

MINUTES

April 16, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held Monday, April 16, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. President Anita O'Hara Pieri presided.

Mr. John Pugliese 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, Mrs. Baigis and Mr. S. Pasceri. Mayor Wahl, Solicitor Bresnan and Mrs. Aversa also were present. Absent: Mr. Rocco Wack.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri moved that the March 19, 2007 Minutes, as amended, be approved. Mrs. Baigis objected that certain additions suggested were not included in the motion. Mrs. O'Hara Pieri cited the **Sunshine Act** and its specific reporting requirements for Minutes. **Minutes are to include: (1) date, time and place of meeting; (2) Council present; (3) the substance of actions of Council; (4) roll call votes; and (5) names of citizens who ask questions or make comments.** Mrs. O'Hara Pieri's motion to approve the Minutes was Seconded, (Vote: 8-Aye; 1-Nay (Mrs. Baigis)) and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee – Mr. Pugliese, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, April 2, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members: Mr. Pugliese, Mr. G. Pasceri and Mr. Isabella. Also present: Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Orehek and Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Mayor Wahl, Mr. Rocco Wack and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Solicitor Bresnan.

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

The Committee will recommend the following:

1. Recommend advertising for adoption of the Montgomery County Intermunicipal Recycling Ordinance and Agreement.

In other business the following was discussed:

Mr. Pugliese announced that street cleaning will begin April 2, 2007. He stated that ticketing of illegally parked vehicles in street cleaning zones would begin.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if there were questions from Council or the public. There being no questions it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Dooley, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, April 2, 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: Mayor Wahl, Mr. Rocco Wack and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Solicitor Bresnan.

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 Council or the public. EAC Member Jeremiah Couey of 318 Forest Avenue noted that 81 trees had been planted thanks to grant funding. He thanked Borough staff, Council and the over 300 volunteers who participated in the project. There being no questions it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Public Utilities Committee – Mr. Orehek, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, April 2, 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. G. Pasceri, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Isabella, Mr. S. Pasceri, Mr. Dooley and Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Mayor Wahl, Mr. Rocco Wack and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Solicitor Bresnan.

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

The Committee will recommend the following:

1. Recommend awarding the bid for the Rehabilitation of Wells No. 12 and 14 to low, responsive bidder Modern Pump & Equipment of Millersville, PA in the amount of \$25,542 for Well 12 and \$44,048 (to include pump) for Well 14.

In other business the following was discussed:

It was announced that system flushing of high pressure hydrants would begin April 30, 2007.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if there were questions from Council or the public. Mr. Pugliese asked for a clarification on bid amounts for Wells 12 and 14. There being no further questions it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Finance and Planning Committee - Mr. Kenney, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, April 2, 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: Mayor Wahl, Mr. Rocco Wack and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Solicitor Bresnan.

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

The Committee will recommend the following:

1. Recommend that the March 2007 invoices in the amount of \$971,930.04 be paid.
2. Recommend extending for two weeks the nomination period for appointment to the currently vacant alternate seat on the Zoning Hearing Board.
3. Recommend permitting outside dining on a trial basis at local restaurants on Butler Avenue, pending Borough Manager and Code Enforcement setting forth guidelines.
4. Recommend advertising that the Borough Finance and Planning Committee will hold workshops to prepare a 5-year plan on April 28, May 12 and May 19, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Baigis inquired as to specific invoices recommended for payment. Mrs. O'Hara Pieri encouraged Mrs. Baigis to review all detailed invoices prior to Council meetings so that staff could better respond to her inquiries. Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if there were further questions from Council or the public. As there were no further questions it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, (Vote: 8-Aye, 1-Nay (Mrs. Baigis)) and carried.

Salary and Personnel Committee – Mr. Isabella, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday, April 2, 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: Mayor Wahl, Mr. Rocco Wack and Mrs. Mary Aversa. Absent: Solicitor Bresnan.

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

The Committee will recommend the following:

1. Recommend accepting applications to fill three summer employment positions.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if there were questions from Council or the public. There being no questions it was moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri announced that the Zoning Hearing Board will consider a variance for the Caddick Construction stone crusher at meetings May 1st and 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Wahl announced that a Proclamation for Skip Wilson was being written pertaining to an upcoming dedication of the Temple Baseball Field.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked Council and 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:

Advertising for adoption of the Montgomery County Intermunicipal Recycling Ordinance and Agreement. Seconded. Vote: All Aye. Carried.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee will offer no recommendations.

Public Utilities Committee

The Committee recommends and Mr. Orehek moves:

Awarding the bid for the Rehabilitation of Wells No. 12 and 14 to low, responsive bidder Modern Pump & Equipment of Millersville, PA in the amount of \$25,542 for Well 12 and \$44,048 (to include pump) for Well 14. Seconded. Vote: All Aye. Carried.

Finance and Planning Committee

The Committee recommends and Mr. Kenney moves:

Payment of the March 2007 invoices in the amount of \$971,930.04. Seconded. Vote: 8-Aye, 1-Nay (Mrs. Baigis). Carried.

Granting extending for two weeks the nomination period for appointment to the currently vacant alternate seat on the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded. Vote: All Aye. Carried.

Permitting outside dining on a trial basis at local restaurants on Butler Avenue, pending Borough Manager and Code Enforcement setting forth guidelines. Seconded. Vote: All Aye. Carried.

Advertising that the Borough Finance and Planning Committee will hold workshops to prepare a 5-year plan on April 28, May 12 and May 19, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Seconded. Vote: All Aye. Carried.

Salary and Personnel Committee

The Committee recommends and Mr. Isabella moves:

Accepting applications to fill three summer employment positions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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For
George W. Benigno
Assistant Borough Secretary