



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**All matters that are deliberated could result in a vote
to take official action.**

September 21, 2021

7:00 p.m.

**Minutes for Consideration:
August 17, 2021 Council Meeting**

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

Public Safety Committee

September 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Committee members: Erin McKenna Endicott – Chair, Glynnis Siskind, Sara Hertz, Nancy Deininger . Absent: Frank Derousi

The Committee will make no recommendations.

Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. Authorization was granted to adopt Ordinance 1123 to address the 2-hour parking permit program for Borough residents. 8-Aye

The following business will be discussed:

1. The Police Department report will be provided.
2. The Fire Department report will be provided.
3. The Community Ambulance report is **attached**.
4. The Public Works and the Code Enforcement reports were received .



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BUSINESS: (215) 643-6517
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1414 E. BUTLER PIKE
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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	69	425
May	66	447
June	53	394
July	58	398
August	76	416
September		
October		
November		
December		
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<u>YTD Totals</u>	545	3,323

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

Public Utilities Committee

September 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Committee Members: Glynnis Siskind – Chair, Haley Welch, Jen Henderson, and Karen Sheedy. Absent: Frank Derousi

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Water Dept would like to trade in the 2016 GMC Sierra (trade-in quote \$20-21,000) and the 2019 Ram Classic (trade-in value \$22-23,000) to purchase a 2022 Ford F250 4x4 Utility Body Supercab Pickup. CoStars price \$44,974 (less trade in equals net cost \$3,460.50). (attached)

Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. Quotes to rebuild clarifier ET #8 were received. A recommendation to award to Eastern Environmental for \$75,100 was approved. 8-Aye

The following business will be discussed:

1. The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.
2. A public meeting of the Ambler Water Authority Board was held September 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Ambler Borough Hall at which time the business of the Authority was discussed and the Authority authorized the execution of a 'Certificate of Termination' of the Authority.
3. The Water Dept. will commence routine system hydrant flushing late-September or early October. The daily flushing schedule will be posted on the Borough website.



PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Patrick Clarke
 Bergey's Ford Inc.
 700 N Bethlehem Pike
 Ambler, PA 19002

Buyer	Co-Buyer	Vehicle
Borough of Ambler W: (215) 646-1000 H: C: (215) 778-5769 ssmallberaer@borough.ambler.us	W: C:	H: VIN: Stock #: Mileage: Color:

Trade Info				
Year Make Model	VIN	Mileage	Trade Allowance	Payoff
2016 GMC Sierra 1500	1GTN2LEC4GZ291614	35054	\$42,000.00	
2019 RAM 1500 Classic	3C6JR7AG4KG571060	16378		

Service Contracts	
Name	Amount

Accessory Details	
Name	Amount
8 Foot Reading Classicll Service Bod	\$9,890.00

Rebate Details	
Name	Amount
Government Price Concession	\$7,800.00

Purchase Details	
Retail Price:	\$44,880.00
Discount:	\$1,956.00
Selling Price:	\$42,924.00
Rebate:	\$7,800.00
Trade Allowance:	\$42,000.00
Accessories:	\$9,890.00
Service Contract:	
GAP Protection:	\$0.00
Net Sale:	\$3,014.00
Total Taxes:	\$0.00
Doc, Tag and Title:	\$446.50
Total Sales Price:	\$3,460.50
Trade Payoff:	
Deposit:	\$0.00
Amount Financed:	\$3,460.50

X
 Buyer's Signature
 08/26/2021
 Date

X
 Manager's Signature
 08/26/2021
 Date
 12:53 PM
 Time

Disclaimer:

*all rates, terms and payments are subject to credit approval

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Finance and Planning Committee

September 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Committee Members Nellie Di Pietro – Chair, Erin McKenna Endicott, Haley Welch, Karen Sheedy. Absent: Frank Derousi

The Committee will consider the following recommendations:

1. That the August Bills be paid in the amount of \$679,978.99 .

#	Fund	Aug 1st Run	Aug 2nd Run	Aug 3rd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	52,783.35	65,596.82	52,267.06	170,647.23
2	STREET LGTS		2,988.24		2,988.24
3	FIRE				-
4	REFUSE	47,884.49	5,745.95		53,630.44
5	PARKS & REC	2,340.07	589.05	8,663.57	11,592.69
6	WATER	97,440.72	39,845.58	105,699.96	242,986.26
8	SEWER	635.70	8,982.64	22,072.83	31,691.17
9	WWTP	63,733.02	55,528.65	46,686.29	165,947.96
35	LIQUID FUELS		495.00		495.00
	TOTALS	264,817.35	179,771.93	235,389.71	679,978.99
	VOID CHECKS				-
	GRAND TOTAL	264,817.35	179,771.93	235,389.71	679,978.99

2. Consider adoption of **Resolution 2021-10** which adopts procedures for the handling of recycling and solid waste disposal violations by haulers, businesses, institutions or residents of the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission member municipalities. (attached)
3. Council has been provided with briefing materials to explore the option of creating a committee to preserve Ambler's historic resources. A recommendation is requested to develop a committee to preserve Ambler's historic resources.
4. A request has been made for a license transfer from Williamsonten, Inc. in Horsham to 3 Rivers Beer, LLC at 241-65 N. Main Street. (resolution and request attached). Authorization is requested to advertise for a Public Hearing.

Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. The Borough Pension 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation -MMO were received by Council. 8- Aye
2. A presentation on 9 N. Maple Street Sketch Plan proposing a 92 residential unit five story Building for Ambler Lakeview Development LP was discussed. Authorization to work with the Developer on Ordinance language was approved.
3. **Resolution 2021-09** authorizing Borough Manager to execute documents relative to the Federal Aid Reimbursement Agreement for the Ambler Sidewalks Improvement Project was adopted. 8-Aye.
4. Authorization to advertise an **Ordinance** amending the Borough's existing wireless Ordinance to comply with the FCC order as well as develop design requirements for wireless facilities in the rights-of-way to prevent aesthetically obtrusive facilities was approved. 8-Aye
5. A request has been made for a license transfer for Harry Tap Room in Blue Bell to 1 W. Butler. (**attached**). A hearing will be advertised for October 5.

The following business will be discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was provided.
2. The following email details the cost for hybrid Council meetings.
3. The 2022 Budget is being prepared.

BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2021-10

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR THE
HANDLING OF RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE
DISPOSAL VIOLATIONS BY HAULERS, BUSINESSES,
INSTITUTIONS OR RESIDENTS OF MEMBER
MUNICIPALITIES OF THE NORTHERN MONTGOMERY
COUNTY RECYCLING COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission (the “Commission”) is comprised of eleven (11) municipalities located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania organized for the purpose of implementing the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988, as amended (“Act 101”); and

WHEREAS, the member municipalities of the Commission have assigned and delegated their powers under Act 101 to the Commission in accordance with an Amended and Restated Intermunicipal Agreement dated May 21, 2007, as amended (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, Section 403 of the Agreement grants to each member municipality concurrent jurisdiction with the Commission for the monitoring and enforcement of Act 101; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Municipal Waste Collection and Recycling Ordinance adopted by each of the member municipalities authorizes the Commission to establish, by resolution, rules and regulations related to the administration of the recycling program and to administer and enforce against violations of all such rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, each member municipality has delegated to the Commission pursuant to Section 8.B(2)(c) the authority to promulgate rules and regulations and to enforce those rules and regulations or to delegate such enforcement to the member municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission and each member municipality desire to establish formal procedures for the enforcement of Act 101 and enforcement against violations by haulers, businesses, institutions and residents of its member municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Commission and each member municipality hereby adopt the enforcement procedures attached hereto as Schedule “A” and incorporated herein by this reference with the same effect as if they had been set out verbatim in this section, and a copy of which shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective at the earliest date permitted by law.

DULY ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2021 by the Borough of Ambler.

BOROUGH of AMBLER

Attest: _____
Mary Aversa, Secretary

By: _____
Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Regulation re: Violations of Act 101

Procedures for Act 101 Violations

1. First Offense – Upon receipt of sufficient credible evidence and after consultation with the municipality in which the violation occurred, a written violation warning letter may be sent to the violator (i.e., the waste hauler, business, institution or municipal resident) by the NMCRC Solicitor, at the discretion of the NMCRC Solicitor, who may seek guidance from the Commission before moving forward with a written violation warning letter. A warning letter will include a statement that both the municipality and the NMCRC have enforcement powers for a violation of Act 101 and/or the corresponding municipal ordinance.
 - a. Written notice should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.
 - b. A copy of the written notice should be sent to the member municipality in which the violation occurred and to the NMCRC Chairman, for distribution to all Commission members.
 - c. Written notice should include a description of each violation, identification of the section(s) of Act 101 and/or the corresponding municipal ordinance being violated.
 - d. Whenever appropriate, initial violations shall be discussed in executive session.
 - e. If the NMCRC Solicitor declines to issue a violation warning letter, the NMCRC Solicitor shall notify the member municipality of the decision. The member municipality may move forward with a violation warning letter.

2. Subsequent Offense – Upon receipt of sufficient credible evidence of a subsequent offense by the same violator within two (2) years of the date of the first offense, the municipality in which the violation occurred should notify its solicitor or code official to consider commencement of enforcement action. The municipality shall notify the NMCRC Solicitor and advise the NMCRC Solicitor whether the affected municipality intends to undertake formal enforcement action on behalf of the affected municipality. In most cases, the affected municipality will be responsible to undertake the formal enforcement action pursuant to guidelines set forth in Act 101 and/or the corresponding municipal ordinance. The municipality shall periodically provide non-confidential enforcement status reports to the NMCRC Solicitor and Chairman.

3. Report to PADEP. If a subsequent offense occurs (as set forth in Section 2 above) and the affected municipality elects not to undertake formal enforcement action, the municipality or NMCRC Solicitor may report the occurrence of the violation to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (“PADEP”) and request that PADEP pursue enforcement action.

4. Enforcement Action by NMCRC. If a subsequent violation impacts more than one NMCRC member municipality and PADEP decides not to pursue enforcement action, the NMCRC Solicitor may, after a vote by the Commission, take formal enforcement action on behalf of the affected municipalities, provided the affected municipalities enter into a cost-sharing agreement, prepared by the NMCRC Solicitor and satisfactory in form and substance to the NMCRC, relating to all costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, relating to the enforcement action.

Recommended Documentation Evidencing Violations

If a resident, business or institution observes an alleged waste disposal or recycling violation, the resident should contact the Municipal Manager to report the alleged violation. The Municipal Manager should obtain as many factual details as possible from the resident, business or institution and determine whether the resident, business or institution can provide any written or visual documentation to support the alleged violation. Recommended documentation would include the following:

- Written witness statement(s) describing what activities occurred, when and where they occurred, and the identity of all witnesses and other individuals who were involved. Include the name, address and contact information for each witness who observed the violation occurrence.
- Photographs/videos taken by witnesses, including the name, address and contact information for the individual(s) who created the photograph/video.
- Certification statement signed and dated by each witness certifying that the evidence provided is correct and complete. (For example: "I, _____, hereby certify that the foregoing information provided by me is correct and complete.")

Sample Ordinance Violations

Some common waste disposal/recycling violations include the following:

- Commingling recyclable materials with municipal solid waste
- Commingling household hazardous waste with municipal solid waste
- Commingling leaf waste with municipal solid waste
- Outdoor burning (including leaf burning)
- Collecting waste/recyclables between the hours of 8:00 pm and 6:00 am
- Violating other time, place and manner restrictions applicable to waste/recycling disposal

Municipal Websites

Each member municipality should include information on its website for reporting Act 101 violations to the municipality.



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File No: 37005.0223

September 10, 2021

Via Email manager@borough.ambler.pa.us

Ambler Borough Hall
Attn: Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

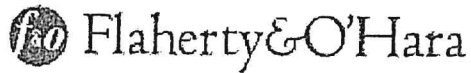
Re: Request by 3 Rivers Beer, LLC for Approval of Inter-Municipal Transfer of Restaurant Liquor License No. R-9265

Dear Ms. Aversa:

I represent and am writing on behalf of 3 Rivers Beer, LLC ("3 Rivers Beer") to request a resolution from the Borough of Ambler approving the inter-municipal transfer of a Pennsylvania "R" or "restaurant" liquor license from outside the municipality into Ambler Borough. 3 Rivers Beer's newly renovated restaurant, in which it intends to sell malt and brewed beverages, for both on and off premises consumption, will have seating for more than 30 customers and will be located at 241-65 N. Main Street in Ambler, Pennsylvania.

To open and operate its restaurant in Ambler Borough, 3 Rivers Beer must secure a restaurant liquor license. No Ambler Borough license was available for purchase at the time my client entered into an agreement to purchase a restaurant liquor license. As a result, 3 Rivers Beer has entered into an agreement to purchase a license from outside of Ambler Borough and plans to move the license into Ambler Borough, with the approval of the Borough, pursuant to the inter-municipal transfer provisions of the Liquor Code (47 P.S. 461).

3 Rivers Beer hereby requests that, pursuant to 47 P.S. 461, Ambler Borough schedule a hearing, as required by the Liquor Code, on the issuance of a resolution approving the transfer by 3 Rivers Beer of a restaurant liquor license from outside the Borough to within it.



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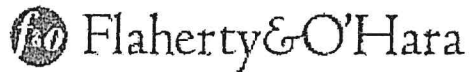
Pursuant to the Liquor Code, the purpose of the hearing is to allow 3 Rivers Beer to describe its proposed business and to allow the residents of Ambler Borough and the Ambler Borough council members to voice their opinions on the proposed inter-municipal transfer by 3 Rivers Beer to Ambler Borough, pursuant to 47 P.S. 461, Ambler Borough must approve or deny the requested transfer, by way of a resolution or ordinance, within 45 days of this request.

For your convenience and reference, I have enclosed a form resolution which other municipalities have used in responding to requests for inter-municipal transfers. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board requires that a resolution approving an inter-municipal transfer include the name of the applicant (here, "3 Rivers Beer, LLC"), the address to which the license is being transferred (here, "241-65 N. Main Street, Ambler Borough, Montgomery County, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002"), the liquor license number (here, "R-9265"), the name and address of the seller of the license (here, "Williamsonten, Inc., 500 Blair Mill Road, Horsham Township, Montgomery County, Horsham, Pennsylvania 19044") and must state that a public hearing was held.

Effective July 1, 2006, the Liquor Code (47 P.S. §102) was amended to require that notice of a public hearing must be published once each week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality. Further, such notices must state the time and place of the hearing and the matter to be considered at the hearing. Amended Section 102 also provides that the first publication shall not be more than thirty (30) days and the second publication shall not be less than seven (7) days from the date of the hearing.

At the time of the hearing, we will present complete information on the operations of 3 Rivers Beer and answer any questions that you, the council members, the solicitor or residents might have. Initially, by way of background, 3 Rivers Beer will be a casual restaurant which also intends to sell malt and brewed beverages, for both on and off premises consumption.

Ambler Borough's approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license by 3 Rivers Beer will permit the operation of a restaurant in the Borough that will be a positive attribute to the Borough, its residents, and the surrounding area.



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3 Rivers Beer asks that a public hearing on its request for an inter-municipal transfer be held at the Borough's Council meeting that is scheduled for October 18, 2021 (or at earlier time and date should the municipality desire to hold the hearing at a non-scheduled Council meeting). Please advise me if the Borough will be able to schedule the hearing for that date. Finally, 3 Rivers Beer can reimburse Ambler Borough for any costs associated with this hearing.

In the event you should have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me.

Best regards,

Gregory A. Szallar

GREGORY A. SZALLAR

GAS/klb

Enclosure

cc: Glenn Kucher, Code Officer (via email code@borough.ambler.pa.us)

AMBLER BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE NO. R-9265
INTO AMBLER BOROUGH**

WHEREAS, Act 141 of 2000 (“the Act”) authorizes the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to approve, in certain instances, the transfer of restaurant liquor licenses across municipal boundaries within the same county regardless of the quota limitations provided for in Section 461 of the Liquor Code if, as in Ambler Borough, sales of liquor and malt or brewed beverages are legal in the municipality receiving the license; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the applicant to obtain from the receiving municipality a resolution approving the inter-municipal transfer of the liquor license prior to an applicant’s submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

WHEREAS, the Liquor Code stipulates that, prior to adoption of a resolution by the receiving municipality, at least one hearing be held for the purpose of permitting individuals residing within the municipality to make comments and recommendations regarding applicant’s intent to transfer a liquor license into the receiving municipality; and

WHEREAS, an application for transfer filed under the Act must contain a copy of the resolution adopted by the municipality approving the transfer of a liquor license into the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 3 Rivers Beer, LLC, has requested the approval of Ambler Borough for the proposed transfer of Pennsylvania restaurant liquor license no. R-9265, from Williamsonten, Inc., 500 Blair Mill Road, Horsham Township, Montgomery County, Horsham, Pennsylvania 19044 to 3 Rivers Beer, LLC for restaurant facilities within Ambler Borough to be located at 241-65 N. Main Street, Ambler Borough, Montgomery County, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002 with the understanding that the liquor license will be transferred to only that location. Further, said transfer must be approved at a later date by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ambler Borough has held a properly advertised public hearing pursuant to the notice provisions of Section 102 of the Liquor Code to receive comments on the proposed liquor license transfer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ambler Borough approves, by adoption of this Resolution, the proposed inter-municipal transfer of restaurant liquor license no. R-9265 into Ambler Borough by 3 Rivers Beer, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that transfers, designations and assignments of licenses hereunder are subject to approval by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

DULY ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021, at a regular meeting of the Council Members of Ambler Borough, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in a lawful session duly assembled.

AMBLER BOROUGH

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

ATTEST:

Mary Aversa, Secretary



736 DeKalb Pike - Blue Bell, PA - 19422

September 2, 2021

Dear Ambler Borough Council Members,

My name is Harry Himes, I own a little neighborhood taproom Harry's Blue Bell Taproom, which is currently located in Whitpain Township at 736 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422. Per the PLCB, I am writing to request approval for the transfer for my current R- Liquor License #R11772 from the above address to 1 West Butler Pike, Ambler, PA 19002. I am excited to become a part of Ambler and appreciate all your help I am looking forward to meeting everyone!

All the Best,

Harry Himes

Harry's Blue Bell Taproom
736 Dekalb Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Email : harryhimes@gmail.com
Phone : 267-625-5110

AMBLER BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE NO. R-11772
INTO AMBLER BOROUGH**

WHEREAS, Act 141 of 2000 (“the Act”) authorizes the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to approve, in certain instances, the transfer of restaurant liquor licenses across municipal boundaries within the same county regardless of the quota limitations provided for in Section 461 of the Liquor Code if, as in Ambler Borough, sales of liquor and malt or brewed beverages are legal in the municipality receiving the license; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the applicant to obtain from the receiving municipality a resolution approving the inter-municipal transfer of the liquor license prior to an applicant’s submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

WHEREAS, the Liquor Code stipulates that, prior to adoption of a resolution by the receiving municipality, at least one hearing be held for the purpose of permitting individuals residing within the municipality to make comments and recommendations regarding applicant’s intent to transfer a liquor license into the receiving municipality; and

WHEREAS, an application for transfer filed under the Act must contain a copy of the resolution adopted by the municipality approving the transfer of a liquor license into the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Harry’s Blue Bell Taproom LTD, has requested the approval of Ambler Borough for the proposed transfer of Pennsylvania restaurant liquor license no. R-11772, from Harry Blue Bell Taproom, 736 Dekalb Pike, Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania 19422 to Harry’s Blue Taproom LTD for restaurant facilities within Ambler Borough to be located at 1 W. Butler Avenue, Ambler Borough, Montgomery County, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002 with the understanding that the liquor license will be transferred to only that location. Further, said transfer must be approved at a later date by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ambler Borough has held a properly advertised public hearing pursuant to the notice provisions of Section 102 of the Liquor Code to receive comments on the proposed liquor license transfer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ambler Borough approves, by adoption of this Resolution, the proposed inter-municipal transfer of restaurant liquor license no. R-11772 into Ambler Borough by Harry's Blue Bell Taproom LTD; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that transfers, designations and assignments of licenses hereunder are subject to approval by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

DULY ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021, at a regular meeting of the Council Members of Ambler Borough, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in a lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF AMBLER

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Elizabeth Russell

From: Elizabeth Russell
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:43 AM
To: Mary Aversa; Glenn Kucher
Subject: Council Meetings Video & Audio - 'Hybrid' Estimate

Glenn Kucher and Elizabeth Russell have conferenced with Swagit Video Services over the summer to compile information on upgrading the Public Meeting Room video/sound system to consider offering hybrid meetings. Swagit is overwhelmed, even getting quotes is difficult to obtain. They have stated we would need to upgrade our current video and software at a one-time cost of \$19,740 to incorporate "live" with "Zoom". Swagit cannot offer a realistic estimate on audio (our sound system is not compatible with new technology) but have stated they would not be surprised if audio cost \$15,000. Swagit does not have staff to provide audio services and suggest we try a local contractor. They have stated audio equipment is also not in stock and can be difficult to obtain – expect about 6 months for the equipment to arrive and conversion. Additionally, we would need an IT person attending meetings with a laptop to coordinate "live" with "Zoom." Staff cannot undertake this job during the meetings. We hear that \$500 per meeting is the going rate. So, in total, this rough estimate is \$46,740 for the upgrade and utilization of hybrid. At present, our service package for 25 meetings per year uploaded to our website is \$5,940. This cost is an annual cost and would be assessed with hybrid as well. [FYI, Glenn spoke with the County and their information is relevant to auditorium style set up and not relevant to our facility.]

Both Glenn & Elizabeth think the status quo is sufficient and our meetings are running smoothly – it's good to be back. Perhaps money could better be spent on stormwater management projects.

Park and Recreation Committee

September 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Committee Members: Sara Hertz – Chair, Nancy Deininger, Erin McKenna Endicott, Nellie DiPietro. Absent: Frank Derousi

The Committee will make no recommendations.

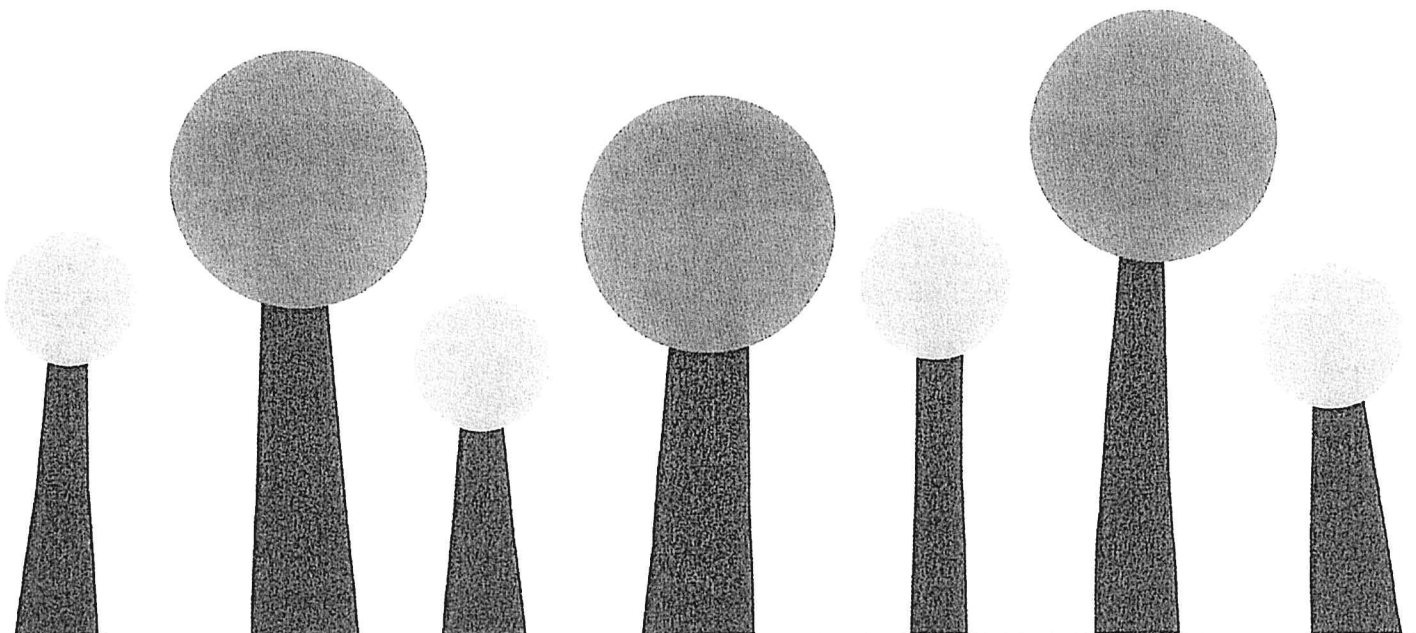
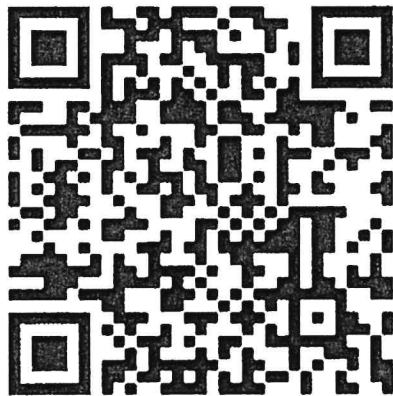
The following business will be discussed:

- 1 The next Community Garden meeting will be held on Sunday September 26 at 3:30 PM at Knight Park.
2. A dedication will be planned for Ambler Square.

AMBLER PARKS SYSTEM SURVEY

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR PARK?

Please go to the link below or scan the QR
code to fill out the Ambler parks system
survey so we can get your input!



WWW.BOROUGHOFAMBLER.COM/DEPARTMENTS/PARKS-RECREATION

Salary & Personnel Committee

September 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Committee Members Nancy Deininger – Chair, Glynnis Siskind, Nellie Di Pietro, Jen Henderson. Absent: Frank Derousi

The Committee will make no recommendations.

Approved at the Committee meeting.

1. A recommendation to hire Gabriela Rodriguez Fenwick and Tyler Conroy as Patrol officers was approved. 8-Aye
2. A recommendation to advertise for the position of Finance Manager was approved . 8-Aye
3. A recommendation to advertise for the position of Water Account Clerk was approved 8-Aye.

The following business will be discussed:

1. Vacancies exist for community volunteers to be appointed to serve on the following Committees: 1 seat on the Environmental Advisory Council and 1 seat on the Human Relations Commission. Additionally, alternate seats currently are vacant on the Civil Service Commission, Human Relations Commission and Zoning Hearing Board.
2. The Committee recognizes and thanks the hard-working efforts of the Borough Police, Public Works crew, administrative staff and emergency personnel during the recent storm.

RECOMMENDATIONS

PUBLIC UTILITIES

1. A recommendation is requested to trade in the 2016 GMC Sierra (trade-in quote \$20-21,000) and the 2019 Ram Classic (trade-in value \$22-23,000) to purchase a 2022 Ford F250 4x4 Utility Body Supercab Pickup. CoStars price \$44,974 (less trade in equals net cost \$3,460.50 Water Vehicles).

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