11		4	3	2	5	3	3	20
12	4	3	7	4	3	1	2	24
13	5	4	5	10	4	5	2	35
14	7	5	2	6	4	4	4	32
15	1	1	4	2	4	3	4	19
16	5	4	7	3	2	5	1	27
17	2	1	4	2	2	6	1	18
18	2	3	6	5	5	3	2	26
19	3	5	2	4	4	4	4	26
20	4		4	3	2		4	17
21	1	2	2	3	1	4	5	18
22		4	4	2	3	4	1	18
23	1	2			2	1	3	9
Grand Total	50	57	68	61	61	70	49	416



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EMAIL: info@amblerambulance.org

BUSINESS: (215) 643-6517
FAX: (215) 643-5212

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COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, AMBLER
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		
December		
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<u>YTD Totals</u>	573	3,723

*Serving Ambler Borough, Lower Gwynedd Township,
Springfield Township and Portions of Upper Dublin Township*

Public Utilities Committee

November 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members: Glynnis Siskind
– Chair, Brooke Marshall, Haley Welch, Jen Henderson

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. Borough of Ambler will receive sealed bids online via the PennBid Program until 2:00 PM, prevailing time, Monday, November 16, 2020 for the Digester Conversion. A recommendation will be provided.
2. A recommendation is requested to allow the Solicitor to use Eminent Domain with PennDOT in regard to the Butler Pike Water Main Project.

Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. Two quotes have been obtained for road restoration at Militia Hill Road and Route 73 due to water leak repair. Associated Paving Contractors was awarded the contract for \$33,660. (9-Aye)
2. Quotes were obtained for parts to rebuild clarifier ET-9. A recommendation to award to Midway Supply was approved for \$71,782.68. (9-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. The Loch Alsh Dam Emergency Action Plan is being updated by Gilmore Engineers. The plan must be updated every 5 years. A revised Inundation Map is being prepared by Princeton Hydro (PH) which will undertake hydrologic and hydraulic models for new breach scenarios. This is necessary due to removal of St. Mary's Dam at the Mattison Estates construction site. Cost for PH analysis and preparation of new Inundation Map is \$15,000.

Finance and Planning Committee

November 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members Nellie Di Pietro – Chair, Erin McKenna Endicott, Haley Welch, Brooke Marshall

The Committee will consider the following recommendations:

1. That the October Bills be paid in the amount of \$ 634,350.31

#	Fund	OCT 1st Run	OCT 2nd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	67,875.48	69,769.50	137,644.98
2	STREET LGTS	4,119.27	6,363.56	10,482.83
3	FIRE	-		-
4	REFUSE	48,970.15	6,803.60	55,773.75
5	PARKS & REC	7,103.61	6,315.15	13,418.76
6	WATER	52,676.28	51,845.14	104,521.42
8	SEWER	2,757.32	130,969.87	133,727.19
9	WWTP	64,557.51	114,223.87	178,781.38
35	LIQUID FUELS			-
	TOTALS	248,059.62	386,290.69	634,350.31
	GRAND TOTAL	248,059.62	386,290.69	634,350.31

2. **PLANNING CONTRACT**

Consider acceptance of the Montgomery County Planning Commission cost proposal for planning assistance for 2021-23 based upon the same level of service as is under the current project at an average annual cost of \$12,726 per year. Upon approval the Commission will prepare a contract for services. **(attached)**

3. **2021 BUDGET**

Consider authorizing advertising for adoption an Ordinance to be prepared Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Year 2021. A public hearing to consider passage of the Ordinance will be held at the December 15th Council Meeting.

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 Committee discussed the possibility of creating language to regulate Murals. The solicitor will work to define mural language.
4. The solicitor will prepare an ordinance to include 2-hour parking on Race Street and Council will consider 2-hour parking on Mattison and Rosemary.
5. The Borough scheduled Budget meetings for Tuesday, November 17th and December 1st at 6:00PM via Zoom.

Ambler Borough
 Community Planning Assistance
 Contract Cost Proposals
 January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023

Description			TOTAL CONTRACT COST	MUNICIPAL SHARE 50%
<u>Year One</u>				
		<u>RATE</u>		
2.5	Planner-Days / Month	\$700 / Planner Day	\$21,000.00	\$10,500.00
12	Night Meetings* / Year		\$4,200.00	\$2,100.00
		YEAR ONE TOTAL	\$25,200.00	\$12,600.00
<u>Year Two</u>				
		<u>RATE</u>		
2.5	Planner-Days / Month	\$707 / Planner Day	\$21,210.00	\$10,605.00
12	Night Meetings* / Year		\$4,242.00	\$2,121.00
		YEAR TWO TOTAL	\$25,452.00	\$12,726.00
<u>Year Three</u>				
		<u>RATE</u>		
2.5	Planner-Days / Month	\$714 / Planner Day	\$21,420.00	\$10,710.00
12	Night Meetings* / Year		\$4,284.00	\$2,142.00
		YEAR THREE TOTAL	\$25,704.00	\$12,852.00
		Total Contract Costs (Years 1-3)	\$76,356.00	\$38,178.00

* One Night Meeting = half of a Planner Day

Summary of Invoices			Municipal Share 50 %
Year One			
Invoice 1	April 2021		\$6,300.00
Invoice 2	October 2021		\$6,300.00
Year Two			
Invoice 3	April 2022		\$6,363.00
Invoice 4	October 2022		\$6,363.00
Year Three			
Invoice 5	April 2023		\$6,426.00
Invoice 6	October 2023		\$6,426.00
			\$38,178.00

Borough Of Ambler

131 EAST BUTLER AVENUE
AMBLER, PENNSYLVANIA 19002-4476

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WEBSITE: www.boroughofambler.com



Memorandum

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

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 of 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.

Park and Recreation Committee

November 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members: Sara Hertz – Chair, Nancy Deininger, Erin McKenna Endicott, Nellie DiPietro

The Committee will make no recommendations.

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. An information session was held Via Zoom on November 1. An update was provided. Any questions can be emailed to Jen Henderson.
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)**

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

PARK MEETING DATES:

KNIGHT PARK

Tuesday, November 24th at 6pm

PICKERING FIELD

Tuesday, December 22nd at 6pm

RIGGARDI PARK

Tuesday January 26th at 6pm

BOROUGH PARK

EDGEWOOD PRESERVE

TENNIS AVENUE LOT

REIFFS 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

November 4, 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.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

1. Consider appointment of Denny Whalen for a 3-year term to the Board of Trustees of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library representing Ambler Borough. The Board is comprised of nine trustees and Ambler Borough appoints two of these trustees. **(attached)**
2. **RESOLUTION 2020-08**
Consider adoption of Resolution 2020-08 Recognizing the Service of Councilperson Marshall. **(attached)**

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 or by mail to the Borough Manager.
2. Resumes were requested 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 or by mail to the Borough Manager.

Main Library
650 Skippack Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422
215-643-1320



Ambler Branch
209 Race Street
Ambler, PA 19002
215-646-1072

November 6, 2020

Frank DeRuosi
Council President
Ambler Borough
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Dear Frank:

As you know, the Wissahickon Valley Public Library (WVPL) is governed by a board of nine trustees and Ambler Borough Council appoints two of these trustees. The library board is asking the Ambler Borough Council to appoint Denny Whalen for a 3 year term.

Denny Whalen, of 116 S. Bethlehem Pike, successfully served a full 12 years on the library board. After she completed her term and after being off the board for a few years, WVPL's bylaws allow for a board member to return. In the 12 years she served admirably on the board she acted as the Secretary of the Board and was also active on the Fundraising Committee and the Personnel Committee. She is a therapist in private practice.

I would be happy to provide any additional information requested. Please let me know if you would like to meet her before the vote.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this board appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne M. Frank". The signature is written in a cursive style with a tilde symbol over the 'i' in "Frank".

Anne Frank
Library Director

BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

RESOLUTION 2020-08

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF COUNCILPERSON

BROOKE MARSHALL

WHEREAS, Councilperson Brooke Marshall has served the residents of Ward One as well as all the citizens of Ambler as an elected councilperson for the past year, beginning in January of 2020; and,

WHEREAS, during her term in office, Brooke has conscientiously undertaken the responsibilities of her office, giving her time and energy to this community, having served on both the Public Utilities Committee and the Finance & Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, serving as an elected official at the local level is giving back to one's community in the truest form, as it involves very little pay, very little thanks or appreciation, and more time and energy than most citizens realize, and

WHEREAS, having served the citizens of Ambler, Brooke is concluding her term and relocating to another community in eastern Pennsylvania,

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the other members of Council, for themselves and on behalf of the citizens of Ambler that the term of office of Councilperson Brooke Marshall is formally recognized and sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to her for her service.

SO RESOLVED this 17th day of November 2020.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Mary Aversa, Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS

PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC UTILITIES

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2. A recommendation is requested to allow the Solicitor to use Eminent Domain with PennDOT in regard to the Butler Pike Water Main Project.

FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Consider the recommendation that the October bills are paid in the amount of **\$634,350.31**.
2. Consider acceptance of the Montgomery County Planning Commission cost proposal for planning assistance for 2021-23 based upon the same level of service as is under the current project at an average annual cost of \$12,726 per year.
3. Consider authorizing advertising for adoption an Ordinance to be prepared Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Year 2021.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

SALARY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. Consider appointment of Denny Whalen for a 3-year term to the Board of Trustees of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library representing Ambler Borough.
2. Consider adoption of Resolution 2020-08 Recognizing the Service of Councilperson Marshall.