



# **BOROUGH OF AMBLER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

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

**October 17, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes for Consideration:  
September 19, 2023**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE & PLANNING  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
PUBLIC UTILITIES  
PARKS & RECREATION  
SALARY & PERSONNEL**

## Finance & Planning Committee

The Committee meeting was held on October 3, at 7:00pm; Committee Members: Haley Welch – Chair, Karen Sheedy, Lisa Auerbach, Nancy Roecker Coates. Absent: Mrs. Welch

**The Committee will consider the following recommendations:**

1. That the September 2023 bills be paid in the amount of **\$850,689.37**

<b>BOROUGH OF AMBLER</b>		
<b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b>		
<b>PAYABLES PROCESSED AND RELEASED</b>		
<b>FUND NUMBER</b>	<b>FUND NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1	GENERAL	369,715.80
2	STREET LGTS	3,576.13
3	FIRE	1,128.75
4	REFUSE	53,732.02
5	PARKS & REC	28,742.91
6	WATER	151,122.80
8	SEWER	14,545.39
9	WWTP	228,097.60
35	LIQUID FUELS	27.97
30	WATER CAPITAL	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>850,689.37</b>

**The following business will be discussed:**

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.

2. The 2024 Budget is being prepared.
3. The Montgomery County Planning Agreement contract is up for renewal **attached** please find the cost proposals for the next three years.

### **Recommendations**

1. That the September 2023 bills be paid in the amount of \$850,689.37.

**Ambler Borough**  
 Community Planning Assistance  
 Contract Cost Proposals  
 January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026

Description			TOTAL CONTRACT COST	MUNICIPAL SHARE 50%
<b><u>Year One</u></b>				
2.5	Planner-Days / Month	<u>RATE</u> \$750 / Planner Day	\$22,500.00	\$11,250.00
12	Night Meetings* / Year		\$4,500.00	\$2,250.00
<b>YEAR ONE TOTAL</b>			<b>\$27,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,500.00</b>
<b><u>Year Two</u></b>				
2.5	Planner-Days / Month	<u>RATE</u> \$758 / Planner Day	\$22,740.00	\$11,370.00
12	Night Meetings* / Year		\$4,548.00	\$2,274.00
<b>YEAR TWO TOTAL</b>			<b>\$27,288.00</b>	<b>\$13,644.00</b>
<b><u>Year Three</u></b>				
2.5	Planner-Days / Month	<u>RATE</u> \$766 / Planner Day	\$22,980.00	\$11,490.00
12	Night Meetings* / Year		\$4,596.00	\$2,298.00
<b>YEAR THREE TOTAL</b>			<b>\$27,576.00</b>	<b>\$13,788.00</b>
<b>Total Contract Costs (Years 1-3)</b>			<b>\$81,864.00</b>	<b>\$40,932.00</b>

\* One Night Meeting = half of a Planner Day

<b>Summary of Invoices</b>			<b>Municipal Share 50 %</b>
<b>Year One</b>			
Invoice 1	April 2024		\$6,750.00
Invoice 2	October 2024		\$6,750.00
<b>Year Two</b>			
Invoice 3	April 2025		\$6,822.00
Invoice 4	October 2025		\$6,822.00
<b>Year Three</b>			
Invoice 5	April 2026		\$6,894.00
Invoice 6	October 2026		\$6,894.00
			<b>\$40,932.00</b>

## **Public Safety Committee**

The Committee meeting was held on October 3, at 7:00pm; Committee members: Amy Hughes – Chair, Jen Henderson and Nancy Roecker Coates . Absent: Mrs. Welch

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business was discussed:**

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



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### Ambler Borough Statistics – 2023

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls in Borough</u>	<u>Total Calls for CAAA</u>
January	56	524
February	45	431
March	48	471
April	48	489
May	60	493
June	65	479
July	40	447
August	54	479
September	51	467
<u>YTD Totals</u>	467	4,280

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



Wissahickon Fire Company  
Fire Chief Report  
September 2023 (273 days)

Township	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Total	%
Ambler	17	17	8	17	18	18	11	14	19				139	32%
Conshohocken				1									1	0%
Horsham	3	1	1		1	1	2	1	1				11	3%
Lansdale		2											2	0%
Lower Gwynedd	18	17	20	20	24	22	22	32	22				197	46%
Montgomery		1	1	1	1	2	1		1				8	2%
North Wales				1				1					2	0%
Plymouth			1	2		2							5	1%
Springfield			2										2	0%
Upper Dublin	2	1		3	3	1	3	3	4				20	5%
Upper Merion			1										1	0%
Whitemarsh	1	3	1	1		2	5	5	4				22	5%
Whitpain	2	2	2	1	4	2	3	1	3				20	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>100%</b>

Type of Call	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Total	%
Accident Standby		2	4	1	1	1	2	1					12	3%
AFA Actual	8	8	5	12	8	9	4	18	19				91	21%
AFA False	10	12	7	5	6	15	17	21	11				104	24%
Appliance					1	1			1				3	1%
Assist EMS		1		2	1	1							5	1%
Assist Police					2		1						3	1%
Brush			1		6	1							8	2%
Building Investigation	2	2	2						2				8	2%
CO Detector		2		3	3	3	2	2	1				16	4%
Commercial Bldg	2	1	2	2	1	2	3	3	3				19	4%
Elevator Rescue		1		2	3	2							8	2%
Fast Team Assist	2			1	2	1							6	1%
Gas Odor Inside	2	4	3	5	2	2	1	2	1				22	5%
Gas Odor Outside	1	2		1	1	1	1						7	2%
High Angle Rescue			1										1	0%
LDH Strike Team			1										1	0%
Non Comm Bldg	4	3	3	4	2	3	2	1	7				29	7%
Officer Investigation	3	3	1		3	2	5	2	1				20	5%
Search			1										1	0%
Smoke in area	2			1		1		1	2				7	2%
Standby	1	1	1	1				2					6	1%
Traffic Unit assist	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	1	2				20	5%
Trash	1			1	1								3	1%
Vehicle Fire				1	2	1	1	1					6	1%
Vehicle Leaking fuel			1										1	0%
Vehicle Rescue		1	1	2	2		2	2	2				12	3%
Water Rescue													0	0%
Wires	3		1	1		2	2		2				11	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>100%</b>

Day of the week	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Total	%
Monday	9	2	5	8	9	10	8	7	2				60	14%
Tuesday	6	6	7	2	9	11	7	10	11				69	16%
Wednesday	10	7	3	8	12	3	6	6	11				66	15%
Thursday	2	8	4	5	3	10	7	10	4				53	12%
Friday	2	8	7	6	5	6	3	14	9				60	14%
Saturday	5	7	8	12	9	4	10	8	7				70	16%
Sunday	9	6	3	6	4	6	6	2	10				52	12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Wissahickon Fire Company**  
**Fire Chief Report**  
**September 2023 (273 days)**

Attendance	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Total	%
Day Calls (M to F 6AM to 6PM)	19	23	15	21	26	31	16	30	26				207	48%
Attendance at Day Calls	254	291	158	221	288	374	132	302	270				2,290	
Average Day Calls	13.4	12.7	10.5	10.5	11.1	12.1	8.3	10.1	10.4	-	-	-	11.1	
Night & Weekend Calls	24	21	22	26	25	19	31	27	28				223	52%
Attendance at N & W Calls	327	316	294	325	306	210	349	328	355				2,810	
Average Night & Weekend	13.6	15.0	13.4	12.5	12.2	11.1	11.3	12.1	12.7	-	-	-	12.6	
Total Calls	43	44	37	47	51	50	47	57	54				430	100%
Total Attendance	581	607	452	546	594	584	481	630	625				5,100	
Average Total Calls	13.5	13.8	12.2	11.6	11.6	11.7	10.2	11.1	11.6				12.0	
Average Fire Attendance 7A	11.2	11.1	10.1	9.7	9.8	9.5	8.0	8.7	9.7				9.8	
Average Fire Attendance 7B	2.3	2.7	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.4	1.9				2.2	
Average Fire Attendance	13.5	13.8	12.2	11.6	11.6	11.7	10.2	11.1	11.6	-	-	-	12.0	
Total Drills	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3				35	
Total Drill Attendance	138	135	117	114	114	104	114	114	80				1,030	
Average Drill Attendance	34.5	33.8	29.3	28.5	28.5	26.0	28.5	28.5	26.7				29.4	

January 2023 Training	Reorganization & Equipment Checks, Bloodborne Pathogens, First Aid & CPR recertification, Ambulance equipment review	345 FF hours	In training
February 2023 Training	Hazmat Refresher for 2 nights, Basement Fires, Tour of Jansen Research Facility in Lower Gwynedd	337 FF hours	In training
March 2023 Training	Tumpike Incident Management, Door prop & Equipment check, MSA new air pack review, MSA air pack training along with FF CPR	293 FF hours	In training
April 2023 Training	MSA air pack training, Passport system review, Forcible entry practice, LDH strike team review, Ventilation Prop @ Fire Academy	285 FF hours	In training
May 2023 Training	Water evolutions with trainees, Engine Company Operations, Car fire Prop.	285 FF hours	In training
June 2023 Training	Engine Company Operations, Hoarding Awareness, Mapbook knowledge, Water rescue review	260 FF hours	In training
July 2023 Training	Vehicle Rescue refresher, Equipment check, New Goddard School tour, Interior Firefighting @ Abington.	285 FF hours	In training
August 2023 Training	Forcible Entry, Storm Preparedness, Handline Operations, Water Rocket Contest at Station 88, Ladder 7 breakdown.	285 FF hours	In training
September 2023 Training	Burn Drill @ MCFTA, Skill Stations, Equipment check	200 FF hours	In training
October 2023 Training			
November 2023 Training			
December 2023 Training			

2575 Total training  
hours





Wissahickon Fire Company  
Fire Chief Report  
September 2023 (273 days)

Count of Alarm 2023								
Hour of Day	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Total
0	3	2		2	1	2	5	15
1	3		2			1	1	7
2		1		1		2	3	7
3	1	1		3			2	7
4	2		1				1	4
5	1		3			1	2	7
6	3	2	1	5		2	1	14
7	4	2		2	1	2		11
8		3	5	3	3	5	4	23
9	4	5	6	3	6	4	2	30
10	3	5	4	5	4	5	4	30
11	2	3	5	5	4	3	2	24
12	2	5	2	6	3	4	1	23
13	3	2	6	6	5	3	3	28
14	3	3	3	3	4	2	3	21
15	1	2	4	4	6	2	7	26
16	1	4	4	4	5	3	9	30
17	5	2	3	1	1	1	3	16
18	1	2	2	3	2	4	2	16
19	2	4	7	2	4	2	4	25
20	3	4	8	2	1	5	7	30
21	3	3	2	2	2	4	1	17
22	2	2	1	4	1		3	13
23		3				3		6
Grand Total	52	60	69	66	53	60	70	430

## **Public Utilities Committee**

1. The Committee meeting was held on October 3, at 7:00pm; Committee Members: Karen Sheedy -Chair, Haley Welch and Amy Hughes. Absent: Mrs. Welch

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business was discussed:**

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was received
2. System flushing has begun; locations are posted on the Borough Website.

## **Parks and Recreation Committee**

The Committee meeting was held on October 3, at 7:00pm; Committee Members: Jen Henderson -Chair, Haley Welch, and Lisa Auerbach. Absent: Mrs. Welch

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

1. A discussion was held on allowing dogs in Borough Parks. Resolution 2023-14 to allow dogs in Ricciardi park for 6 months on a trial basis is **attached**.

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

#### **Recommendations**

1. Recommend adoption of Resolution 2023-12 to allow leashed dogs in Ricciardi park for 6 months on a trial basis.

AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-12

**A RESOLUTION OF AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE 16-102(k), AS IT RELATES TO DOGS PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC PARTS, TO TEMPORARILY ALLOW DOGS IN RICCIARDI PARK ON A TRIAL BASIS, FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS**

Ambler Borough Council, having taken surveys of the public and having considered the potential positives and negatives of allowing dogs in Borough parks, and wishing to further explore the possibility by allowing dogs in one park on a trial basis, does RESOLVE as follows:

1. Enforcement of Ordinance 16-102(k), which prohibits animals in Borough parks, will be suspended for a period of six months until April 15, 2024, as it relates to its prohibition of dogs in Ricciardi Park, unless Council sooner adopts a resolution resuming enforcement of the ordinance.
2. Ordinance 16-102(k) will continue to be enforced in Ricciardi park with respect to all other types of animals.
3. Ordinance 16-102(k) will continue to be enforced, including with respect to dogs, in the other Borough parks, except with respect to dogs in Ambler Borough Park, where leashed dogs are already permitted pursuant to ordinance 1091, adopted in 2015.
4. Ordinance 2-201, requiring that dogs be leashed, will continue to be enforced at all times.

SO RESOLVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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Glynnis Siskind, Council President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Aversa, Secretary

## **Salary & Personnel Committee**

The Committee meeting was held on October 3, at 7:00pm; Committee Members: Lisa Auerbach – Chair, Jen Henderson and Karen Sheedy. Absent: Mrs. Welch

### **The Committee will consider the following recommendations.**

1. A vote will be taken this evening to appoint a new Council member to Ward 3. **(included)**
2. Attached is Resolution 2023-12 recognizing Ms. Endicott for her service.

### **The following business will be discussed:**

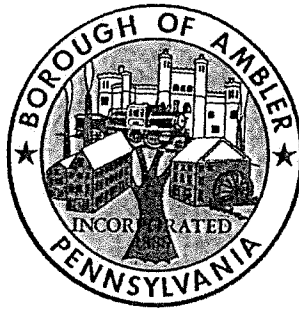
1. Ms. Forst has vacated her seat in Ward 3. Resumes were accepted. (included)
2. Ms. Endicott has vacated her seat ; resumes are being accepted until November 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. Resumes are being accepted for the Water and Waste Water vacancies.
4. Mr. Lagreca has submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission, resumes will be accepted until November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Approved at the Committee Meeting**

1. Resolution 2023-11 was approved recognizing the service of Ms. Forst. (6-Aye) absent Mrs. Welch .

### **Recommendations**

1. A vote will be taken this evening to appoint a new Council member to Ward 3. (included)
2. Attached is Resolution 2023-13 recognizing Ms. Endicott for her service.



**BOROUGH OF AMBLER**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION 2023- 13**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING**

**COUNCIL WOMAN ERIN MCKENNA ENDICOTT**

**WHEREAS**, Councilwoman Erin McKenna Endicott has served the residents of Ward One as well as the citizens of Ambler as a Councilwoman, from her swearing in on January 1, 2018, until the present day; and

**WHEREAS**, during her terms in office, Erin has served as Chairperson of Parks and Recreation; and has served on the Finance and Planning Committee, and Public Safety Committee, and Public Utilities Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that serving as an elected official at the local level is giving back to one's community in the truest form, as it involves very little pay, very little thanks or appreciation, and more time and energy than most citizens realize; and

**WHEREAS**, after years of active and involved service to the citizens of Ambler, Erin is concluding her term at the end of September 2023.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it Resolved by the members of Council, for themselves and on behalf of the citizens of Ambler that the terms of office of Council woman Nellie Forst are fully recognized and sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to her for her service to the community.

**SO RESOLVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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Jean Sorg Mayor