



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

May 17, 2023

7:00 p.m.

**Minutes for Consideration:
April 18, 2023**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & PLANNING

PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC UTILITIES

PARKS & RECREATION

SALARY & PERSONNEL

Finance & Planning Committee

Committee Members: Nellie Forst – Chair, Karen Sheedy, Lisa Auerbach, Nancy Roecker Coates. Absent: Mary Aversa, Erin McKenna Endicott.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations:

1. That the April 2023 bills be paid in the amount of \$ 700,895.44.

#	FUND	April 1st Run	April 2nd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	39,766.78	117,482.93	157,249.71
2	STREET LGTS	-	4,246.67	4,246.67
3	FIRE	-	-	-
4	REFUSE	44,239.00	2,878.18	47,117.18
5	PARKS & REC	1,981.53	1,342.49	3,324.02
6	WATER	23,807.53	126,840.46	150,647.99
8	SEWER	146,633.83	11,215.46	157,849.29
9	WWTP	59,818.22	110,942.56	170,760.78
35	LIQUID FUELS	-	9,699.80	9,699.80
30	WATER CAPITAL	-	-	-
	TOTALS	316,246.89	384,648.55	700,895.44
	VOID CHECKS *	-	-	-
	GRAND TOTAL	316,246.89	384,648.55	700,895.44

2. A recommendation to consider a residential inspection program for resale properties and determine the direction on sidewalk inspection and repairs is requested. Please see the **attached** memo detailing the recommended process and scope.
3. A request was received to purchase a 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Base at a cost of \$40,541.00. (**attached**)

The following business will be discussed:

- The Borough Engineer's report was received.
- A presentation will be made at a future meeting for The Court at Ambler Station Sketch Plan (10,14-22 N. Main Street & 9W Butler Avenue) proposing to consolidate three lots and construct a mixed-use building containing commercial space along Butler Avenue, 13 townhouses and 17 apartments. Parking is provided at grade under the building along Race Street and within garages of townhouse units.

3. **Attached** is the Zoning Hearing Board notice for 215 Mattison and 162 Park Avenue.

APPROVED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING

1. A public hearing was held and the adoption of Ordinance 1134 amending the Transit-Oriented Development Zoning Ordinance was approved. (8-Aye and 1- abstain Lisa Auerbach)

Recommendations

1. That the April **2023** bills be paid in the amount of \$700,895.44.
2. A recommendation is requested to have the Solicitor prepare an Ordinance for a residential inspection program for resale properties.
3. A request was received to purchase a 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Base at a cost of \$40,541.00.

PROPOSED RESALE INSPECTION LIST

- Electrical Certification – this electrical inspection and certification would be done by a certified electrical underwriter to ensure compliance and safety under the electrical code.
- Curb / Sidewalk / Alley Inspection – if a home has a curb, sidewalk and/or a driveway or portion of the rear alley that need repair or replacement it would be required to do so prior to the issuance of a use and occupancy. Borough inspectors would mark the required areas for repair with white spray paint.
- Sewer lateral Inspection - the seller of the property would be required to hire a master plumber to conduct a video inspection of the sanitary sewer service lateral and issue a certified report regarding the condition.
- Backflow preventer verification – this is a check valve located on the house side of the meter to prevent water from flowing in the opposite direction out of the home in the event of an emergency. Verification if water service line is constructed of Lead. Whether the service line is categorized as “Lead”, “Galvanized Requiring replacement”, “Non-lead”, or “Lead Status Unknown”.
- Exterior property maintenance inspection – a visual inspection to ensure that there are no tripping hazards on walkways, hazardous conditions, missing roof shingles or visually distressed items on the exterior.
- House numbers, a minimum of 3 inches in height, have been installed and are easily seen from the street.

Public Safety Committee

Committee members: Jennifer Henderson – Chair, Nancy Roecker Coates, Erin McKenna Endicott, and Amy Hughes. Absent: Mary Aversa, Erin McKenna Endicott.

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 will be provided .
4. The Public Works and the Code Enforcement reports were received.
5. A request to hold CPR training is being researched. If people would like to participate, they will need to register and a fee will be charged. Interested residents can inquire by filling out an interest form on the Borough website.

APPROVED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Authorization was approved for the No Mow May program. (9-Aye)



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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
<u>YTD Totals</u>	197	1,915

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Public Utilities Committee

Committee Members: Haley Welch-Chair, Erin McKenna Endicott, Amy Hughes, and Karen Sheedy. Absent: Mary Aversa, Erin McKenna Endicott.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Authorization is requested to purchase a Valve Exercising Machine for the water system, at a cost of \$77,387.25 from Exeter Supply Company. This item was budgeted. **(attached)**

The following business was discussed:

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was provided.

APPROVED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Resolution 2023-4 in support of the 2023 MIRIA Grant Application was approved . (9-Aye)

Recommendation

1. Authorization is requested to purchase a Valve Exercising Machine for the water system, at a cost of \$77,387.25 from Exeter Supply Company.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Committee Members: Erin McKenna Endicott-Chair, Jen Henderson, Haley Welch, and Lisa Auerbach. Absent: Mary Aversa, Erin McKenna Endicott.

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business was discussed:

1. A presentation from Bird Town Pa will be made on June 6th. Tom Voter from Wissahickon Trails and Heidi Shiver from Bird Town PA will be making the presentation..

APPROVED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Authorization was granted to approve the cost of \$647.50 for the Juneteenth event.

Salary & Personnel Committee

Committee Members: Karen Sheedy – Chair. Haley Welch, Nellie Forst, and Jen Henderson.
Absent: Mary Aversa, Erin McKenna Endicott.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. Authorization is requested to approve Jon Bergstresser as an alternative zoning board Member. **(attached)**
2. The vacant Water Department Operator positions have been advertised. A recommendation will be presented

The following business will be discussed:

1. Below is a list of vacancies for the following appointed positions:
 - **Appeals Board** (3-year term) – 1 seat
 - **Environmental Advisory Council** (3-year term) – 2 seats
 - **Human Relations Commission** (3-year term) – 1 seat
 - **Civil Service Commission (Alternate)** – 1 seat
 - **Zoning Hearing Board (Alternates)** – 3 seats

APPROVED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING

1. The Committee held an executive session and approved the recommendation from Chief Borkowski. (9-Aye)

Recommendations

1. Authorization is requested to approve the applicant for the alternative zoning board member.
2. A recommendation will be presented for an offer of employment to fill the 3 vacant Water Operator positions.