



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 20, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Minutes for Consideration:

October 6, 2020 Zoom Committee Meeting

September 15, 2020 Zoom 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 until Tuesday October 20, 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

October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee members: Erin McKenna Endicott – Chair, Glynnis Siskind, Sara Hertz, Nancy Deininger

The Committee will consider the following recommendation:

1. The crosswalk at Race and Lindenwold was discussed. A recommendation is requested to proceed with plans for traffic calming. The Fire Company would prefer a stamped crosswalk, a raised option does impact their travel routes. (**attached**)

The Committee approved the following recommendation:

1. A recommendation was approved to adopt the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 for the month of October. (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.

Public Utilities Committee

October 6, 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. Authorization to hire Paone Electric for \$42,000.00 to build a new control system to operate pumps and control levels and send out alarms from pump station #1. This was budgeted for 2020.
2. Authorization is requested to order parts to rebuild bank B on UV system, this is sole source costing \$35,693.60. This was budgeted for 2020.
3. Consider award of pump replacement contract for Water Dept. Well 6 to Raab Well Drilling Inc. at the low estimate cost of \$33,028.50. This was budgeted for 2020.
4. Recommend making bid award for the Butler Pike Water Main Replacement Project to low, responsive bidder KBC Construction LLC with a total bid amount of \$399,569.30. The Water Engineer's recommendation letter is **attached**.
5. Recommend awarding the pump motor and driveshaft rebuilt for Pump station EPS-1 pump # 6 to Midway for the low bid of \$9,183.53. The other bids were from Kufen at 12,810.39 and Longo at \$13,047.00. This item was budgeted.

Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. A recommendation is requested to award to Associated Paving Contractors, Inc. for the low bid of \$17,750.00 for the WWTP. (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, an update was provided on the next steps.
3. Water Dept. is awaiting PFAS sampling results from samples taken in September. The Water Dept. voluntarily conducts this sampling every six months. Results will be posted on the Borough website.

Finance and Planning Committee

October 6, 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 September Bills be paid in the amount of \$ 1,011,360.46

#	Fund	Sept 1st Run	Sept 2nd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	70,961.40	375,253.84	446,215.24
2	STREET LGTS	3,272.77	1,533.26	4,806.03
3	FIRE	40,581.16	1,382.77	41,963.93
4	REFUSE	7,878.77	48,934.68	56,813.45
5	PARKS & REC	770.34	1,898.95	2,669.29
6	WATER	85,372.10	133,439.94	218,812.04
8	SEWER	9,797.50	11,357.97	21,155.47
9	WWTP	111,648.70	107,276.31	218,925.01
35	LIQUID FUELS			-
TOTALS		330,282.74	681,077.72	1,011,360.46
VOID CHECKS				-
GRAND TOTAL		330,282.74	681,077.72	1,011,360.46

2. The Borough Planning Commission has completed an energy transition plan in line with the Ambler Borough Ready for 100 Renewable Energy Resolution adopted by Borough Council March 2019. Public comment is being accepted with anticipated adoption in October. The Plan is available on the Borough Website.

Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. A Public Meeting was held to consider an Ordinance changing the Zoning of 24 N. Ridge Avenue (former St. John's Lutheran Church) from Institutional to R3 Residential. (7-Aye)

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.
3. The Borough has submitted a grant application with the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program -RACP for the Poplar Street Parking Lot. The detail was provided and includes significant storm water improvements.
4. The Borough was approved for a PA Small Water & Sewer Program grant in the amount of \$355,093 for Edgewood Drive Storm Water improvements .
5. Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard seeks authorization to have a mural painted on the wall of the food pantry facing their parking lot. This recommendation will be removed and it will be handled by the Code Office.

Park and Recreation Committee

October 6, 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 is scheduled for Sunday, November 1, at 3:30 at Knight Park at the picnic table area. Registration is recommended at <https://forms.gle/FSmMaeUEpQaAYjkc9> and any questions can be emailed to Jen Henderson Jhernderson@borough.ambler.pa.us
2. A grant extension was approved for the Growing Greener Grant.

Salary & Personnel Committee

October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members Nancy Deininger – Chair, Glynnis Siskind, Nellie Di Pietro, Jen Henderson

The Committee will make no recommendations.

Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. An offer was made for the Water Department Superintendent. (9-Aye)
2. Victor Solis was given the vacant Equipment Operator position. (9-Aye)

The following business will be discussed:

1. Chief Hoffman has requested to enter the DROP- Deferred Retirement Option Program on November 2nd.
2. Resumes will be requested for the vacant laborer position.

RECOMMENDATIONS

PUBLIC SAFETY

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FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

SALARY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE