



# **BOROUGH OF AMBLER**

## **COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

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

**February 15, 2022**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes for Consideration:**  
February 1, 2022

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

## Finance and Planning Committee

February 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Committee Members Nellie Agnes Forst– Chair, Frank DeRuosi, Karen Sheedy, and Lisa Auerbach. Absent:

### **The Committee will consider the following recommendation:**

1. That the January Bills be paid in the amount of **\$580,889.15**

#	Fund	JAN 1st Run	JAN 2nd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	25,152.27	87,082.22	112,234.49
2	STREET LGTS		9,304.80	9,304.80
3	FIRE		19,214.00	19,214.00
4	REFUSE	48,626.85	7,389.74	56,016.59
5	PARKS & REC	427.50	496.26	923.76
6	WATER	56,560.11	87,257.77	143,817.88
8	SEWER	82,182.96	10,026.69	92,209.65
9	WWTP	55,932.36	59,797.13	115,729.49
35	LIQUID FUELS	25,463.38	5,975.11	31,438.49
30	WATER CAPITAL		75,798.75	
TOTALS		294,345.43	362,342.47	580,889.15
VOID CHECKS				-
GRAND TOTAL		294,345.43	362,342.47	580,889.15

2. A recommendation is requested regarding possible Resolution 2022-2 for 6 S. Main Street.
3. An executive session was held on February 9 at 5:00pm and this evening at 6:30 pm.

### **The following business was discussed:**

1. The Borough Engineer's report was provided.

2. A Zoning Hearing Board notice was received for 6 W. Butler Avenue for February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
3. A zoning Hearing Board notice was received for 100-112 W. Butler Avenue for February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Approved at Committee Meeting**

1. Resolution 2022-01 -\_On October 5, 2021 Council adopted Resolution 2021-11. The PA Liquor Control Board requested a revised resolution correcting the legal name of the licensee to read Harry's Blue Bell Tap Room LTD

**THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA**

**DRAFT**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-2**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN LANDS  
BY EMINENT DOMAIN**

**WHEREAS**, Ambler Borough has an ongoing commitment to improving public parking and traffic movement for the benefit of residents and visitors, and

**WHEREAS**, 6 South Main Street, as the result of recent fire damage, is generally available for purchase, and

**WHEREAS**, 6 South Main Street, by virtue of its location and being contiguous to existing SEPTA parking, can be improved in a manner that will greatly improve parking and traffic movement at an important intersection in the Borough, and

**WHEREAS**, as of the date of this resolution, the Borough has not been able to amicably arrive at terms pursuant to which the owner will voluntarily convey the parcel to the Borough, and,

**WHEREAS**, the use of Eminent Domain for such purpose is authorized by section 1202 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code,

**NOW THEREFORE**, Ambler Borough Council does **RESOLVE** as follows:

1. Council authorizes the filing of a declaration of taking to acquire fee simple ownership of tax parcel 010002590001, also known as 6 South Main Street, for purposes of vehicular parking and vehicular access to existing parking.
2. This resolution authorizes a fee simple taking of the entirety of tax parcel 010002590001.
3. The solicitor and staff are authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the taking and pay the fair market value for same, without further formal action of Council.
4. All proceedings in connection with such acquisition shall conform to the Pennsylvania Eminent Domain Code and all other applicable laws.
5. This Resolution authorizes, but does not require, the filing of a declaration of taking.

**SO RESOLVED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

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Glynnis Siskind, Council President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mary Aversa, Borough Secretary

## **Public Safety Committee**

February 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Committee members: Jennifer Henderson – Chair, Nellie Agnes Forst , Erin McKenna Endicott and Amy Hughes. Absent:

**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.



Wissahickon Fire Company  
Fire Chief Report  
January 2022 (31 days)

Township	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Total	%
Ambler	18								18	44%
Horsham	1								1	2%
Lower Gwynedd	13								13	32%
Montgomery	2								2	5%
North Wales	1								1	2%
Upper Dublin	2								2	5%
Whitemarsh	1								1	2%
Whitpain	3								3	7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100%</b>

Type of Call	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Total	%
Accident Standby									0	0%
AFA Actual	13								13	32%
AFA False	4								4	10%
Appliance									0	0%
Assist EMS	1								1	2%
Brush									0	0%
Building Investigation	2								2	5%
CO Detector	3								3	7%
Commercial Bldg	1								1	2%
Elevator Rescue									0	0%
Fast Team Assist	2								2	5%
Gas Odor Inside	1								1	2%
Gas Odor Outside									0	0%
Non Comm Bldg	6								6	15%
Officer Investigation	1								1	2%
Standby	1								1	2%
Traffic Unit assist	3								3	7%
Trash	1								1	2%
Vehicle Fire	1								1	2%
Vehicle Leaking Fuel									0	0%
Vehicle Rescue	1								1	2%
Water Rescue									0	0%
Wires									0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100%</b>

Day of the week	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Total	%
Monday	4								4	10%
Tuesday	5								5	12%
Wednesday	8								8	20%
Thursday	4								4	10%
Friday	7								7	17%
Saturday	5								5	12%
Sunday	8								8	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100%</b>



Wissahickon Fire Company  
 Fire Chief Report  
 January 2022 (31 days)

Attendance	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Total	%
Day Calls (M to F 6AM to 6PM)	17								17	41%
Attendance at Day Calls	169								169	
Average Day Calls	9.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.9	
Night & Weekend Calls	24								24	59%
Attendance at N & W Calls	233								233	
Average Night & Weekend	9.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.7	
Total Calls	41								41	100%
Total Attendance	402								402	
Average Total Calls	9.8								9.9	
Average Fire Attendance 7A	8.9								8.9	
Average Fire Attendance 7B	0.9								0.9	
Average Fire Attendance	9.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.8	
Total Drills	5								5	
Total Drill Attendance	146								146	
Average Drill Attendance	29.2								29.2	

Count of Alarm 2022								
Hour of Day	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Total
0						1	1	2
1								0
2								0
3								0
4								0
5								0
6								0
7						1		1
8	3			3		1		7
9								0
10	1			1				2
11								0
12	2	1						3
13			1	1	1			3
14			1			1		2
15				1		1	1	3
16	1	2						3
17					1			1
18			1		1	1	1	4
19			1				2	3
20	1		1			1		3
21		1		2	1			4
22								0
23								0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>



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Ambler Borough Statistics – 2022

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls in Borough</u>	<u>Total Calls for CAAA</u>
January	66	493
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<u>YTD Totals</u>	66	493

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## **Public Utilities Committee**

February 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Committee Members: Haley Welch-Chair, Erin McKenna Endicott, Amy Hughes, and Karen Sheedy. Absent

### **The Committee will consider the following recommendation:**

1. A presentation on the Water Rate PUC filing will be made this evening. A recommendation to file the increase is requested.

### **The following business was discussed:**

1. The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.
2. The awarded contractor has completed the Loch Alsh Wells 2,6,7 MIRA Grant pipeline replacement project.
3. The water main replacement on Knight Road is complete.
4. Ambler Borough Water Dept. has completed January 2022 water sampling in the distribution system for PFAS. The contracted lab will analyze the samples and the Water Engineer will review the data. Results which will be posted on the Borough website. The Water Dept. will continue to take quarterly samples.

## **Park and Recreation Committee**

February 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Committee Members:– Erin McKenna Endicott Chair, Jen Henderson, Haley Welch, and Lisa Auerbach. Absent:

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business was discussed:**

1. The Community Garden Committee will attend the March Committee meeting and provide an update.

### **Approved at Committee Meeting**

1. Our current Red Tail contract for restoration and forest management at Ambler Borough Park was renewed for 75 hours. (9-Aye)
2. Consider a Motion to table Council's vote on the Single Use Plastics Ordinance 1126 for six months to allow Council time in the interim to elicit further comment and to consider modification of the proposed Ordinance. Vote (2<sup>nd</sup> vote) Poll Council: 5-Aye (Ms. Auerbach, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Henderson, Ms. Endicott, Ms. Forst); 4-Nay (Ms. Sheedy, Mr. DeRuosi, Ms. Welch, Ms. Siskind). Carried.

## **Salary & Personnel Committee**

February 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Committee Members– Frank DeRuosi Chair, Haley Welch , Nellie Agnes Forst and Jen Henderson. Absent:

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business will be discussed:**

### **Approved at Committee Meeting**

1. Approval of the Police Chief's contract. Seconded. (9-Aye)
2. Consider denial of the bargaining agreement regarding overtime as discussed in Executive Session. (9-Aye)

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. Authorization is requested that the January bills are paid in the amount of **\$580,889.15**.
2. A recommendation is requested regarding possible Resolution 2022-2 for 6 S. Main Street.

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES**

1. A recommendation to file the water increase with the PUC is requested.