



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

December 19, 2023

7:00 p.m.

**Minutes for Consideration:
November 21, 2023**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Finance & Planning Committee

The Committee meeting was held on December 5, at 7:00pm; Committee Members: Haley Welch – Chair, Karen Sheedy, Lisa Auerbach Elizabeth Iovine. Absent-Ms. Roecker-Coates and Mayor Sorg.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations:

1. That the November 2023 bills be paid in the amount of **\$1,063,587.91**.

BOROUGH OF AMBLER		
NOVEMBER 2023		
PAYABLES PROCESSED AND RELEASED		
FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
1	GENERAL	600,730.79
2	STREET LGTS	3,778.47
3	FIRE	25,384.00
4	REFUSE	61,396.75
5	PARKS & REC	20,790.02
6	WATER	179,617.33
8	SEWER	32,344.97
9	WWTP	139,545.58
35	LIQUID FUELS	-
30	WATER CAPITAL	-
TOTAL		1,063,587.91

2. The Budget Ordinance 1137 fixing the real estate tax rate for 2024 was advertised for adoption this evening. **(attached)**
3. **Attached** is Resolution 2023-16 appropriating specific sums for 2024 budget. **(attached)**

The following business will be discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. SEPTA will be hosting an open house for the Ambler Station Area Concept Meeting on January 30th at 6:30pm Borough Hall for input from riders, residents, and businesses about possibility for development of the underutilized areas of the SEPTA train station parking lot. **(attached)**

Recommendations

1. That the November 2023 bills be paid in the amount of \$1,063,587.91.
2. Recommend adoption of Ordinance 1137 fixing the real estate tax rate for 2024.
3. Recommend approval of Resolution 2023-16 appropriating specific sums for 2024 budget.

ORDINANCE 11
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER
 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY
 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2024

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED and is hereby Ordained and Enacted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ambler, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that a Tax be and the same levied on all Real Property within the Borough of Ambler subject to location for the Fiscal Year 2024 as follows:

TAX RATE

For General Purposes, the sum of eight and two hundred seventy-five thousandth (8.275) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of 8.275 cents on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

For Street Lighting Purposes, the sum of two hundred ten thousandth (.210) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of .21 of a cent on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

For Fire Fighting Purposes, the sum of six hundred fifty thousandth (.650) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of 0.65 of a cent on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

For Debt Service Purposes, the sum of (0.000) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of 0.00 of a cent on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

For Parks and Recreation Purposes, the sum of six hundred eighty thousandth (0.68) mill on each dollar of Assessed Valuation or the sum of 0.68 of a cent on each one hundred dollars of Assessed Valuation.

The same being summarized in tabular form as follows:

TOTAL 9.815 MILLS	MILLS ON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION	CENTS ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION
Tax Rate General Purpose	8.275 Mills	8.275 Cents
Tax Rate Street Lights	0.210 Mills	0.21 Cents
Tax Rate Fire Protection	0.650 Mills	0.65 Cents
Tax Rate Debt Service	0.0 Mills	0.0 Cents
Tax Rate Parks & Recreation	0.680 Mills	0.68 Cents

Enacted by the Borough of Ambler this ____ day of December, ____.

 Glynnis Siskind, Council President

 Mary Aversa, Borough Manager

RESOLUTION 2023 -

A Resolution of the Borough of Ambler, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania appropriating specific sums estimated per the 2024 Budget to be required for the specific purpose of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the year 2023 by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ambler, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. That the expenditures and expenses for the Fiscal Year 2024 in the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the fund equities, revenues and other financing sources available for the year 2024 for the specific purposes set forth in the following budget summaries.

	<u>General Fund</u>	
Revenues		\$ 5,145,109
Expenditures		\$ 5,145,109
	<u>Refuse Fund</u>	
Revenues		\$ 954,228
Expenditures		\$ 954,228
	<u>Fire Fund</u>	
Revenues		\$ 268,752
Expenditures		\$ 268,752
	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	
Revenues		\$ 167,344
Expenditures		\$ 167,344
	<u>Parks and Recreation</u>	
Revenues		\$ 204,482
Expenditures		\$ 204,482
	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	
Revenues		\$ 1,191,787
Expenditures		\$ 1,191,787
	<u>Street Light Fund</u>	
Revenues		\$ 63,054
Expenditures		\$ 63,054
	<u>Wastewater Treatment Plant</u>	
Revenues		\$ 6,442,499
Expenditures		\$ 6,442,499
	<u>Water Department</u>	
Revenues		\$ 4,797,625
Expenditures		\$ 4,797,625
Total Budget		<u>\$19,234,880</u>

Section 2. That any Resolution conflicting with this Resolution be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Resolution.

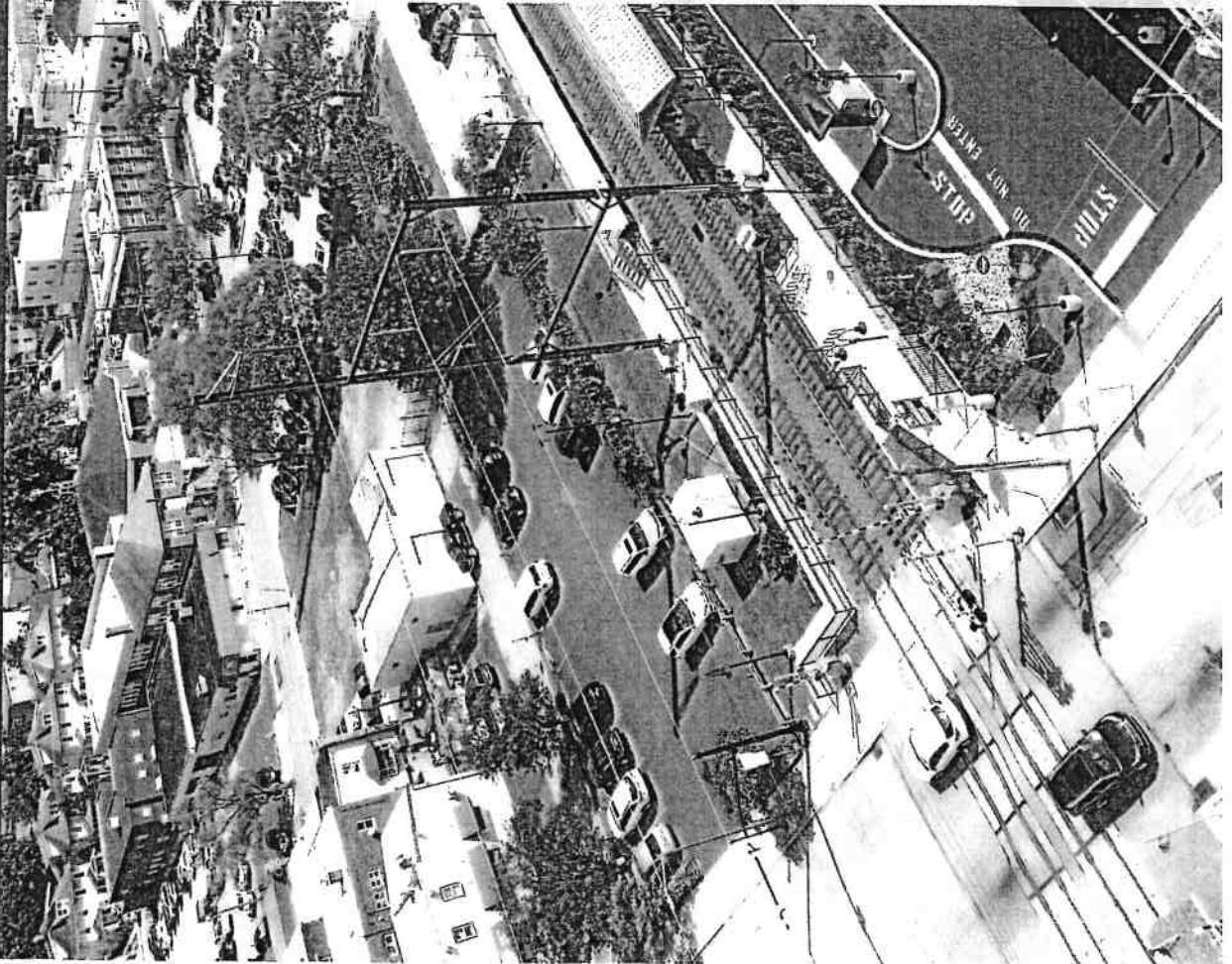
ADOPTED this _____ day of December, 20_____.

Glynnis Siskind, Council President

Mary Aversa, Secretary



Ambler Station Area Concept Open House



SEPTA will be hosting an open house for the Ambler Station Area Concept to solicit input from riders, residents, and businesses about the possibility of development on portions of the SEPTA train station parking lot.

Date: Tuesday, January 30

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Ambler Borough Hall
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Please contact planning@septa.org for more information

Public Safety Committee

The Committee meeting was held on December 5, at 7:00pm; Committee members: Amy Hughes – Chair, Jen Henderson and Nancy Roecker Coates . Absent-Ms. Roecker-Coates and Mayor Sorg.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. A recommendation to approve the attached Verizon GPS contract is requested. **(attached).**

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.

Recommendations

1. A recommendation to approve the Verizon GPS contract is requested.



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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
October	72	486
November	71	470
<u>YTD Totals</u>	610	5,236

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



Wissahickon Fire Company
 Fire Chief Report
 November 2023 (334 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	17	15		171	32%
Conshohocken				1									1	0%
Horsham	3	1	1		1	1	2	1	1	2			13	2%
Lansdale		2											2	0%
Lower Gwynedd	18	17	20	20	24	22	22	32	22	28	24		249	47%
Hatboro											1		1	0%
Montgomery		1	1	1	1	2	1		1	1	1		10	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	1	2		23	4%
Upper Gwynedd										1			1	0%
Upper Merion			1										1	0%
Whitemarsh	1	3	1	1		2	5	5	4	3	1		26	5%
Whitpain	2	2	2	1	4	2	3	1	3	1	4		25	5%
TOTAL	43	44	37	47	51	50	47	57	54	54	48	0	532	100%

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		2	1		15	3%
AFA Actual	8	8	5	12	8	9	4	18	19	13	15		119	22%
AFA False	10	12	7	5	6	15	17	21	11	10	10		124	23%
Appliance					1	1			1		1		4	1%
Assist EMS		1		2	1	1							5	1%
Assist Police					2		1			2			5	1%
Brush			1		6	1					3		11	2%
Building Investigation	2	2	2						2	1	1		10	2%
CO Detector		2		3	3	3	2	2	1	4	3		23	4%
Commercial Bldg	2	1	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	2	4		25	5%
Elevator Rescue		1		2	3	2					1		9	2%
Fast Team Assist	2			1	2	1							6	1%
Gas Odor Inside	2	4	3	5	2	2	1	2	1		1		23	4%
Gas Odor Outside	1	2		1	1	1	1			3	1		11	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	3	3		35	7%
Officer Investigation	3	3	1		3	2	5	2	1	5	2		27	5%
Search			1							1			2	0%
Smoke in area	2			1		1		1	2	1	1		9	2%
Standby	1	1	1	1				2		1	1		8	2%
Traffic Unit assist	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	1	2	4			24	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	2			14	3%
Water Rescue													0	0%
Wires	3		1	1		2	2		2				11	2%
TOTAL	43	44	37	47	51	50	47	57	54	54	48	0	532	100%

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	11	2		73	14%
Tuesday	6	6	7	2	9	11	7	10	11	10	12		91	17%
Wednesday	10	7	3	8	12	3	6	6	11	11	6		83	16%
Thursday	2	8	4	5	3	10	7	10	4	3	8		64	12%
Friday	2	8	7	6	5	6	3	14	9	6	7		73	14%
Saturday	5	7	8	12	9	4	10	8	7	5	7		82	15%
Sunday	9	6	3	6	4	6	6	2	10	8	6		66	12%
TOTAL	43	44	37	47	51	50	47	57	54	54	48	0	532	100%



Wissahickon Fire Company
Fire Chief Report
November 2023 (334 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	26	24		257	48%
Attendance at Day Calls	254	291	158	221	288	374	132	302	270	317	265		2,872	
Average Day Calls	13.4	12.7	10.5	10.5	11.1	12.1	8.3	10.1	10.4	12.2	11.0	-	11.2	
Night & Weekend Calls	24	21	22	26	25	19	31	27	28	28	24		275	52%
Attendance at N & W Calls	327	316	294	325	306	210	349	328	355	270	318		3,398	
Average Night & Weekend	13.6	15.0	13.4	12.5	12.2	11.1	11.3	12.1	12.7	9.6	13.3	-	12.4	
Total Calls	43	44	37	47	51	50	47	57	54	54	48		532	100%
Total Attendance	581	607	452	546	594	584	481	630	625	587	583		6,270	
Average Total Calls	13.5	13.8	12.2	11.6	11.6	11.7	10.2	11.1	11.6	10.9	12.1		11.9	
Average Fire Attendance 7A	11.2	11.1	10.1	9.7	9.8	9.5	8.0	8.7	9.7	9.3	9.9		9.7	
Average Fire Attendance 7B	2.3	2.7	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.4	1.9	1.6	2.2		2.1	
Average Fire Attendance	13.5	13.8	12.2	11.6	11.6	11.7	10.2	11.1	11.6	10.9	12.1	-	11.9	
Total Drills	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	4		44	
Total Drill Attendance	138	135	117	114	114	104	114	114	80	137	130		1,297	
Average Drill Attendance	34.5	33.8	29.3	28.5	28.5	26.0	28.5	28.5	26.7	27.4	32.5		29.5	

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	Turnpike Incident Management, Door prop & Equipment check, MSA new air pack review, MSA air pack training along with FF CPR	203 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	Fire Prevention Activities, Fort Washington Fire Company Expo, Communications Exercise, Tanker Operations Awareness, Clean up	342 FF hours In training
November 2023 Training	Springhouse Estates Drill & Tour, Gwynedd Mercy Elementary Tour, Christmas parade cleanup of apparatus	325 FF hours In training
December 2023 Training		

2,917 Total training hours



Wissahickon Fire Company
 Fire Chief Report
 November 2023 (334 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	4		3			1	1	9
2	1	3		2		2	3	11
3	1	1	1	5	1		2	11
4	2		1				1	4
5	1		3			1	2	7
6	3	2	1	5	1	3	1	16
7	5	2	1	2	2	3	1	16
8		4	6	5	4	5	5	29
9	5	5	7	4	6	6	4	37
10	3	6	5	5	4	6	4	33
11	2	3	5	6	5	5	3	29
12	2	5	3	7	3	4	2	26
13	4	2	9	7	6	3	4	35
14	5	4	5	3	5	2	4	28
15	1	3	5	5	7	2	7	30
16	2	6	6	6	5	4	9	38
17	6	4	4	2	2	3	3	24
18	2	3	6	3	2	4	2	22
19	3	4	8	2	4	3	5	29
20	3	4	8	4	1	5	7	32
21	4	5	2	2	3	5	4	25
22	3	2	1	6	2	1	3	18
23	1	3	1			3		8
Grand Total	66	73	91	83	64	73	82	532

Public Utilities Committee

The Committee meeting was held on December 5, at 7:00pm; Committee Members: Karen Sheedy -Chair, Haley Welch and Amy Hughes. Absent-Ms. Roecker-Coates and Mayor Sorg.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. Ordinance 1136 increasing the sewer fee from \$6.50 per thousand gallons to \$7.50 per thousand gallons was advertised for adoption this evening. **(attached)**
2. Bids are being requested from Co-Stars for the UV system upgrade at the Waste Water Plant.

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.

Recommendations

1. Recommend adopting Ordinance 1136 increasing the sewer fee from \$6.50 per thousand gallons to \$7.50 per thousand gallons.
2. Recommend accepting bids for the UV system upgrade at the Waste Water Plant.

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1111 BY INCREASING THE SEWER RATE FROM 6.50 TO 7.50 FOR EACH 1,000 GALLONS OF WATER USED; EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

Ambler Borough Council, having determined a need to increase the Borough's sewer rental rate, hereby modifies ordinance 1111 as follows:

Ordinance 1111 is amended to read as follows with respect to the charge for each thousand gallons of water used:

"A charge of \$7.50 for each 1,000 gallons of water usage per quarter."

The sewer rental set forth herein shall become effective on January 1, 2024.

In all other respects, ordinances 1111, 939 and 1062 remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDAINED this 21st day of November, 2023.

Glynnis Siskind, Council President

Attest: _____
Mary Aversa, Secretary

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee meeting was held on December 5, at 7:00pm; Committee Members: Jen Henderson -Chair, Haley Welch, Lisa Auerbach and Nancy Roecker-Coates. Absent-Ms. Roecker-Coates and Mayor Sorg.

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business was discussed:

1. A discussion to consider a little free pantry was requested. The Borough is unable to keep the Community Pantry in the Borough building due to liability concerns.
2. Liz Kunzier will provide an update on 2024 Main Street events.

Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee meeting was held on December 5, at 7:00pm; Committee Members: Lisa Auerbach – Chair, Jen Henderson and Karen Sheedy, Elizabeth Iovine. Absent-Ms. Roecker-Coates and Mayor Sorg.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. An executive session was held this evening. A recommendation may be forthcoming.

The following business will be discussed:

1. **Attached** are the current volunteer positions that expire in 2023, letters of interest are being accepted.
2. Resumes are being accepted for the Water, Maintenance-Repairman and Waste Water vacancies.

Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. Resolution 2023-15 recognizing Robert Lagreca was approved. 8-Aye

Recommendations

1. A recommendation is expected on a personnel issue.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE & BOARD SEATS –
RESUMES/LETTERS OF INTEREST ATTACHED

Consider appointments to several volunteer Committee & Board positions which expire at the end of the year to include:

Environmental Advisory Council (3-year term) – 1 seat

- Kristen Puskar (incumbent)
- Hannah Lloyd (incumbent)

Planning Commission (4-year term) - 4 seats

- Peter A. Amento (incumbent)
- Anthony Giannetti (incumbent)
- Salvatore Boccuti (incumbent)
- Vacancy (3-year term)

Vacancy Board (1-year term)

- Vacancy

Zoning Hearing Board (3-year term) – 1 seat

- Michael Williams (incumbent)

Appeals Board (3-year term)

- Al Comly (incumbent)
- William Lutz (incumbent)

Zoning Hearing Board Alternate (3-year term) – 3-seats

Civil Service Commission Alternate (6-year term) – 1 seat

- Ed Curtis (incumbent)

VACANCIES exist for the following appointed positions:

- Environmental Advisory Council (3-year term) 1-seat
- Planning Commission (4-year term) 4-seats
- Vacancy Board (1-year term) 1-seat
- Zoning Hearing Board (4-year term) 1-seat
- Appeals Board (3-year term) – 1-seat
- Zoning Hearing Board Alternate (3-year term) – 3-seats
- Civil Service Commission Alternate (6-year term) – 1 seat