

MINUTES

June 19, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held on Monday June 19, 2006 at 8 P.M. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. President Pieri presided.

Councilman Lou Orehek led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Roll Call – Present: Mrs. O’Hara Pieri, Mr. Pasceri, Mr. Orehek, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Isabella, Mrs. Baigis, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Taylor, Mayor Wahl, Mrs. Aversa and Borough Manager Wack. Absent: Mr. Kenney, Solicitor Bresna n.

Representatives from Larson Allen, the Borough’s independent auditor, presented the 2005 audit. They found all accounts in order and meeting the new 2004 GASBE 34 and SAS103 new municipal audit requirements.

Mr. Pasceri moved the May 17, 2006 Minutes be approved. Seconded, carried.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee - Mr. Pugliese, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday June 5, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members present: Mr. Pugliese, Mr. G. Pasceri and Mr. Isabella. Also present: Mrs. O’Hara Pieri, Mr. Orehek, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Baigis and Mayor Wahl. Also present: Mr. Rocco Wack, Mrs. Mary Aversa and Solicitor Mr. Bresnan.

The Committee will recommend the following:

1. Appointing Jeremiah Couey to the EAC Committee.

In other business the following was discussed.

1. Police Department Report for May 2006 reviewed.
2. Public Works and Code Enforcement reports for May 2006 reviewed.
3. All residents with sidewalk or curb damage is requested to make repairs.
4. Borough residents required to maintain their property and keep grass under 6 inches in length. Grass clippings not permitted to be placed in the street.
5. A Greenwood Avenue resident inquired about sidewalk repairs needed on Poplar Street.

6. The number of false alarms identified during the presentation from the Wissahickon Fire Company is being investigated.

Sue Rorer, 340 Tennis Avenue, asked why no First Ward Councilmember is on the Public Safety Committee. Mrs. O'Hara Pieri stated all Councilmembers can express concerns to Council regarding public safety matters. Sue Rorer stated she felt some blocks of sidewalk need not be replaced. Mr. Pugliese replied the sidewalks were inspected four times over the last 18 months. Now is a very late time to challenge the order. Why is no one from Ward 1 on the Public Safety Committee?

Mr. Richard Montella, 326 Tennis Avenue, stated he wanted to be sure his curb and sidewalk are rebuilt properly. He feels he did not receive an adequate answer from Borough staff. He was advised the bidder had to meet Borough specifications. He can stop at Borough Hall and review the bid specifications that must be met.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Dooley, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday June 5, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members present: Mr. Dooley, Mr. G. Pasceri and Mr. Isabella. Also present: Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. Orehek, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Baigis and Mayor Wahl. Also present: Mr. Rocco Wack, Mrs. Mary Aversa and Mr. J. Bresnan, Solicitor.

No recommendations.

In other business the following was discussed.

1. The YMCA Camp will start June 19, 2006. The tent was installed on June 17, 2006.
2. The Pen Ambler Park dedication was held on May 20, 2006. The event was well received. The Borough wishes to thank Ambler Acme and Ambler Coffee Company for their donations in support of the park dedication.
3. Borough staff and officials met on June 15, 2006 with Lower Gwynedd officials and state representatives to discuss traffic concerns on Pen Ambler Road at Pen Ambler Park.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked that corrections to the batting cage at Knights Field be added to the Agenda.

Mrs. Baigis asked about the traffic concerns at Penn Ambler Road crossing to the new Penn Ambler Park.

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

Public Utilities Committee – Mr. Orehek, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday June 5, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members present: Mr. Orehek, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. O'Hara Pieri. Also present: Mr. G. Pasceri, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Isabella, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Baigis and Mayor Wahl. Also present: Mr. Rocco Wack Mrs. Mary Aversa and Mr. J. Bresnan, Solicitor.

The Committee will recommend the following:

1. The Borough has advertised for bids for the Schiavone Main Replacement project. A recommendation will be made at Council Meeting.
2. Price quotes have been received for purchasing new pump impellers for the three pumps in EPS-3. Staff recommends awarding the impeller order to Potter & Parsons, Inc. at a cost of \$6,362.00 each. (\$19,096 total).
3. Authority is requested to have the plant engineer begin the design and advertisement for the replacement of the power and phase sensing device in the switch gear. The plant needs a sensing device capable of not only detecting phase and voltage but phase angle and other aspects in order to protect the VFD's. Estimated cost for equipment not to exceed \$40,000.
4. EPA is in the process of revising the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) on the Wissahickon Stream. If and when the revision takes place, the plant will have an effluent Phosphorous limit of 0.27 mg/L not the 2.0 mg/L limit as stated in the NPDES Permit. Capital cost to achieve the new limit is estimated between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 million dollars. In an effort to stave off the proposed limit, the plant desires to join a coalition comprised of other treatment plants as was done with copper issue over eight years ago.
5. Authorization is requested to prepare and advertise the bid for the water main replacement on Ambler Road between Ellerslie Avenue and Orchard Lane. The length is approximately 950 ft. We will also connect this main to the 6 inch water main on Bethlehem Pike and Orchard Lane which we purchased from Aqua American.

In other business the following was discussed.

1. The AWWTP Supervisor's report and the Engineer's report for May 2006 were reviewed.
2. The bid was awarded to Carr & Duff, Inc. to replace the conductors from the switch gear to B-2 (DAF Building) alternate breaker for a cost of \$53,000.00.

3. EE&MA, Inc. has compiled the information and prepared the draft report for the evaluation of belt filter press rehabilitation. A recommendation to the Committee will be presented in July.
4. The plant engineer submitted an update corrective action plan (CAP) connection management plan (CMP) to DEP as required from a meeting on March 7th. Piping and other equipment required to implement the items contained in the update will be done once DEP approves the updated flow plan.
5. A purchase order has been sent to Motion Industries, Inc. for supplying non-metallic components for ET-13 Secondary Clarifier.

Mr. Orehek advised there would be no recommendation on the Schiavone Lane Water Main Replacement due to the high bids received.

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

Finance and Planning Committee – Mr. Taylor, Acting Chairman

The Committee met on Monday June 5, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members present: Mr. Kenney, Mr. Pasceri, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Taylor. Also present: Mr. J. Pugliese, Mrs. O’Hara Pieri, Mr. Orehek, Mr. Isabella, Mrs. Baigis and Mayor Wahl. Also present: Mr. Rocco Wack, Mrs. Mary Aversa and Mr. J. Bresnan, Solicitor.

A brief overview was made by Larson Allen on the 2005 Audit.

The Committee will recommend the following:

1. That the May 2006 invoices be paid as follows:

Fund	Expense
General	\$ 196,215.94
Street Lights	\$ 647.19
Fire	00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 3,935.16
Water	\$ 82,434.92
Sewer	\$ 9,869.36
WWTP	\$ 86,772.31
Rail Corridor	00
Road Overlay	\$ 256.14
Debt Fund	00
Water Capital	\$ 4,100.30
Liquid Fuels	\$ 633.70
Pre-Paid Bills	<u>\$ 96,037.71</u>
Total	\$ 470,902.73

2. Authorization requested to adopt Resolution 2006-7 to voice an objection to our Legislators and Congress on the current legislation that would eliminate municipal franchising authority.
3. The Department of Community and Economic Development is proposing changes to the current process of collecting the Earned Income Tax. The proposed method will not take into consideration the needs of the Borough. The Borough supports maintaining the current method as explained in Tax Collection Resolution 2006-8.
4. A public hearing with respect to the new franchise agreement with Comcast is required. We have to formally invite public input before we finalize agreement. The Borough is not making a presentation, we just inform the public we are inviting their input in the process.
5. The Borough has advertised for bidding the 2006 road resurfacing project. A recommendation will be made at the Council Meeting.
6. It is recommended to advertise Ordinance 1001 to formally adopt Daniel Drive as a Borough Public Roadway.

In other business the following was discussed.

1. The Main Street Manager's May report was reviewed.
2. The Borough Engineer's May 200 report was reviewed.
3. Resumes and names are being accepted for the vacant Zoning Hearing Board seat.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri will receive nominations to fill vacancy of a Zoning Board alternate. Mr. Dooley nominated Anne Brnick. Seconded. Mrs. Baigis nominated Scott Miller. Seconded. Upon a poll of Council: Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. Pasceri, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Isabella and Mr. Dooley voted for Anne Brnick and Mrs. Baigis, Mr. Orehek, Mr. Taylor voted for Miller. Mrs. Anne Brnick will be Zoning Hearing Board Alternate.

Mrs. Dougherty asked questions on the Earned Income Tax collections.

Mrs. Dougherty advised of the Victorian Tea Party being held at Artman Home.

Mrs. Baigis asked how many more years remain on the Comcast Franchise. She was advised until 2007.

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

Salary and Personnel Committee – Mr. Isabella, Chairman

The Committee met on Monday June 5, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Committee members present: Mr. Isabella, Mr. Pasceri and Mr. Orehek. Also present: Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. O'Hara Pieri, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Baigis and Mayor Wahl. Also present: Mr. Rocco Wack, Mrs. Mary Aversa and Mr. J. Bresnan, Solicitor.

No recommendations.

In other business the following was discussed.

1. The monthly Employee Safety Committee Minutes for May 2006 were distributed.
2. The Civil Service exam was given on May 20, 2006 at the Montgomery County Fire Academy. Fourteen applicants successfully passed the written portion of the process.
3. An Executive Session is needed.
4. The part time summer positions have been filled by Kellen Anderson and Jeffrey Russell.

The Committee held an Executive Session. They advised they will have a recommendation. Mr. G. Pasceri moved the report be accepted and filed. Seconded, carried.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if the public had any items under Old Business or New Business to discuss. There were no public comments.

Recommendations

Public Safety Committee

The Committee recommends and Mr. Pugliese moves:

that Jeremiah Couey be appointed to the EAC Committee. Seconded, carried.

Parks and Recreation Committee

No recommendations.

Public Utilities Committee

The Committee recommends and Mr. Orehek moves:

that the Bid for approximately 950 ft. of water main to be replaced on Ambler Road between Ellerslie and Orchard Lane be prepared and advertised. Seconded, carried.

that authorization be given for the AWWTP to join a coalition comprised of other treatment plants in effort to stave off the proposed limit which EPA is in the process of revising the Total Maximum Daily Load (TDML). Seconded, carried.

that authority be given to have the plant engineer begin the design and advertisement for the replacement of the power and phase sensing device in the switch gear at an estimated cost of \$40,000. Seconded, carried.

that Potter and Parsons, Inc. be awarded the purchase of new pump impellers for the three pumps in EPS-3 as recommended by staff from price quotes received. Cost is \$6,362.00 each. (\$19,0086.00 total). Seconded, carried.

Finance and Planning Committee

The Committee recommends and Mr. Taylor moves:

that the May invoices be paid in the amount of \$470,902.73. Seconded, carried – 7 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 Absent. Mrs. Baigis – Nay.

that authorization be granted to adopt Resolution 2007, to voice an objection to our legislators and Congress on the current legislation that would eliminate municipal franchising authority. Seconded and upon a poll of Council unanimously adopted. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

that authorization be granted to adopt Resolution 2006-8, opposing the Department of Community and Economic Development proposed changes to the current process of collecting the Earned Income Tax. Seconded and upon a poll of Council unanimously adopted. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

that a public meeting be held with respect to the new franchise agreement with Comcast. Seconded, carried.

that the 2006 Road Program Bid be awarded to GoreCon, Inc. for \$106,349.00. Seconded, carried.

that Ordinance 1001 to formally adopt Daniel Drive as a Borough Public Roadway be advertised. Seconded, carried.

Salary and Personnel Committee

The Committee recommends and Mr. Isabella moves:

that Salvatore Pasceri be appointed to the Police Department. Seconded, carried. 7 Ayes, 1 Nay – Mrs. Baigis, 1 absent.

The July work session will be Wednesday July 5, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.

The Public Hearing for Comcast will be August 7, 2006 at 7 P.M.

Mr. Isabella asked Mrs. Baigis why she did not vote to approve the payment of invoices. Mrs. Baigis stated she has tried to meet with Director of Finance to review invoices but was unable to obtain a time. Mr. Isabella asked her to site some invoices which she did. Mr. Isabella asked why she voted no every month. Mrs. Baigis stated it was only this month and it was an issue of trust.

Mr. Wack stated he felt the use of trust was poor. The outside auditors stated the records are in order.

Mr. Pugliese moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Benigno
Assistant Secretary

