

MINUTES

March 19, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Monday, March 19, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. President Anita O'Hara Pieri presided.

Mr. George Pasceri led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call – Present: Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. G. Pasceri, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Isabella, Mr. Orehek, Mr. Pugliese and Mrs. Baigis. Mayor Wahl, Solicitor Bresnan, Mr. Rocco Wack and Mrs. Aversa also were present. Absent: Mr. Sal Pasceri.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri moved that the February 20, 2007 Minutes, with suggested revisions, be approved. Seconded, carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee – Mr. Pugliese, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members: Mr. Pugliese, Mr. George Pasceri and Mr. Isabella. Also present: Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Orehek and Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Solicitor Bresnan, Mr. Rocco Wack and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Mayor Wahl, Mr. George Pasceri.

The Public Safety Committee report was given by Mr. Pugliese.

The Committee will recommend the following:

1. Recommend adopting Resolution 2007-4 to impose temporary no parking signs.

In other business the following was discussed:

Mr. Pugliese announced that street cleaning will begin April 2, 2007.

Mrs. Baigis inquired about the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission Agreement, specifically asking whether the Borough could write disposal of grass clippings into the ordinance now. Mayor Wahl responded that numerous municipalities had given the Commission the authority and power to make implementations and that what currently is being considered is in place for consideration. The Commission will work until next year with a fixed agenda.

Mrs. Baigis asked several questions concerning line items in the February 2007 Police Report. Chief Wack responded.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if there were questions from the public. None were asked.

Mr. G. Pasceri moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Dooley, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members: Mr. Dooley, Mr. G. Pasceri and Mr. Isabella. Also present: Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Orehek and Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Solicitor Bresnan, Mr. Rocco Wack and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Mayor Wahl, Mr. George Pasceri.

The Parks and Recreation Committee report was given by Mr. Paul Dooley.

The Committee made no recommendations and had no further business.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if there were questions from the public. None were asked.

Mr. G. Pasceri moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Public Utilities Committee – Mr. Orehek, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members: Mr. Orehek, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. O'Hara Pieri. Also present: Mr. Kenney, Mr. Isabella, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Dooley and Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Solicitor Bresnan, Mr. Rocco Wack and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Mayor Wahl, Mr. George Pasceri.

The Public Utilities Committee report was given by Mr. Orehek.

The Committee will recommend the following:

1. A request to grant authority to have the plant engineer prepare the bid documents and specs for installing equipment necessary to meet the 2 mg/L Phosphorus limit by December 1, 2007. (Capital project estimate: Design & bid \$20,000; Equipment \$300,000).
2. Recommend awarding the Water Main Replacement job on Bethlehem Pike (from Hagues Mill to Willow Avenue) to Perkiomen Valley Builders/Pedrick Excavation in the amount of \$84,435.

In other business the following was discussed:

Inquiry was made by Mrs. Baigis relative to the Borough's exemption by the DEP from needing an Air Quality Permit for the new standby generator. Borough engineer Jim Dougherty responded that the Borough currently meets DEP standards and that one cannot project future standards that might be set by DEP.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if the public had any questions. Tom Reilley of Valley Brook Road spoke to commend the water department for its quick response time in repairing a water main leak at Hendricks Street and Valley Brook Road.

There being no further questions, Mr. G. Pasceri moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Finance and Planning Committee - Mr. Kenney, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members: Mr. Kenney, Mr. G. Pasceri, Mr. Dooley and Mr. S. Pasceri. Also present: Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Isabella, Mr. Orehek and Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Solicitor Bresnan, Mr. Rocco Wack and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Mayor Wahl, Mr. George Pasceri.

The Finance and Planning Committee report was given by Mr. Kenney.

The Committee will recommend the following:

1. Recommend that the February 2007 invoices in the amount of \$810,721.26 be paid.
2. Recommend advertising for the adoption of the proposed Sign Ordinance, as revised, for Borough Signs. The proposed Ordinance will be a stand alone ordinance and will be removed from the Zoning Ordinance.
3. Recommend adopting Resolution 2007-2 that outlines projects the Borough is applying for in a 2007 Revitalization Grant application.
4. Recommend adopting Resolution 2007-3 in support of an application the Borough is submitting to CDBC (Community Development Block Grant) to secure funds for future sanitary sewer rehabilitation work.
5. Recommend advertising for adoption the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for 200 S. Main Street.

Discussion ensued. Mrs Baigis inquired as to a discrepancy in pre-paid bill tallies as presented in the Committee agenda and in the financial report. Mr. Wack responded after some time that he believed the discrepancy was due to hand-written checks that did not item ledger on the computer printout of computer-generated checks. He stated that he would respond to Council at the next Committee Meeting.

There was some discussion among Committee relative to details of the 2007 Revitalization Grant application and in reference to the Planning Commission recommendations for use of the property at 1-3 Reiffs Mill Road. Borough Engineer Jim Dougherty explained low/moderate income requirements as determined by the 2000 Census relative to the CDBG Block Grant process.

In other business the following was discussed:

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if the public had any comments or questions. Mr. Lou Silverblank of 348 Lindenwold Avenue asked where the Borough advertised its proposed ordinance changes citing the such posting must be in a publication "in general circulation in the municipality." Mr. Silverblank endorsed using the *Ambler Gazette*, which he believed would be the most widely read. Solicitor Bresnan responded that *The Times Herald* and *Philadelphia Inquirer* were also valid publications. Mr. Scott Miller of 84 S. Bethlehem Pike asked whether the County Planner had reviewed modifications to language in the proposed Sign Ordinance. It was stated he had.

Mr. Kenney commended the Public Works Department for their fine job in plowing and salting the Borough after the recent ice/snow storm.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if there were further comments or questions from the public. None received.

Mr. G. Pasceri moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Salary and Personnel Committee – Mr. Isabella, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members: Mr. Isabella, Mr. G. Pasceri and Mr. Orehek. Also present: Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Orehek and Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Solicitor Bresnan, Mr. Rocco Wack and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Mayor Wahl, Mr. George Pasceri.

The Salary and Personnel Committee report was given by Mr. Isabella.

The Committee made no recommendations and there was no further discussion.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if the public had any comments or questions. None received. There being no further questions, Mr. G. Pasceri moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked the public if there was further business to discuss or if there were further comments or questions. None received.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Safety Committee

The Committee recommends and Mr. Pugliese moves:

Adopting Resolution 2007-4 to impose temporary no parking signs. Seconded. Roll Call Vote: All Aye. Carried.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee will offer no recommendations.

Public Utilities Committee

The Committee recommends and Mr. Orehek moves:

Granting authority to have the plant engineer prepare the bid documents and specs for installing equipment necessary to meet the 2 mg/L Phosphorus limit by December 1, 2007. Seconded, carried.

Awarding the Water Main Replacement job on Bethlehem Pike (from Hagues Mill to Willow Avenue) to Perkiomen Valley Builders/Pedrick Excavation in the amount of \$84,435. Seconded, carried.

Finance and Planning Committee

The Committee recommends and Mr. Kenney moves:

Recommend payment of the February 2007 invoices in the amount of \$810,721.26. Seconded. Aye (7), Nay (1 – Mrs. Baigis). Carried.

Advertising for the adoption of the proposed Sign Ordinance, as revised, for Borough Signs. The proposed Ordinance will be a stand alone ordinance and will be removed from the Zoning Ordinance. Seconded. Aye (7), Nay (1 – Mrs. Baigis). Carried.

Adopting Resolution 2007-2 that outlines projects the Borough is applying for in a 2007 Revitalization Grant application. Roll Call Vote: All Aye. Carried.

Adopting Resolution 2007-3 in support of an application the Borough is submitting to CDBC (Community Development Block Grant) to secure funds for future sanitary sewer rehabilitation work. Roll Call Vote: All Aye. Carried.

Advertising for adoption the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for 200 S. Main Street. Seconded. Aye (7); Nay (1 - Mrs. Baigis). Carried.

Salary and Personnel Committee

The Committee will offer no recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, Mrs. O'Hara Pieri moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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For
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