



BOROUGH OF AMBLER
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
April 20, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Minutes for Consideration:
March 16, 2021 Zoom Council Meeting
April 6, 2021 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, April 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

April 6, 2021 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 April . (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. Staff is requesting quotes for the Library Crosswalk Upgrade on Race and Lindenwold.
6. The committee would like to discuss the potential of a grant application for a complete street policy through the Pennsylvania Department of Health/Pennsylvania Downtown Center: PA Walk Works.



Wissahickon Fire Company
Fire Chief Report
Year 2021 (90 days)

Township	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Total	%
Ambler	14	15	9										38	38%
East Norriton		1											1	1%
Horsham		1	2										3	3%
Lower Gwynedd	8	15	18										41	41%
Montgomery	2	1											3	3%
Pottstown			1										1	1%
Springfield		1											1	1%
Upper Dublin	3	1	1										5	5%
Whitemarsh	1		1										2	2%
Whitpain	1	1	4										6	6%
TOTAL	29	36	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	100%

Type of Call	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Total	%
Accident Standby	1												1	1%
AFA Actual	2	7	10										19	19%
AFA False	5	7	5										17	17%
Appliance	1		1										2	2%
Brush			2										2	2%
Building Investigation	2												2	2%
CO Detector	4	2	2										8	8%
Commercial Bldg	3	4	5										12	12%
Elevator Rescue	1	1											2	2%
Fast Team Assist		1											1	1%
Gas Odor Inside		3	1										4	4%
Gas Odor Outside	1	1											2	2%
Hazmat													0	0%
Non Comm Bldg	2	1	4										7	7%
Officer Investigation	4	2	4										10	10%
Smoke in Area			1										1	1%
Standby	1												1	1%
Traffic Unit assist		3											3	3%
Trash			1										1	1%
Vehicle Fire													0	0%
Vehicle Leaking Fuel													0	0%
Vehicle Rescue	1	1											2	2%
Water Rescue													0	0%
Wires	1	3											4	4%
TOTAL	29	36	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	100%

Day of the week	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Total	%
Monday	5	6	4										15	15%
Tuesday	4	6	2										12	12%
Wednesday	6	7	8										21	21%
Thursday	3	7	5										15	15%
Friday	4	4	6										14	14%
Saturday	3	2	6										11	11%
Sunday	4	4	5										13	13%
TOTAL	29	36	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	100%



**Wissahickon Fire Company
Fire Chief Report
Year 2021 (90 days)**

Attendance	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Total	%
Day Calls (M to F 6AM to 6PM)	13	18	16										47	47%
Attendance at Day Calls	136	217	223										576	
Average Day Calls	10.5	12.1	13.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.3	
Night & Weekend Calls	16	18	20										54	53%
Attendance at N & W Calls	271	274	273										818	
Average Night & Weekend	16.9	15.2	13.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.1	
Total Calls	29	36	36										101	100%
Total Attendance	407	491	496										1394	
Average Total Calls	14.0	13.6	13.8										13.8	
Total Drills	4	3	5										12	
Total Drill Attendance	150	99	162										411	
Average Drill Attendance	37.5	33.0	32.4										34.3	

Hour of Day	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Total
0				1				1
1								0
2		1			1		2	4
3			1					1
4		1						1
5				1				1
6				2	1	1		4
7	1	1	1					3
8				1	1	3		5
9	1	1	1	2				5
10	2	2	2		1			7
11	2	1				2		5
12	1	1			2			4
13	1	1		1	1			4
14			1	1			1	3
15		1	1	2	1	1	5	11
16		2			1			3
17		1	1	1	1	3		7
18	2	1	1	2	1			7
19	2		1	2	1	1	2	9
20	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	10
21				1	1	1		3
22			1	1				2
23					1			1
Grand Total	13	15	12	21	15	14	11	101



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Ambler Borough Statistics - 2021

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls in Borough</u>	<u>Total Calls for CAAA</u>
January	85	421
February	75	417
March	63	405
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
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<u>YTD Totals</u>	223	1243

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Springfield Township and Portions of Upper Dublin Township*

Public Utilities Committee

April 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members: Glynnis Siskind – Chair, Haley Welch, Jen Henderson, and Karen Sheedy

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business will be discussed:

1. The WWTP Engineer's report will be 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. Quotes are being requested for the Phase II piping replacement job at Whitemarsh.
4. The Water Department is conducting routine system hydrant flushing . The flushing schedule is posted daily on the Borough's website.
5. A Military Installation Remediation and Infrastructure Authority (MIRIA) grant application is being prepared for the Well 14 PFAS upgrades.

Finance and Planning Committee

April 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members Nellie Di Pietro –
Chair, Erin McKenna Endicott, Haley Welch, Karen Sheedy

The Committee will consider the following recommendations:

1. That the March Bills be paid in the amount of **\$649,080.09** .

#	Fund	MAR 1st Run	MAR 2nd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	39,386.76	184,133.15	223,519.91
2	STREET LGTS		3,175.22	3,175.22
3	FIRE		786.18	786.18
4	REFUSE	47,502.43	7,578.15	55,080.58
5	PARKS & REC	171.99	1,441.45	1,613.44
6	WATER	79,513.63	80,112.14	159,625.77
8	SEWER	3,576.49	14,945.19	18,521.68
9	WWTP	75,288.12	105,855.74	181,143.86
35	LIQUID FUELS	5,613.45		5,613.45
TOTALS		251,052.87	398,027.22	649,080.09
VOID CHECKS				-
GRAND TOTAL		251,052.87	398,027.22	649,080.09

2. Consider a recommendation to adopt Ordinance 1120 - Revising Stormwater Requirements Reducing Surface Threshold to 750 Sq Ft. A hearing is scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 7:00pm. **(attached)**
3. Consider a recommendation to adopt Ordinance 1119 - Establishing Mural Language in Sign Ordinance. A hearing is scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 7:00pm. **(attached)**
4. Consider a recommendation to adopt the **attached** Resolution 2021-3 for the Intermunicipal Collaboration Resolution to extend the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the development of a Water Quality Improvement Plan for the Wissahickon Creek Watershed.

The following business will be discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. The County Planning Assistance contract will be submitted to the County. The Planning Commission provided the **attached** input on future projects.
3. Staff would like Council to consider a residential inspection program for resale properties. This will be prepared by staff and any ordinance change will be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1120

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER REVISING THE STORMWATER ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 1108, CODIFIED AT SECTION 26-406.1) BY REDUCING THE IMPERVIOUS SURFACE THRESHOLDS FROM 1,000 SQUARE FEET TO 750 SQUARE FEET, LEAVING THE REMAINDER OF THE ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; TO BE EFFECTIVE ON THE EARLIEST EFFECTIVE DATE PROVIDED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH CODE

WHEREAS, Ambler Borough Council adopted Ordinance 1108 on October 17, 2017, in order to establish updated stormwater management criteria in compliance with Pennsylvania Act 167 of 1978, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1108, which requires various stormwater controls in the event of land development and earth disturbances, exempts projects which involve proposed impervious surface of less than one thousand square feet, and also exempts projects which involve earth disturbances of less than one thousand square feet, and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of Borough Council that stormwater runoff remains a significant problem in the Borough, and that accordingly, ongoing efforts should be made to control stormwater to the maximum extent possible without posing unreasonable hardship upon property owners, and

WHEREAS, Borough Council has determined that an additional limit upon the projects exempted from compliance with the stormwater ordinance will be another positive step towards stormwater control and therefore is consistent with the health, safety and welfare of the Borough,

NOW THEREFORE, Ambler Borough Council does ORDAIN as follows:

1. Table 26-406.1 (Impervious Surface Exemption Thresholds) is modified as follows: In column 3, the column header "0 to 1,000 square feet" is amended to read, "0 to 750 square feet" and the column header ">1,000 to 5,000 square feet" shall be amended to read ">750 to 5,000 square feet."

Any other provision in the stormwater ordinance or any other ordinance of the Borough that is inconsistent with these modified exemption thresholds shall be considered repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates any portion of this ordinance, such invalid portion shall to the extent reasonably possible be severed from the remainder, such remainder to be in full force and effect.

This ordinance is effective on the earliest approval date provided for in section 3301.3 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

SO ORDAINED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Frank R. DeRuosi, Council President

Attest: _____
Mary Aversa, Secretary

Borough Of Ambler

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February 23, 2021

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: Draft Ordinance Language Amending the Area
Calculation to Trigger Storm Water Requirements
From 1,000 S.F. to 750 S.F.

Dear Ms. Aversa:

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to review a Zoning Ordinance to amend the area calculation that triggers storm water requirements from 1,000 square feet to 750 square feet.

After discussion at our meeting held this date via ZOOM, a motion was made and carried unanimously to recommend to Council to consider adopting this amendment. A roll-call vote with 7 members present was 7 ayes. The County Planner attended the ZOOM meeting and advised that the County supports this amendment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Chairman, Robert Lagreca.

Very truly yours,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Secretary
Ambler Borough Planning Commission

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SCOTT FRANCE, AICP
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 22, 2021

Glenn Kucher, Zoning Officer & Planning Coordinator
Ambler Borough
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002

Re: MCPC # 21-0040-001
Plan Name: Storm Water Ordinance Revisions
Situate: Borough of Ambler

Dear Mr. Kucher:

We have reviewed the above-referenced zoning text amendment in accordance with Section 609 of Act 247, "The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as you requested on February 09, 2021. We forward this letter as a report of our review.

BACKGROUND

The applicant, Ambler Borough, proposes revisions to the borough's Stormwater Management Code (**Ordinance #1108**) which includes various stormwater controls, standards, and required actions in the event of land development and similar projects. The applicant's proposed amendment seeks to strengthen these stormwater controls in the borough by lowering the exemption thresholds for projects that involve earth disturbance or result in an increase of impervious surfaces. Stormwater runoff, localized flooding, and regional water quality are significant challenges in Ambler as the borough's area measures (0.85) square miles and is generally built out with suburban and urban patterns of development. The proposed amendment would amend the borough's **Stormwater Ordinance #1108 - Table 26-406.1** (Impervious Surface Exemption Thresholds) through lowering the base exemption thresholds for various earth disturbance and development projects which otherwise require an applicant to meet various standards.

The proposed amendment reduces the base exemption threshold as required in **Table 26-406.1** from "0 to 1,000 square feet" to "0 to 750 square feet" and lowers the subsequent exemption tier from ">1,000 to 5,000 square feet" to ">750 to 5,000 square feet." All projects greater than 5,000 square feet remain in the "Not Exempt" categorization and all of the requirements in the ordinance would still apply.

RECOMMENDATION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) generally supports the applicant's proposal, however, in the course of our review we have identified the following issue that the applicant and the Borough of Ambler may wish to consider prior to the amendment adoption. Our comments are as follows:

REVIEW COMMENTS

Ambler Borough was part of a watershed-based stormwater management planning effort in 2014-2015, and has adopted the standards and criteria developed as part of that project. The framework of the watershed effort is based on consistent controls across all participating communities. While we commend individual community efforts to mitigate the effects of stormwater runoff in the watershed, we caution against efforts that significantly deviate from the consistent standards and criteria adopted by all the municipalities in the Wissahickon watershed. Regarding this particular proposal, however, we believe that lowering the threshold from 1000 square feet to 750 square feet represents a minor adjustment to the base exemptions in Ambler, and should not undermine the regional aspects of the watershed based stormwater management plan.

CONCLUSION

MCPC generally supports the applicant's proposal but wish to reiterate our belief that a wholistic approach resulting in consistent controls across all participating municipalities for regional stormwater management in the Wissahickon watershed is the best practice.

Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the municipality and final disposition for the approval of any proposal will be made by the municipality.

Should the governing body adopt this proposed ordinance amendment, Section 609 of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that we be sent an official copy within 30 days.

Sincerely,



Michael Lowrey, Community Planner II
mlowrey@montcopa.org - 610 -278-3887

c: Robert LaGreca, Chair, Ambler Planning Commission

AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1119

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE, SECTIONS 27-2003, 27-2004, AND A NEW SECTION 27-2011 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.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Mary Aversa, Council Secretary

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February 23, 2021

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
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Re: Zoning Ordinance Language to Define Murals

Dear Ms. Aversa:

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to review a Zoning Ordinance prepared by the Borough Solicitor to define murals, differentiate them from signs and establish criteria for murals.

After discussion at our meeting held this date via ZOOM, a motion was made and carried unanimously to recommend to Council to consider adopting the Zoning Ordinance language as presented this date to the Planning Commission defining murals to differentiate them from signs and establish criteria. A roll-call vote with 7 members present was 7 ayes. The County Planner attended the ZOOM meeting and advised that the County supports this language.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Chairman, Robert Lagreca.

Very truly yours,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Secretary
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January 27, 2021

Glenn Kucher, Zoning Officer & Planning Coordinator
Ambler Borough
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002

Re: MCPC # 21-0005-001
Plan Name: Mural Ordinance
Borough of Ambler

Dear Manager/Secretary:

We have reviewed the above-referenced zoning text amendment in accordance with Section 609 of Act 247, "The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as you requested on January 6, 2021. We forward this letter as a report of our review.

BACKGROUND

The applicant, Ambler Borough, has submitted a zoning ordinance amendment to update the borough's sign ordinance regulations relating to murals. The proposed amendment updates the existing definition for "Murals" designating murals specifically as an "expression of non-commercial speech," and designates the Ambler's code officer for determination as to whether a submission is categorized as a mural or sign. The amendment also introduces a new "Murals" section in the Signs chapter of the borough zoning code detailing the process for approval for murals. The amendment includes standards and criteria by which the Borough code officer determines whether a proposal qualifies as a sign or mural, and designates a process of appeal of any decision via the Zoning Hearing Board in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

RECOMMENDATION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) supports the applicant's proposal as we have found it to be generally consistent with the borough's existing Sign ordinance and the County's Model Sign Ordinance as it relates to content neutrality and determinations of non-commercial content on a case-by-case basis.



CONCLUSION

We wish to reiterate that MCPC generally supports the applicant's proposal but recommend that the ordinance is updated in the future to remain consistent with evolving legislation or law pertaining to signs and content neutrality.

Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the municipality and final disposition for the approval of any proposal will be made by the municipality.

Should the governing body adopt this proposed zoning ordinance amendment, Section 609 of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that we be sent an official copy within 30 days.

Sincerely,



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Intermunicipal Collaboration Resolution to Extend
The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Development of a Water Quality
Improvement Plan for the Wissahickon Creek Watershed

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION OF THE 2021/2022 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MONTGOMERY AND PHILADELPHIA COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS TO COMPLETE A WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE EPA PHOSPHORUS TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR THE WISSAHICKON CREEK WATERSHED.

Municipalities:

Abington Township	Ambler Borough
Cheltenham Township	Lansdale Borough
Lower Gwynedd Township	Montgomery Township
North Wales Borough	Philadelphia County
Springfield Township	Upper Dublin Township
Upper Gwynedd Township	Whitemarsh Township
Whitpain Township	

Abington Township Wastewater Treatment Plant
Ambler Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant
Upper Gwynedd Township Wastewater Treatment Plant
Upper Dublin Township Wastewater Treatment Plant

WHEREAS, Counties, Municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators, when not inconsistent with state or federal law, are authorized to oversee and regulate trade, commerce, and the use of public streets, ways and property within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (Act of July 12, 1972, P.L. 762, as amended, 53 P.S. §481, et seq.), permits Municipalities, Counties and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators to enter into agreements to cooperate in the performance of their respective functions, powers or responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Counties and Municipalities, as well as the provisions of Pennsylvania's Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, provide for intergovernmental cooperation between and among municipalities in the exercise or performance of their respective governmental functions, powers and responsibilities and authorize joint agreements as may be deemed appropriate for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Wissahickon Creek has been designated as impaired under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, and has been assigned a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

per (40 CFR 130.2 and 130.70) and individual wasteload allocations (WLAs) for point sources and load allocations (LAs) for nonpoint sources have been assigned; and

WHEREAS, The municipalities located in the Wissahickon Creek watershed are obligated under the PADEP's MS4/NPDES program to develop and implement a stormwater management plan, including a TMDL plan, which contains a strategy to meet the municipality's MS4 and TMDL obligations, and it is recognized that the municipal plans will have greater effectiveness if they are coordinated with and incorporated into the TMDL Alternative plan; and

WHEREAS, The EPA's New Long-Term Vision for the 303(d) Program allows for alternative approaches to the TMDL that incorporates adaptive management and are tailored to specific circumstances. Counties, Municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Operators have determined that developing a TMDL Alternative Plan in order to satisfy the intent of the EPA-established and proposed TMDL pollutant reductions is a justified and necessary action; and

WHEREAS, the Participating Municipalities in Montgomery and Philadelphia County and Wastewater Treatment Operators recognize that watersheds cross municipal boundaries and coordinated planning effort is to the benefit of all participating Municipalities and Counties and that it is in the best interest of their residents to cooperate in the development of a TMDL Alternative, through participation in this collaborative effort.

WHEREAS, the Municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators recognize that the coordination of services would enable each Municipality to minimize the costs of the administration and implementation of a TMDL Alternative Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The **Borough of Ambler** desires to continue participating in the collaborative partnership with other Wissahickon Creek permittees to advance the development of a TMDL Alternative. The **Borough of Ambler** hereby authorizes its appropriate officers to enter into a new Intergovernmental Agreement (see attached), which will begin on this date and expire either ninety (90) days after final approval of a TMDL Alternative or on December 31, 2022, if no such approval has been received by that date.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution was adopted by the **Borough of Ambler** at its public meeting held on _____.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF AMBLER

Borough Manger

Council President

Park and Recreation Committee

April 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members: Sara Hertz – Chair, Nancy Deininger, Erin McKenna Endicott, Nellie DiPietro

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. A recommendation is requested to purchase Senior flags with Ambler Main Street. **(attached)**

The following business will be discussed:

1. Team Up to Clean Up Ambler Borough Parks May 8, 2021 (10 a.m. – noon). For information on specific park locations and volunteer jobs go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/856839878200441/>
2. Community Garden Committee met at Knight Park on Sunday, April 18 at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 2, at 3:30 (rain date Saturday May 8) For further information contact AmblerGarden@gmail.com.
3. The Environmental Advisory Council, EAC will be making a brief presentation on their current activities and priorities for the year..



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4/6/2021

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Thank you,

Salary & Personnel Committee

April 6, 2021 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 recommendation.

1. Phil Barreca was hired for the Assistant Highway Supervisor position.

The following business will be discussed:

RECOMMENDATIONS

PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC UTILITIES

FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Consider the recommendation that the February bills are paid in the amount of \$ **649,080.09**.
2. Consider the recommendation to adopt Ordinance 1120 - Revising Stormwater Requirements Reducing Surface Threshold to 750 Sq Ft
3. Consider the recommendation to adopt Ordinance 1119 - Establishing Mural Language in Sign Ordinance
4. Consider the recommendation to adopt Resolution 2021-3 for the Intermunicipal Collaboration Resolution to extend the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the development of a Water Quality.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

A recommendation is requested to purchase Senior flags with Ambler Main Street.

SALARY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

A motion to reaffirm the hiring of Phil Barreca for the Assistant Highway Supervisor position.