



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

January 21, 2020

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Frank DeRuosi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Jeanne Sorg

ROLL CALL: Ms. Mary Aversa

Minutes for Consideration:
December 17, 2019 Council Meeting
January 6, 2020 Reorganization Meeting

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

Public Safety Committee

The Committee meeting was held January 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee members: Erin McKenna Endicott – Chair, Glynnis Siskind, Sara Hertz, Nancy Deininger

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.
5. A presentation will be made by Ambler Rotary at the Council meeting to Ambler Ambulance.



**Wissahickon Fire Company
Fire Chief Report
Year 2019 (365 days)**

Township	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Total	%
Ambler	23	12	15	15	12	25	19	18	14	25	20	12	210	36%
Cheltenham						1							1	0%
Conshohocken		1			1			1					3	1%
Hatfield		1											1	0%
Horsham	1	1	2		1	1	2	1	2	3		2	16	3%
Lower Gwynedd	17	19	17	20	24	22	17	27	21	27	24	27	262	45%
Lower Moreland										1			1	0%
Lower Providence	1												1	0%
Montgomery	2		1	2		1	1		1	2	1		11	2%
North Wales	1												1	0%
Plymouth	2											2	4	1%
Springfield					1	1							2	0%
Upper Dublin	3	1	4		2	2	2	2	1		3	1	21	4%
Upper Salford					1								1	0%
Whitemarsh	2	1	1	2	1	2	5	4	2	2	2	5	29	5%
Whitpain	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	20	3%
TOTAL	53	38	41	41	44	57	48	54	43	61	53	51	584	

Type of Call	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Total	%
Accident Standby	4	1		1	2		1			1			10	2%
AFA Actual	8	13	11	11	7	8	9	16	10	17	12	15	137	23%
AFA False	10	9	11	11	9	21	17	16	12	19	11	11	157	27%
Appliance			1	2		1	1		1			1	7	1%
Brush	1				3	2	1		1				8	1%
Building Investigation		3	3	1					1	1	2		11	2%
CO Detector			1	2		2	1	4	1	2		2	15	3%
Commercial Bldg	4	1	4	1	4	3	4		2	2	3	2	30	5%
Elevator Rescue								1		1	1		3	1%
EMS Assist			1	2	1							3	7	1%
Fast Team Assist	1	1	1	1		1	1				1		7	1%
Gas Odor Inside	2	1	1	1	1	2	1		1	3	3	1	17	3%
Gas Odor Outside	2		1		1	1		2	2	1	1		11	2%
LDH Strike Team	1												1	0%
Non Comm Bldg	4		4	1	1	3	3	3	2	5	3	2	31	5%
Officer Investigation	4			4	2	3	2	6	1	3	3	4	32	5%
Ornamental Fireplace					1				1				2	0%
Residential Rescue										1			1	0%
Search						1							1	0%
Smoke in Area	1	1							1	1		1	5	1%
Special Service							2	1	2				5	1%
Standby	2	1	1		3	1		2		1		2	13	2%
Traffic Unit assist	1	3		3		3	2	1	1		4	1	19	3%
Trash					2								2	0%
Vehicle Fire	1					2		1		1		3	8	1%
Vehicle Leaking Fuel									1				1	0%
Vehicle Rescue	3	1				1		1	1	1	1	2	11	2%
Water Rescue						1	1						2	0%
Wires	4	3	1		7	1	2		2	1	8	1	30	5%
TOTAL	53	38	41	41	44	57	48	54	43	61	53	51	584	



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Day of the week	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Total	%
Monday	7	9	3	5	9	10	7	11	7	4	6	9	87	15%
Tuesday	8	3	8	8	6	13	7	7	6	13	5	10	94	16%
Wednesday	6	3	1	4	8	3	9	7	8	7	8	4	68	12%
Thursday	9	8	6	6	6	9	5	4	4	14	6	6	83	14%
Friday	8	5	8	7	7	11	6	12	6	11	20	5	106	18%
Saturday	10	6	8	6	2	7	8	4	6	4	5	4	70	12%
Sunday	5	4	7	5	6	4	6	9	6	8	3	13	76	13%
TOTAL	53	38	41	41	44	57	48	54	43	61	53	51	584	

Attendance	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Total	%
Day Calls (M to F 6AM to 6PM)	29	19	21	18	23	24	20	30	27	22	29	21	283	
Attendance at Day Calls	394	222	266	145	263	259	201	340	255	252	306	245	3,148	46%
Average	13.6	11.7	12.7	8.1	11.4	10.8	10.1	11.3	9.4	11.5	10.6	11.7	11.1	
Night & Weekend Calls	24	19	20	23	21	33	28	24	16	39	24	30	301	
Attendance at N & W Calls	374	227	266	244	238	441	304	164	214	532	277	385	3,666	54%
Average	15.6	11.9	13.3	10.6	11.3	13.4	10.9	6.8	13.4	13.6	11.5	12.8	12.2	
Total Calls	53	38	41	41	44	57	48	54	43	61	53	51	584	
Total Attendance	768	449	532	389	501	700	505	504	469	784	583	630	6,814	100%
Average	14.5	11.8	13.0	9.5	11.4	12.3	10.5	9.3	10.9	12.9	11.0	12.4	11.7	

Count of Alarm								
Hour of Day	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Total
0	3		2	2		4	1	12
1	2	3			3	3		11
2	2	1	3	2	1	4	1	14
3	3	2	2			2		9
4	2		2	2	1	4	2	13
5		1	3		5	1	2	12
6		1	3	1	1	3	1	10
7	3	6	5	1		3	3	21
8	5	5	4	5	1	9	4	33
9	2	6	3	2	4	5		22
10	7	3	5	2	4	8	6	35
11	5	3	6	7	6	6	6	39
12	1	10	8	2	7	4	1	33
13	3	7	7	7	6		6	36
14	6	8	6	6	8	5	5	44
15	3	6	3	3	6	6	2	29
16	4	4	4	4	2	10	5	33
17	5	2	6	8	6	5	3	35
18	1	4	4	3	6	8	5	31
19	2	3	7	5	3	2	2	24
20	5	4	2		2	6	4	23
21	5	1	4	3	4	3	5	25
22	2	2	4	1	3	3	4	19
23	5	5	1	2	4	2	2	21
Grand Total	76	87	94	68	83	106	70	584

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EMAIL: Info@amblerambulance.org



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

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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	73	466
November	55	395
December	70	455
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YTD Totals	791	4,992

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Public Utilities Committee

The Committee meeting was held January 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. Committee Members: Glynnis Siskind – Chair, Brooke Marshall, Haley Welch, Jen Henderson

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Consider adoption of Resolution 2020-01 partnering with municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Plants in the Wissahickon Creek Watershed to work cooperatively with each other and with the Water Quality Advisory Team (WQAT) on the preparation of a Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) for the Wissahickon Creek as an alternative to the May 2015 Draft Total Phosphorous TMDL for the Wissahickon Creek. **attached**

1. APPROVED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING

An Ordinance was advertised and a public meeting was held on January 6, at 7:30pm. Ordinance 1115 establishing the Ambler Water Authority was approved (9- Aye). Compensation of Board members was set at \$1,200 per year (9-Aye).

The following business will be discussed.

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was received.
2. Authorization was granted to advertise public bids for a general contractor to remove the existing digester covers and install the aeration piping.
3. An Organizational Meeting of the Ambler Water Authority Board has been advertised and will be held January 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Ambler Borough Hall at which time the business of the Authority will be discussed and possibly voted upon.

Mr. Zaccone asked if there were comments or questions from Council or the public. There being nothing further, it was moved the Committee's report be accepted as filed. Seconded. Carried.

Public Utilities Committee – Mrs. Glynnis Siskind, Chairperson
Committee members: Mr. Pasceri, Mr. Zaccone, Ms. Tomlinson

The Public Utilities Committee report was given this evening by Mrs. Siskind.

The Committee will consider no actions this evening.

Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association Presentation:

Lindsay Blanton, Water Program Manager at WVWA made a PowerPoint Presentation to update Council on the progress of and next steps for the Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP). She stated the goal of the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership which began in 2016 is to improve the Wissahickon Creek, which is impaired, to meet federal and state Water Quality Standards through development of a WQIP. This is a collaborative effort enlisting 16 municipalities and 4 Wastewater Treatment Plants. Through this effort new data have been collected and modeled, an inventory of potential restoration/improvement projects in each municipality has been prepared and funding strategies were being determined. The finalized plan is being prepared and will undergo management committee review and endorsement followed by approval of the final WQIP and Intergovernmental Agreement by Municipal Boards before being filed with US EPA. Target date for filing the final plan with the US EPA is October 2019.

FINDINGS: Phosphorus is not the driver for water quality improvement; No correlation exists between nutrients and low dissolved oxygen; Reducing stormwater flows and volumes will have the greatest positive impact on water quality in the near term; and Reduction of phosphorus may be helpful in later stages of the plan. The Partnership proposes a 20-year, 4-phase Adaptive Management Plan relative to stormwater. The WQIP will involve stormwater management projects, stormwater policies, public education and outreach, implementation metrics and reporting. Implementation will utilize PENNVEST loans, government and private grants and municipal funding.

MOVING FORWARD: At the conclusion of the presentation, Council agreed that the Partnership's Management Committee should move forward with preparation of the final document.

In other business the following was reviewed:

1. The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.
2. The Committee is accepting nominations of individuals to be considered for appointment to the Ambler Water Authority Board of Directors. The Board will be comprised of nine members, five of whom shall be from Ambler Borough with one

**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01
Borough of Ambler and Ambler Wastewater Treatment Plant
Montgomery County, PA**

WHEREAS, the municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Plants in the Wissahickon Creek Watershed came to an agreement over the course of 2016 to work cooperatively with each other and with the Water Quality Advisory Team (WQAT) on the preparation of a Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) for the Wissahickon Creek as an alternative to the May 2015 Draft Total Phosphorous TMDL for the Wissahickon Creek (Draft TMDL) published by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and

WHEREAS, **Borough of Ambler and Ambler Wastewater Treatment Plant** adopted an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) by ordinance on August 2, 2016 signifying its intent to participate in the development of the WQIP, and

WHEREAS, the IGA established the Management Committee, consisting of one primary voting representative and one alternative representative per party to the IGA, each of whom have been appointed by their respective governing boards for purposes of implementing the IGA, and

WHEREAS, the duration of the term of the IGA is two years, and

WHEREAS, Section 5.b (Term) of the IGA states that the IGA may be extended by those Parties desiring to participate for an additional year by resolution, and

WHEREAS, the IGA was renewed for an additional one-year period through March 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Management Committee to revise Section 5.b of the IGA to allow for the IGA to be extended for additional one-year periods, and

WHEREAS, the Management Committee, with input and support from the WQAT, has developed a draft WQIP that was submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (“PADEP”) on September 30, 2019, for the agencies’ review and comment, and

WHEREAS, EPA and PADEP are not expected to provide comments or other input for several months after which the Management Committee will be continuing to refine the WQIP in order to present the final WQIP to Management Committee members for acceptance, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that additional technical and legal services will be needed to prepare a final version of the WQIP that will extend beyond March 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, in order to fund the activities necessary to arrive at a final WQIP, an additional \$23,500 in 2020 per municipality and wastewater treatment plant is needed, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of **Borough of Ambler and Ambler Wastewater Treatment Plant** to renew the IGA through March 31, 2021, and to provide its share of the funding needed to cover the costs of the Technical Services and Legal Services providers in the amount of \$23,500.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that **Borough of Ambler and Ambler Wastewater Treatment Plant** signifies its decision (1) to extend the IGA through March 31, 2021, with additional annual extensions subject to the consent of the members of the Management Committee, (2) to provide its share of the funding based on budgets prepared by the Management Committee, and (3) to continue to participate in the preparation of a final Water Quality Improvement Plan to be submitted to EPA and PADEP for approval.

RESOLVED this 21st day of January 2020.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Mary Aversa, Secretary

Finance and Planning Committee

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The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

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

#	Fund	DEC 1st Run	DEC 2nd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$176,349.68	\$ 125,696.85	\$302,046.53
2	STREET LGTS	\$66.72	\$5,905.10	\$5,971.82
3	FIRE	\$6,553.00	\$ 5,794.49	\$12,347.49
4	REFUSE	\$30,034.07	\$5,987.69	\$36,021.76
5	PARKS & REC	\$3,326.64	\$995.52	\$4,322.16
6	WATER	\$78,062.73	\$91,073.57	\$169,136.30
8	SEWER	\$3,943.71	\$13,739.76	\$17,683.47
9	WWTP	\$170,981.64	\$374,761.08	\$545,742.72
35	LIQUID FUELS	\$186,204.82		\$186,204.82
TOTALS		\$655,523.01	\$623,954.06	\$1,279,477.07
VOID CHECKS				\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 655,523.01	\$ 623,954.06	\$1,279,477.07

2. Authorization to prepare bid documents and advertise for the Borough's Grass Cutting and Lawn & Grounds Maintenance At Ambler Borough Sites Contract. The current contract with M&M Landscaping expires 4/21/2020.

The following business will be discussed.

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. 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. *Presently tabled for clarification on recent legislation and challenges on the State / Federal level. (attached)*
3. A Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for March 11, at 7:00PM
4. The Planning Commission is working on the Ready For 100 project.
5. Mrs. Davoli will be present to provide an update on the Maida trip.

Park and Recreation Committee

The Committee meeting was held December 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue. 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 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. We received notification about a '2020 Frostbite 5 Miler' to be held on February 22, 2020. They intend to send a letter to neighbors that are on the course so that they are aware of the race.
3. An Ordinance placing limitations on the use of certain plastics was recommended for advertisement once the ban is lifted
4. The Planning Commission is preparing a conceptual plan incorporating identified community needs and improvements for each park in the Borough to be used as part of a larger Master Park Plan.
5. The announced recycling program in partnership with Montgomery County formerly called "Curb My Clutter", which picks up electronics and used clothes at your door, is now called "retriever". **attached**
6. **Attached** is a proposal from Red Tail. Direction in authorizing the contract is requested.

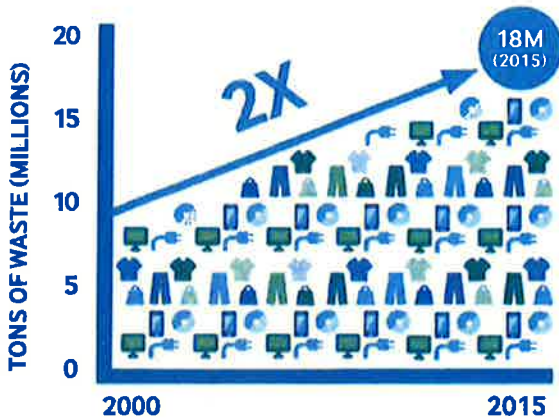


We all have clothes and electronics we no longer use cluttering our closets, drawers, and basements. Retrievr is the only program that collects these items right from your door and then recycles them for you.

Your neighbors have already discovered the joy of decluttering their homes by recycling over 50 tons of clothing and electronics. Now you can, too!

Thanks to Montgomery County's partnership with **retrievr**, you can recycle your clothing and electronics right from your doorstep. This service is FREE for all clothing, textiles, and small electronics. **Simply text the word PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH (757-703-3824), and retrievr will send a truck to your home. Bag up your items and leave them on your porch; or, leave them inside your door and tell retrievr to ring your bell when they arrive.**

Convenience fees apply only for certain items: \$10 for each microwave, \$35 for each TV under 150 lbs, and \$100 for each TV 150 lbs or more.



Why clothing and electronics?

US cities collectively spend **half a billion dollars** every year to send clothes and electronics to landfill. It's a huge problem, and it's been getting worse; Americans trashed **twice as many** clothes and electronics in 2015 as we did in 2000. The good news: these items are almost entirely recyclable. Even better news: the more you recycle, the less our community pays in landfill fees.

Why is Montgomery County introducing this recycling program now?

Because **retrievr's** innovative program finally made it cost effective to pick up right from your door.

Typically, on recycling day, a truck will run past every house on every block on their route. That model works for paper, bottles, and cans: you use and dispose them every day and will always have something to recycle. On the other hand, you may only tackle the task of cleaning out your closet or basement a few times each year. A truck that visits every home once every week or so just isn't likely to collect enough clothing and electronics to make the trip worthwhile.

That's where **retrievr** comes in. When you raise your hand and schedule a pickup by texting **retrievr**, that tells the driver in advance which homes have something to collect, and they only need visit those homes. Retrievr makes us so efficient, we can offer this program to residents for free.

Everybody wins: you get an easy way to responsibly rid your home of items you no longer need, and every item you recycle brings Montgomery County closer to our recycling objectives. Text 757-70-FETCH to join in!

FAQ

When does the program go into effect?

Right now! Simply visit retrievr.com or text the word PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH (757-703-3824) and follow the guided scheduler to set a date.

What if I can't send text messages?

Call our number and leave a voicemail. Someone will contact you to schedule a pickup.

What items do you accept?

Visit [retrievr](http://retrievr.com) for a full list of accepted items.

Where should I leave my items?

You can leave your items on your porch, just outside your door, or just outside your garage.

What if I have items I don't want to leave outside, is that okay?

Yes! You might prefer to keep items like computers, phones, or tablets indoors until the driver arrives. When you schedule your pickup, you can ask **retrievr** to ring your bell when they arrive.

Can I get a tax write off for items collected?

No. Just as your recycled paper, bottles and cans are not tax deductible, neither are recycled clothing and electronics.

If you have access to a local donation center and prefer to donate some or all of your items, we respect that choice. Donation keeps your items out of the landfill, which makes us happy.

How it Works

1



Visit retrievr.com or text **PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH (757-703-3824)**.

2



Prep. Use your address to make sure you're in our service area.

3



Post. Tell us the clothing and electronics you wish to share.

4



Plan. Schedule a date for your pickup appointment.

5



Pack. Bag or box up your items and leave them by your door.

6



Pick up. On your selected day, a truck will come right to your door.

Salary & Personnel Committee

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The Committee will make the following recommendations.

1. Consider appointment of Michele Brooker Lee to the vacant seat on the Human Relations Commission. **attached**

The following business will be discussed.

1. An executive session was held at 6:00 pm.

RECOMMENDATIONS

PUBLIC UTILITIES

1. Consider adoption of Resolution 2020-01 partnering with municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Plants in the Wissahickon Creek Watershed to work cooperatively with each other and with the Water Quality Advisory Team.

PUBLIC SAFETY

FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Consider that the December 2019 invoices in the amount of \$1,279,477.07 be paid.
2. Authorization to prepare bid documents and advertise for the Borough's Grass Cutting and Lawn & Grounds Maintenance at Ambler Borough properties.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

SALARY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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Public Comment Procedure

Ambler Borough Council welcomes input from those in attendance. Members of the public may make comments or ask questions during the meeting. Comments/questions regarding any personnel matters will not be entertained.

At the end of each committee report, public comment regarding an agenda item may be directed to Council. Once Council has completed its discussion, the committee chair will open the floor to comments/questions from the public. Public comment for items or issues not appearing on an agenda occurs at the end of the meeting.

If speaking, please state your name and address for the record. Council asks that members of the public in attendance please not engage the speaker. While it will not be the practice of Council to answer all questions or engage in dialogue with the speaker, this may occur at Council's discretion. Council may address issues raised at the next scheduled meeting, but reserves the right to determine agenda items.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ambler Borough Council