



# **BOROUGH OF AMBLER**

## **COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

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

**November 19, 2024**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes for Consideration:  
October 15, 2024**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

## AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 15, 2024

The regular meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Tuesday October 15, 2024, at 7:00PM at Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002.

Council President Siskind called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Present:** Ms. Siskind, Ms. Auerbach, Ms. Sheedy, Ms. Hughes Kelly, Ms. Roecker Coates, Ms. Iovine, Mr. Orehek, Mr. Hui, Mayor Sorg, Police Chief Jeff Borkowski and Borough Manager Mary Aversa, Solicitor Joe Bresnan were also present. Ms. Henderson was absent.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Siskind made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 17, 2024, Council meeting. Seconded. **Carried 8 -Aye.**

**Finance and Planning Committee** – Elizabeth Iovine - Chairperson, Committee Members: Karen Sheedy, Lisa Auerbach.

The Committee meeting was held on October 1, at 7:00pm. Elizabeth Iovine - Chairperson, Committee Members: Karen Sheedy, Lisa Auerbach.

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

1. That the September bills be paid in the amount of \$1,590,841.69 as follows: General (\$699,581.03); Street lights (\$3,909.53), Fire (\$48,702.95), Refuse (\$60,283.75); Parks & Rec (\$4,875.63); Water (\$398,487.07); Sewer (\$31,946.42); WWTP (\$341,872.74), liquid Fuels (\$1,182.52); Water Capital (\$0.0); Voided checks (\$0.0).
2. The planning Commission requests permission to explore incorporating revisions similar to the recent Transit Oriented Development Ordinance that includes additional Uses, Aesthetics, Development Bonuses, and Architectural Elements and maximum heights in the Downtown Commercial and Commercial zoning districts.

### **The Following Business was discussed:**

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. Joe Duda and Steve Repke from Bernstein will be at the November 6th meeting to discuss the Borough pension plans.
3. The plans for the 2025 Farmers Market were discussed.

4. Municipal Opportunities for Retrofits and Energy Efficiency (MORE) program - The Borough is applying for grant assistance to cover costs for facility-level energy management for municipal operations including but not limited to Borough Hall and the Borough Sewer plant. The funding would cover costs associated with a SSRAE level 2 energy audit as well as possible assistance for scoping and design of energy conservation measures.

**Committee questions:**

Ms. Roecker Coates asked Grant timing question

Ms. Aversa explained the breakdown of what the grant includes. Mr. Kucher further explained the grant application process. He pointed out the second round includes a low-interest rate loan.

Ms. Roecker Coates asked what the letters SSRAE stand for. Mr. Kucher explained.

Mr. Orehek asked a question regarding the Downtown Commercial changes.

Ms. Aversa explained. Mr. Breslin further clarified.

**Recommendations:**

1. Recommend that the September bills in the amount of **\$1,590,841.69** be paid.  
**Carried 8-Aye.**
2. Recommend permission for the Planning Commission to explore incorporating revisions similar to the recent Transit Oriented Development Ordinance that includes additional Uses, Aesthetics, Development Bonuses, and Architectural Elements and maximum heights in the Downtown Commercial and Commercial zoning districts.  
**Carried 8-Aye.**

Ms. Siskind made a motion to adopt the report. **Carried 8-Aye.**

**Public Safety Committee:** Ms. Amy Hughes Kelly – Chair, Committee Members: Jennifer Henderson, Nancy Roecker Coates, and Lou Orehek

The Committee meeting was held on October 1, at 7:00pm. Ms. Amy Hughes Kelly – Chair, Committee Members: Jennifer Henderson, Nancy Roecker Coates, and Lou Orehek

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

1. Recommend adoption of Ordinance #1142 regulating the feeding of Feral Cats.
2. Recommend the dedication of the Street name Votta Way on Lindenwold Avenue.

**The following business was discussed:**

1. The Police Department report was reviewed.
2. The Community Ambulance report was reviewed.
3. The Fire Department report was reviewed.
4. Public works and code enforcement reports were received.
5. The Butler Avenue Traffic Study is complete, and the proposed changes are being reviewed.
6. A meeting was held with residents on October 13<sup>th</sup> at Borough Hall to discuss issues at Knight's Park.
7. The Annual Oktoberfest was a successful event, thanks to staff and all who volunteered to make these events happen.

**Approved at the Committee Meeting**

1. The recommendation to approve the advertisement of Ordinance #1142 was approved at the Committee Meeting. **8-Aye**

**Committee Questions:**

Ms. Auerbach asked a question regarding the meeting a\previously held at Knight's Park.

Ms. Siskind responded that the biggest issue discussed was traffic: speeding, running stop signs, going the wrong way on a one-way street. The issues caused at the park are generally being caused by older kids.

Ms. Hughes encouraged residents to say something if they see something.

Ms. Sheedy asked a question regarding the time frame for the street dedication sign.

Mr. Orehek clarified 20 years is the time frame.

Regarding the Feral Cat Ordinance MS. Siskind recognized that the Ordinance doesn't solve the problem. Discussion ensued.

**Public Comment:**

Sabrina Vincent 7 N. Ridge disagrees with the Ordinance and feels it would unfairly punish residents. She suggested other solutions. Requested the Ordinance not pass.

Blaze Serritore 21 Mt. Pleasant described his experience with Feral cats. Is looking for and Ordinance with less criminal options.

Mr. Orehek asked if organizations feeding and trapping cats would be illegal?

Mr. Breslin explained that the only way to stop behavior such as feeding Feral cat colonies is to enact an ordinance.

Donna Rohner with Alley Cats Allies asked to include a spay and neuter clause in the Ordinance.

Jill Zimmerman 134 S. Spring Garden St. Introduced herself as a person involved with cat rescue and volunteered to help.

Mary Spross 366 Forest Ave. would like a clause in the ordinance disallowing family cats to roam outside freely.

Ms. Sheedy explained that that ordinance already exists.

Ms. Siskind asked if a clause could be included protecting those individuals and organizations who trap and remove feral cats from prosecution.

Mr. Breslin confirmed that that would be possible in addition to the existing language.

Discussion ensued.

### **Recommendations:**

1. Recommend adoption of Ordinance #1142 regulating the feeding of feral cats. **Carried 8- Aye.**
2. Recommend approving the Votta family request for a dedication "street name" sign for Lindenwold Avenue with a set term of 20 years. **Carried 8- Aye.**

Ms. Siskind moved to accept the report. **Carried 8- Aye.**

**Public Utilities Committee:** Karen Sheedy - Chair, Committee Members: Amy Hughes Kelly, Lou Orehek, David Hui

The Committee meeting was held on October 1, at 7:00pm. Karen Sheedy - Chair, Committee Members: Amy Hughes Kelly, Lou Orehek, David Hui

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

1. Attached is the bid recommendation for the North Wales water main improvements and connection.

**The following business was discussed:**

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was received.
2. The Ambler WWTP is requesting quotes for the supply and installation of VFDs (Variable Frequency Drives) for ALL 5 blowers as part of the digester conversions.
3. System flushing is underway, locations will be posted on the Borough Website.

**The Committee will make no Recommendations:**

Ms. Siskind made a motion to accept the Public Utilities report. **Carried 8- Aye.**

**Parks and Recreation Committee:** Jennifer Henderson – Chair, Committee Members: Nancy Roecker Coates, Lisa Auerbach, and David Hui

The Committee meeting was held on October 1, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: Jen Henderson - Chair, Lisa Auerbach, Nancy Roecker-Coates and David Hui.

**The Committee made no recommendations.**

**The following business will be discussed:**

1. The lawn maintenance contract expires at the end of the year. A new Bid Document is being prepared.
2. Ambler Youth Alliance has open gym activities scheduled October 25th and November 8<sup>th</sup>.
3. Yoga in the park is scheduled in Knight Park for Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.

**Committee Questions:**

Ms. Auerbach asked a question regarding Committee absences. Ms. Siskind explained the documentation.

Ms. Siskind made a motion to accept the Parks and Rec report. **Carried 8- Aye.**

**Salary & Personnel Committee:** Chair – Lisa Auerbach, Jen Henderson, Karen Sheedy, Elizabeth Iovine.

The Committee meeting was held on October 1, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: Lisa Auerbach – Chair, Jen Henderson, Karen Sheedy and Elizabeth Iovine.

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

1. A recommendation is requested to hire Christopher Cracknel for the Water 1 Vacancy.
2. A recommendation is requested to offer employment for the Water 1 Operator vacancy to the candidate discussed in the Executive Session.

**The following business will be discussed:**

1. The Water Operator 1 vacancy will be advertised.
1. An executive session was held at 5:30 this evening for a personnel matter.
2. Chief Borkowski requests authorization to begin the civil service testing procedures to fill an upcoming vacancy in the department.

**Recommendations**

1. A recommendation is requested to hire Christopher Cracknel for the Water 1 Vacancy. **Carried 8 – Aye.**
2. A recommendation is requested to offer employment for the Water 1 Operator vacancy to the candidate discussed in the Executive Session. **Carried 8 – Aye.**

Ms. Siskind made motions to approve the report. **Carried 8 – Aye.**

**There was no further Public Comment.**

There being no further public comment or other business, Ms. Siskind moved the meeting to be adjourned. **Carried 8 – Aye.**

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Wahl Kunzier  
Assistant Secretary  
Borough of Ambler

## Finance & Planning Committee

The Committee meeting was held on November 6, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: – Elizabeth Iovine - Chair, Karen Sheedy. Absent - Mayor Sorg.

### The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. That the October bills be paid in the amount of **\$1,248,359.39**

#	Fund	Oct 1st Run	Oct 2nd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	\$46,280.36	\$ 183,514.25	\$229,794.61
2	STREET LGTS			\$0.00
3	FIRE			\$0.00
4	REFUSE	\$7,260.89	\$53,428.41	\$60,689.30
5	PARKS & REC	\$484.00	\$3,887.92	\$4,371.92
6	WATER	\$233,283.91	\$341,428.63	\$574,712.54
8	SEWER	\$86,997.64	\$15,781.67	\$102,779.31
9	WWTP	\$42,510.54	\$228,967.02	\$271,477.56
35	LIQUID FUELS	\$1,882.46	\$2,651.69	\$4,534.15
30	WATER CAPITAL			\$0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$418,699.80</b>	<b>\$829,659.59</b>	<b>\$1,248,359.39</b>
VOID CHECKS				\$0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$418,699.80</b>	<b>\$ 829,659.59</b>	<b>\$1,248,359.39</b>

2. A request was received to donate \$1,000.00 for a memorial bench for Salvatore Pasceri.
3. Univest is no longer managing pension payments, see **attached**. A recommendation authorizing Alliance Bernstein to provide the pension payment service is requested. A \$6.00 check processing fee will be charged per transaction

### The following business will be discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. Joe Duda and Scott Repke from Bernstein were at the November 6, meeting to discuss the Borough Pension plans.
3. The draft 2025 meeting calendar is **attached**. This will be advertised in December.
4. Budget meeting dates are scheduled for December 3rd at 6:30pm , December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and December 17th at 6:30pm. The 2025 Resolution and Ordinance for the Budget will be provided.



5. The Borough will be hosting an open house regarding the comprehensive plan on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm -8pm. This event will introduce the public to the planning process of the Comprehensive Plan and request input on the current state of Ambler as well as its vision for Ambler in the next 5, 10, and 20 years. Survey and marketing materials will be distributed later this month.
6. PA State Senator Maria Collett and PA State Representative Melissa Cerrato announced on October 23<sup>rd</sup> the award of several high-profile state grants for local projects. Ambler Borough was awarded \$1,000,000 for renovations to Wissahickon Fire Company Ambler Main Station.

**Approved at the Committee Meeting**

1. Authorization is requested to make a loan to the sewer fund for WWTP Capital Contribution in the amount of 400K from the general fund. 8-Aye
2. Recommend adopting the Small Business Saturday Coalition Proclamation. 8-Aye

**Recommendations:**

1. That the October bills be paid in the amount of \$1,248,359.39.
2. A request was received to donate \$1,000.00 for a memorial bench for Salvatore Pasceri.
3. A Recommendation authorizing Alliance Bernstein to provide the pension payment service is requested.



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The transition process has been carefully planned and is progressing smoothly. Your needs will continue to be met with the highest level of care and expertise. Kelle Kichline, who has been with our pension group for more than 15 years, will continue in her leadership role as Director of Operations and take on more responsibility. Additionally, you have the continued commitment to excellent customer service from our operations and consulting teams. We also look forward to welcoming additional team members on the service and operations team.

You will also be supported by Bill Smith, Senior Investment Advisor, who we introduced in a previous communication earlier this year. Bill is an experienced and dedicated pension and investment professional who shares the commitment that Ron has to personalized service. If you haven't already had the privilege of meeting Bill, I'm confident that you'll find him to be knowledgeable, responsive, and attentive to your needs.

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Thank you for your loyalty and trust over the years. I know Ron shares the sentiment that it has truly been an honor to serve you. While you will be in capable hands, Ron will be missed, and we wish him luck in his next chapter in life.

If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to reach out to me. My direct contact information is listed below. We're here to ensure your complete peace of mind.

Sincerely,

David Geibel  
President, Girard, a Univest Wealth Division  
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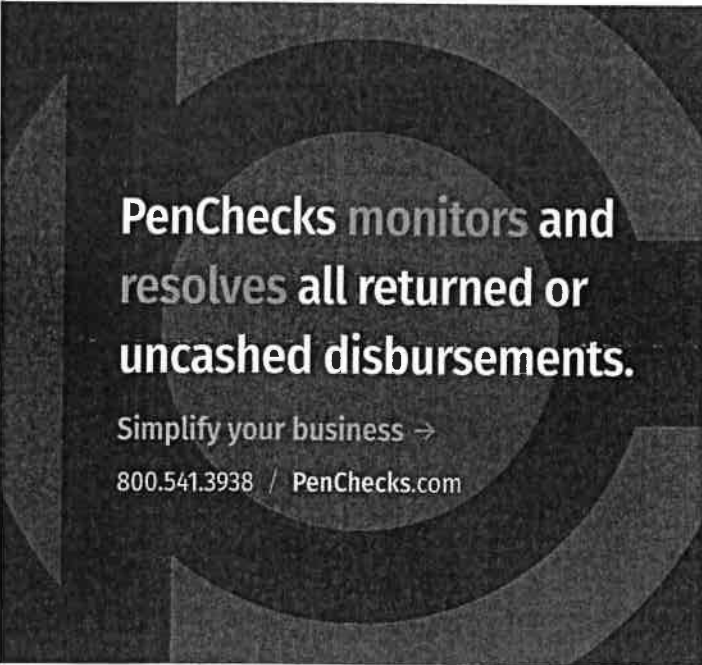
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## AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MEETING CALENDAR 2025

Meetings to be held the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday (unless otherwise noted) at Ambler Borough Hall at 7:00 PM

#### COMMITTEE MEETING – 1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday

January 7

February 3

March 4

April 1

May 6

June 3

No Committee meeting

August 5

September 2

October 7

November 5 (held Wednesday due to General Election)

December 2

#### COUNCIL MEETING - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

January 21

February 17

March 19

April 15

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 19

September 16

October 21

November 18

December 16

## **Public Safety Committee**

The Committee meeting was held on November 6, at 7:00pm. Committee members: Amy Hughes – Chair, Jen Henderson, Nancy Roecker Coates and Lou Orehek. Absent - Mayor Sorg.

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business will be 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.
5. The Butler Avenue Traffic Study is complete, the Borough Engineer is preparing a quote for upgrades along Butler Avenue between Race Street and Bethlehem Pike.



## AMBLER BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

### INCIDENTS AS REPORTED TO A.B.P.D

COMMAND STAFF	
Chief	Jeffrey Borkowski
Admin. Sgt.	Chad Cassel

PERSONNEL		
	2023	2024
Chief	1	1
Admin Det/Sgt	1	1
Sergeants	2	2
Detective	1	1
P/Os (F/T)	8	8
Traffic Safety	1	1
Civilians	1	1

OFFENSES/SERVICE CALLS	LAST 2 MONTHS		LAST MONTH VS PRESENT			AS OF OCTOBER	
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	% Change	2023	2024
<b>PART I OFFENSES</b>							
1. Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0
2. Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0
3. Robbery	0	0	0	0	0.0%	2	0
4. Assaults	1	1	0	0	0.0%	6	4
<b>5. Burglary</b>							
a. Forcible Entry	0	0	1	0	-100.0%	1	1
b. Unlawful Entry	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0
c. Attempted Force	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0
<b>6. Theft</b>							
a. \$200 & Over	1	0	3	3	0.0%	25	17
b. \$50 - \$199	0	2	2	1	-50.0%	7	14
c. Under \$50	1	0	1	0	-100.0%	8	7
7. MV Thefts	0	0	0	0	0.0%	3	1
<b>PART I - TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-42.9%</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>PART II &amp; ALL OTHER OFFENSES</b>							
911 Hang Ups	14	8	7	7	0.0%	75	67
Animal Complaints	8	4	11	11	0.0%	70	87
Assist Other Agencies	16	15	15	12	-20.0%	143	153
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	1	5	400.0%	7	22
Disturbance	13	9	6	13	116.7%	68	82
Domestic	6	10	8	24	200.0%	109	126
Drug Offense	0	1	1	1	0.0%	3	8
DUI + w/Accidents	1	0	0	0	0.0%	9	5
Fire Alarm Calls	17	21	6	12	100.0%	74	122
Fireworks Complaints	4	1	0	0	0.0%	4	9
Fraud/Forgery	2	7	7	4	-42.9%	30	41
Juvenile Complaints	1	0	1	2	100.0%	16	12
Medical Assistants	54	68	57	59	3.5%	495	621
Noise Complaints	5	0	4	9	125.0%	51	49
Public Drunkenness	2	0	1	0	-100.0%	3	6
Public Service & Misc. Calls	392	485	449	458	2.0%	4057	4918
Security Alarm Calls	18	10	8	11	37.5%	115	105
Suspicious Activity	28	19	38	28	-26.3%	227	243
Traffic Complaints	2	2	1	2	100.0%	33	27
Vandalism	0	0	0	3	300.0%	12	10
<b>PART II &amp; ALL OTHER OFFENSES</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>5601</b>	<b>6713</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>5653</b>	<b>6757</b>

YTD CALLS FOR SERVICE	
2022	2023
5661	6884

	LAST 2 MONTHS		LAST MONTH VS PRESENT			AS OF SEPTEMBER	
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	% Change	2023	2024
Abandoned Vehicle Complaints	3	9	3	3	0.0%	24	38
Non-Traffic Violations	5	0	4	2	-50.0%	7	21
Parking Meter Violations	408	398	411	498	21.2%	4197	4396
Prohibited Parking Violations	248	423	323	161	-50.2%	1606	1901
Prohibited Parking Citations	118	72	72	105	45.8%	1086	953
Non-Reportable Accidents	4	6	3	8	166.7%	75	64
Reportable Accidents	2	5	5	4	-20.0%	11	27
<b>Traffic Violations</b>							
a. Speeding	4	5	5	4	-20.0%	59	69
b. Stop Signs	18	29	20	18	-10.0%	265	263
c. Misc. Traffic Violations	152	123	82	99	20.7%	1186	1337
<b>Total Traffic Violations</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>1510</b>	<b>1669</b>

Submitted By: Jeff Borkowski  
 Incidents Subject To Reclassification

# AMBLER BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MONTHLY TIME USED

	LAST 2 MONTHS			LAST MONTH VS PRESENT			AS OF OCTOBER	
	JUL	AUG		SEP	OCT	% Change	2023	2024
Vacation, Personal, Holidays, Sick Time								
Sick Hours	64.0	24.0		36.0	94.0	161.1%	471.5	480.0
Personal/Holiday	16.0	36.0		60.0	89.0	48.3%	498.3	494.5
Vacation	319.0	374.0		163.0	208.0	27.6%	1052.5	1529.0
Kelly Time	72.0	84.0		56.0	52.0	-7.1%	1193.0	942.0
Comp Time Used	48.5	35.3		10.8	31.0	188.4%	360.0	323.8
IOD - Injured On Duty	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
ESL - Extended Sick Leave	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0%	160.0	0.0
FMLA - Family & Medical Leave Act	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Labor Hours Reported</b>	<b>519.5</b>	<b>553.3</b>		<b>325.8</b>	<b>474.0</b>	<b>45.5%</b>	<b>3735.3</b>	<b>3769.3</b>

## LABOR HOURS

	LAST 2 MONTHS			LAST MONTH VS PRESENT			AS OF OCTOBER	
	JUL	AUG		SEP	OCT	% Change	2023	2024
Misc. Hours Used by Police								
Court Appearances 38-1-10	23.0	16.0		21.0	23.0	9.5%	133.0	160.0
County Court Appearances	4.0	4.0		6.0	7.0	16.7%	67.0	52.0
Overtime Hours	92.0	53.5		63.0	240.0	281.0%	1044.0	1050.3
Time Spent In Training	40.0	14.0		40.0	57.0	42.5%	1007.0	695.0
Meter Enforcement Hours	66.5	63.0		56.3	67.0	19.1%	513.0	516.3
Crossing Guard Hours	0.0	87.0		469.5	579.3	23.4%	3238.5	3693.8
<b>Total Labor Hours Reported</b>	<b>225.5</b>	<b>237.5</b>		<b>655.8</b>	<b>973.3</b>	<b>48.4%</b>	<b>6002.5</b>	<b>6167.3</b>



# AMBLER BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

## VEHICLE FUEL & MILEAGE REPORT

Unit	LAST 2 MONTHS			LAST MONTH VS PRESENT			AS OF OCTOBER	
	JUL	AUG		SEP	OCT	% Change	2023	2024
43-1 2021 Ford Explorer (Chief)	443	651		605	1,243	105.5%	6,010	7,183
43-2 2017 Ford Explorer (Patrol)	644	949		608	1,911	214.3%	11,080	8,645
43-3 2019 Dodge Durango (Patrol)	1,206	1,640		1,113	1,726	55.1%	13,040	11,713
43-4 2010 Ford Escape (Detective)	548	624		450	1,095	143.3%	8,704	7,111
43-5 2014 Ford Explorer (Patrol)	268	341		416	709	70.4%	8,573	4,008
43-6 2020 Dodge Durango (Patrol)	441	50		179	0	-100.0%	12,287	7,645
43-7 2023 Ford Explorer (Patrol)	1,956	2,409		1,841	3,863	109.8%	2,704	22,250
43-8 2017 Nissan (Undercover)	861	1,177		996	1,825	83.2%	0	10,386
<b>Total Mileage</b>	<b>6,367</b>	<b>7,841</b>		<b>6,208</b>	<b>12,372</b>	<b>99.3%</b>	<b>62,398</b>	<b>78,941</b>

CAR	GAS	ODOMETER READING
43-1	0.000	24,413
43-2	0.000	98,640
43-3	0.000	79,658
43-4	0.000	113,473
43-5	0.000	94,613
43-6	0.000	59,619
43-7	0.000	28,137
43-8	0.000	96,947
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.000</b>	



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### Ambler Borough Statistics – 2024

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls in Borough</u>	<u>Total Calls for CAAA</u>
January	74	502
February	75	417
March	67	488
April	58	449
May	49	461
June	67	470
July	71	494
August	72	483
September	64	457
October	70	452
<u>YTD Totals</u>	667	4,673

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



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Township	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Total	%
Ambler	18	12	18	27	24	14	26	30	15	13			197	36%
Conshohocken							1						1	0%
East Norriton		1											1	0%
Horsham	4			1	1	1		4	2	3			16	3%
Lower Gwynedd	31	15	16	19	21	23	37	33	13	33			241	45%
Montgomery	2		2	2	1	1	3	1		6			18	3%
Norristown			1			1							2	0%
Plymouth		1	1				1						3	1%
Sellersville (Bucks Co.)								1					1	0%
Springfield	1												1	0%
Upper Dublin	3			2	1		4	2		3			15	3%
Upper Gwynedd			1							1			2	0%
Whitemarsh	2	2	3	2	2	2	4	2	2	7			28	5%
Whitpain	1		2	1	3		1		3	3			14	3%
Worcester	1												1	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>100%</b>

Type of Call	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Total	%
Accident Standby	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1			13	2%
AFA Actual	21	7	9	13	20	12	18	14	8	18			140	26%
AFA False	7	4	6	9	14	12	24	29	3	8			116	22%
Appliance		1		1		1							3	1%
Assist EMS	1	1	1		1								4	1%
Assist Police		1					1						2	0%
Brush				2	1	1	1			7			12	2%
Building Investigation	4	1	1	4	1		1	1					13	2%
CO Detector	1	2		1	3		4	4	2	9			26	5%
Commercial Bldg	3	1	3	4	1	4	3	4	1	3			27	5%
Elevator Rescue	1	1	6				2	1	4	1			16	3%
Fast Team Assist	1	1	1						1	2			6	1%
Gas Odor Inside	2	1	3	4	1		3		4	2			20	4%
Gas Odor Outside	2	1	1	1		3	3	1	1				13	2%
Hazardous Materials			1										1	0%
Non Comm Bldg	6		2	3	4		5	2	2	4			28	5%
Officer Investigation	5		4	3	1	2	1	3	1	2			22	4%
Search		1											1	0%
Smoke in area		1				1		2	1	1			6	1%
Special Service						1		2	1				4	1%
Standby other fire station	1			1		1	2	1					6	1%
Traffic Unit assist	1	2	1	3			3	2		4			16	3%
Trash								1					1	0%
Vehicle Fire	3	1			1	1	1		1	4			12	2%
Unknown / Unfounded										2				
Vehicle Leaking fuel													0	0%
Vehicle Rescue		1	2		1		1	1	3				9	2%
Water Rescue													0	0%
Wires	2	1	2	4	2	2	3	4	1	1			22	4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>100%</b>

Day of the week	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Total	%
Monday	15	4	5	8	4	6	15	8	8	8			81	15%
Tuesday	8	7	5	6	6	10	12	9	4	10			77	14%
Wednesday	13	3	9	10	16	4	12	8	8	13			96	18%
Thursday	9	4	3	7	1	8	2	9	2	13			58	11%
Friday	4	3	8	8	9	6	13	15	2	10			78	14%
Saturday	7	4	6	11	5	6	10	12	6	11			78	14%
Sunday	7	6	8	4	12	2	13	12	5	4			73	13%



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TOTAL	63	31	44	54	53	42	77	73	35	69	0	0	541	100%
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Attendance	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Total	%
Day Calls (M to F 6AM to 6PM)	29	13	17	28	24	24	34	30	15	41			255	47%
Attendance at Day Calls	318	152	158	333	275	229	371	306	168	412			2,722	
Average Day Calls	11.0	11.7	9.3	11.9	11.5	9.5	10.9	10.2	11.2	10.0	-	-	10.7	
Night & Weekend Calls	34	18	27	26	29	18	43	43	20	28			286	53%
Attendance at N & W Calls	450	201	323	340	389	197	489	460	270	299			3,418	
Average Night & Weekend	13.2	11.2	12.0	13.1	13.4	10.9	11.4	10.7	13.5	10.7	-	-	12.0	
Total Calls	63	31	44	54	53	42	77	73	35	69			541	100%
Total Attendance	768	353	481	673	664	426	860	766	438	711			6,140	
Average Total Calls	12.2	11.4	10.9	12.5	12.5	10.2	11.2	10.5	12.5	10.3			11.3	
Average Fire Attendance 7A	9.8	9.5	8.9	10.3	10.1	7.7	8.5	7.9	9.5	7.3			8.9	
Average Fire Attendance 7B	2.4	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.6	3.0	3.0			2.5	
Average Fire Attendance	12.2	11.4	10.9	12.5	12.5	10.2	11.2	10.5	12.5	10.3	-	-	11.4	
Total Drills	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	4	4			41	
Total Drill Attendance	126	133	123	148	90	109	132	98	118	87			1,164	
Average Drill Attendance	31.5	33.3	30.8	29.6	30.0	27.3	26.4	24.5	29.5	21.8			28.4	

Monday Trainings	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24
Organization Recap		Haz Mat refresher Part 1	NRS ALS Water Rescue boat	Rope Rescue training
Blood Borne Pathogens		NRS ALS Water Rescue boat	Truck Inventory Check	Truck Inv. & Cleanup from fire
Equipment Check		Haz Mat refresher Part 2	Urban Water Rescue class	Hoseline advancement
Station / Truck Cleaning		Hoarding Conditions Capt Brown	SCBA Fit Testing	Search Drill - Main St
				Rope training for tool lowering
Total Hours Training	315	Total Hours Training 333	Total Hours Training 308	Total Hours Training 370
May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	
Pump Operations	Equipment check	Parade Prep of trucks	Tour - St. Charles Seminary	
Vehicle Rescue	Vehicle rescue - car on side	Saw practice @ acquired house	Water Drill - Giant Foods	
Vehicle Rescue	Recap 88 Fatal Fire	High Rise training	Work Night - Clean up	
	Parade prep of vehicles	NRS rescue boat	Water Battle @ Station 88	
		Air Bags & Struts		
Total Hours Training	225	Total Hours Training 273	Total Hours Training 330	Total Hours Training 245
Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	
Drafting Drill with Station 88	Fire Prevention Open House 7A	Burn Drill - Montco		
Jansen tour - LG	Fire Prevention Open House 88A			
Vehicle rescue - Air bags	Gas/CO Meter training			
Clean up for Open house	Work Night - Tool running			
Total Hours Training	295	Total Hours Training 218	Total Hours Training 0	Total Hours Training 0



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Count of Alarm 2024								
Hour of Day	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Total
0	2		3	2	1	3	4	15
1				1	2	1	1	5
2	1	1	2	3		1		8
3	2			1	1	2	1	7
4		3	1	2	2	1	1	10
5		1	2	1	1	3	1	9
6	2		5	1	1	5	2	16
7	2	4	4	3	1	3	4	21
8	1	5	4	1	2	7	1	21
9	3	7	7	5	5	3	2	32
10	5	8	2	6	3	5	5	34
11	3	7	8	5	4	3		30
12	2	8	4	8	6	3	3	34
13	6	6	4	6	4	1	4	31
14	4	6	3	8	3	6	4	34
15	2	4	2	6	2	1	4	21
16	4	2	6	1	3	4	5	25
17	4	5	4	6	4	5	6	34
18	5	3	2	6	1	4	4	25
19	9	2	4	5	3	4	9	36
20	6	2	2	4	1	5	4	24
21	7	5	4	10	4	6	6	42
22	1	1	2	2	3		6	15
23	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	12
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>541</b>

## **Public Utilities Committee**

The Committee meeting was held on November 6, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: Karen Sheedy - Chair, Amy Hughes Lou Orehek and David Hui. Absent - Mayor Sorg.

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

1. Recommend adoption of Resolution 2024- 14 to apply for a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$1,000,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for our Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

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

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was received.
2. The Ambler WWTP is requesting quotes for the supply and installation of VFDs (Variable Frequency Drives) for ALL 5 blowers as part of the digester conversions.
3. System flushing is underway; locations will be posted on the Borough Website.
4. On 1/1/24 the new sewer rate of \$7.50 per thousand gallons became effective. (Ordinance 1136, passed on 12/19/23, raised the rate from \$6.50 to \$7.50 per thousand gallons.) Due to a system programming issue the billing on 4/29/24 and 7/30/24 did not reflect the rate change. The current bill generated 10/30/24, has been adjusted accordingly and can be found under the "adjustment line". Any interest or penalty fees will be waived. If additional time is needed to pay it will be granted. If you need to make payment arrangements, please contact the water department.

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

1. The proposal from Keystone Alliance to review the Water and Sewer EDU- Equivalent Dwelling Unit fee structure for connection fees was approved . 8-Aye

### **Recommendations**

1. Recommend adoption of Resolution 2024- 14 to apply for a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$1,000,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for our Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

# Appendix I – Authorized Official Resolution

Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Ambler (Name of Applicant) of Montgomery County (Name of County) hereby requests a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$1,000,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Mary Aversa, Borough Manager (Name and Title) as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Ambler (Name of Applicant) and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Elizabeth Wahl Kunzier, duly qualified Manager’s Assistant/Secretary of the Borough of Ambler (Name of Applicant), Montgomery County (Name of County) Ambler, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Borough of Ambler (Governing Body) at a regular meeting held November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Date) and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Borough of Ambler (Applicant) and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Ambler (Applicant), this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

Borough of Ambler  
Name of Applicant

Montgomery County  
County

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Secretary Mary Aversa



## **Parks and Recreation Committee**

The Committee meeting was held on November 6, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: Jen Henderson - Chair, Nancy Roecker-Coates and David Hui. Absent -Mayor Sorg.

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

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

1. The Lawn Maintenance contract expires at the end of the year. A new Bid document is being prepared.
2. Staff will collect quotes on repairs to the multipurpose courts at Ricciardi and to address the open area of Wahl Park that is becoming an issue. These projects will be in the 2025 budget.
3. Staff is ordering new benches for the Knight Park Pavillion and a bike rack for Borough Hall.

## **Salary & Personnel Committee**

The Committee meeting was held on November 6, at 7:00pm. Committee Members:– Chair, Jen Henderson, Karen Sheedy and Elizabeth Iovine. Absent – Mayor Sorg.

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business will be discussed:**

1. An executive session was held on October 29, at 7:00pm for a personnel issue.
2. **Attached** are the current volunteer positions that expire in 2024, letters of interest are being accepted.
3. A resume including a letter of interest are requested for the ward 2 vacancy until December 10.
4. A vote will be taken to fill the Vice presidnet of Council vacancy.
5. The Police Department conducted a Physical Agility Test and a Written Examination on Saturday November 2, 2024. Nine people applied to participate in the testing process. Seven of the nine showed up for the testing process. Three applicants passed the physical agility test and were eligible to take the written test. All three failed the written test. Chief Borkowski is currently researching the date for the next Montgomery County Police Consortium test that the Police Department can participate in.

### **Approved at The Committee Meeting**

1. A recommendation to accept the resignation of Lisa Auerbach effective October 29<sup>th</sup> was approved 8- Aye.
2. A recommendation to rescind the Vote to accept the resignation of Lisa Auerbach and correct the effective date to November 6<sup>th</sup> was approved . 8-Aye.
3. A recommendation to hire Austin Mikula for the Water Operator 1 vacancy was approved.

**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) – 2 seats**

- Matt Walker (incumbent)
- VACANCY

**Planning Commission (4-year term) - 1 seat**

- Theresa Clement (incumbent)

**Vacancy Board (1-year term)**

- Vacancy

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

- Robert Foster (incumbent)

**Appeals Board (3-year term)**

- VACANCY

**Zoning Hearing Board Alternate (3-year term) – 2-seats**

**Human Relations Commission**

- Trelena Adams (incumbent)
- Marilyn Frazier (incumbent)

**Civil Service Commission**

- Alternate (6-year term) – 1 seat
- Bernadette Dougherty Alternate (incumbent)

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VACANCIES exist for the following appointed positions:

- Environmental Advisory Council (3-year term) 2-Seats
- Planning Commission (4-year term) 1 -Seat
- 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) – 2 Seats
- Civil Service Commission Alternate (6-year term) – 2 Alternate Seats