

MINUTES

July 17, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of Ambler Borough Council was held on Monday July 17, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. President Anita O'Hara Pieri presided.

Mr. Taylor led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

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

A special presentation on the 150th Anniversary of the Camp Hill train wreck was presented. It is this accident and the help rendered by Mary Ambler that the Reading Railroad renamed the train station Ambler. Various citizens read the names of those who died in the accident. Monsignor McHenry, St. Anthony's, offered a prayer. Jerry Burns from St. Michael's parish provided information on the people involved. A moment of silence was observed.

Mrs. Baigis made the following corrections to the June 19, 2006 Minutes. Page 3, 6" not 6', modify page 5, #3 that on the Zoning Hearing Board alternates, Miss Brnich was cited by name and that Mr. Miller was presented by resume. Mr Miller an applicant did not submit a resume but was known by Mr. Dooley and had expressed interest in this position.

Mr. Pasceri moved the June 19, 2006 Minutes be approved with additional information. Seconded, carried.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee – Mr. Pugliese, Chairman

The Committee met on Wednesday July 5, 2006 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. Orehek, Mr. Kenney, Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Mr. Rocco Wack, Mrs. Mary Aversa and Solicitor Mr. Joseph Bresnan. Absent: Mr. Richard Taylor, Mr. Paul Dooley and Mayor Wahl.

The Committee will make no recommendations at this time.

In other business the following was discussed.

1. The Police Department report for June was reviewed.

2. The Public Works and Code Enforcement reports for June 2006 were reviewed.
3. Borough residents are required to maintain their property and keep grass under 6 inches in length. Grass clippings are not permitted to be placed in the street.
4. Any resident who has damage to their sidewalk or curbs is requested to make repairs.

Mrs. Baigis asked questions about the Police Report and Parking Violations. She asked if the new parking meters are in. Mr. Wack advised they are in and we must wait for the State Inspector for Weights and Measures to certify the meters before they can be installed.

Mr. Sal Bocutti asked if it would make any sense to inform the public that we have free parking at present.

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

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Dooley, Chairman

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

The Committee will make no recommendations at this time.

In other business the following was discussed.

1. A permanent fix to the Knights Park fencing is under review.
2. A request for swings at Ricciardi Park is being considered.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if the public had any questions. No questions received.

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

Public Utilities Committee – Mr. Orehek, Chairman

The Committee met on Wednesday July 5, 2006 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, Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Mr. Rocco Wack, Mrs. Mary Aversa and Mr. Joseph Bresnan, Solicitor. Absent Mr. Richard Taylor, Mr. Paul Dooley and Mayor Wahl.

The Committee will recommend the following:

1. Authorization requested to replace the Rotorq Actuator at a cost of \$4,197.00 plus shipping. Mr. Orehek advised upon further inspection two more Rotorq Actuators are needed. Will add cost to recommendation.

In other business the following was discussed.

1. The WWTP Supervisor's report and Engineer's report for June 2006 were reviewed.
2. The notice to proceed was issued by the plant engineer for the bid awarded to Carr & Duff, Inc. to replace the conductors from the switchgear 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. Staff has reviewed the report and changes are being incorporated. EE&MA has submitted the report. A recommendation to the Committee will be presented in August.
4. The Plant Engineer submitted and updated flow plan 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 issued to Potter & Parsons, Inc. for EPS-3 Pump Impellers at a cost of \$6,362.00 each (\$19,096.00 total). Delivery is 10 to 12 weeks after receipt of order.
6. The plant engineer has begun the design and advertisement for the replacement of the power and phase sensing device in the switchgear. Advertisement in August with award in September.
7. Ambler WWTP will be joining a coalition comprised of other treatment plants in an effort to stave off the proposed limit for Phosphorous. Total based on EPA revising the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) on the Wissahickon Stream.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if the public had any questions. No questions received.

Mr. 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, and Mr. Pasceri Also present: Mr. J. Pugliese, Mrs. O’Hara Pieri, Mr. Orehek, Mr. Isabella, Mrs. Baigis. Also present: Mr. Rocco Wack, Mrs. Mary Aversa and Mr. Joseph Bresnan, Solicitor. Absent: Mr. Richard Taylor, Mr. Paul Dooley and Mayor Wahl.

The Committee will recommend the following:

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>June</u>
General	\$ 154,952.03
Street Lights	\$ 1,237.19
Fire	\$ 5,284.30
Parks and Recreation	\$ 3,123.76
Water	\$ 88,664.89
Sewer	\$ 108,610.76
WWTP	\$ 177,027.04
Rail Corridor	\$ 0.00
Road Overlay	\$ 1,107.26
Debt Fund	\$ 0.00
Water Capital	\$ 0.00
Liquid Fuels	\$ 0.00
Pre-paid Bills	\$ 153,430.42
Total	\$ 693,437.65

2. Recommend adopting Ordinance 1001 to formally adopt Daniel Drive as a Borough public roadway.
3. Authorize request to have the Solicitor start the appeal process on the Zoning decision for 231 N. Spring Garden Street.
4. Wissahickon School District submitted request for a commitment from the Borough in the amount of \$7,000.00 for a software program called CastNET was discussed. Council agreed to consider the school district’s request during the budget process for the 2007 budget year.
5. Recommend joining other participating municipalities in ratifying the tentative Verizon agreement.

6. Recommend authorizing the Borough Planning Commission to research the following:
 - a. Updating the Flag Lot Ordinance
 - b. Review the overlapping of allowed uses in the Commercial and Industrial Districts
 - c. Review the Business District's allowable uses on the first floor of buildings and consider removing offices and professional services from the list of allowable uses.

In other business the following was discussed.

1. The Main Street Manager's June 2006 report was reviewed.
2. The Borough Engineer's June 2006 report was reviewed.
3. A public hearing with respect to the new franchise agreement with Comcast will be held at 7:30 P.M. on July 17, 2006 to formally invite public input before we finalize the agreement.
4. Ambler Savings Bank invited Borough Council and the Planning Commission to stop by the bank on July 13, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. to see the proposed sign.
5. A request for a dedication to acknowledge the Ambler Train Wreck that occurred 150 years ago was discussed. More information will be submitted.

Mr. Taylor suggested that we will vote on Item 6 Recommendations individually.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked the public if they had any questions or comments.

Mr. Siergiej, 140 E. Butler Avenue, stated that #6, item c was a waste of the Planning Commission and Council's time.

Mrs. Baigis asked Mr. Bresnan about the Verizon and Comcast Agreements for cable services. Mr. Bresnan replied that an E-mail with informative points was sent to Council Members. This is a tentative agreement and not the final acceptance. We need to give guidance to the consortium negotiator.

Mrs. Baigis voiced the following questions on the June invoices:

School District Parcel. regarding June invoices, Mrs. Baigis stated she had questioned a check made payable to "Betty Lou Yost" as the warrant document did not detail that the check was for Lower Gwynedd real estate taxes on Water Department property.

This is a real estate tax bill on Water Dept. property in Whitmarsh Township.

Gilmore T-21. This is on the W. Butler Avenue bridge.
Sears Ice Maker. The old one in the Borough Hall kept breaking down and was becoming too expensive to repair.

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

Salary and Personnel Committee - Mr. Isabella, Chairman

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

The Committee recommends the following:

1. Recommend the hiring of Elizabeth Russell to the new Administrative Position in the Water Department, as a result of an administrative change by Mrs. Casalnuovo.

In other business the following was discussed.

1. The monthly Employee Safety Committee Minutes for June 2006 were distributed.

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if there were any questions from the public.

Mrs. Baigis asked if we are going to vote to hire the new Administrative Position. Yes, we are going to vote.

Mrs. Dougherty asked if this is a new position. She was advised it is.

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

Mrs. O'Hara Pieri asked if the public has any questions on old or new business. None received.

Recommendations July 17, 2006

Public Safety Committee

None

Parks and Recreation Committee

None

Public Utilities Committee

The Committee recommends and Mr. Orehek moves:

that authorization be requested to replace 3 Rotorq Actuators at a cost of \$4,197.00 plus shipping for each actuator. Seconded, carried.

Finance and Planning Committee

The Committee recommends and Mr. Taylor moves:

that the June 2006 invoices be paid in the amount of \$693,437.65. Seconded, carried 1 Nay – Mrs. Baigis..

that authorization be requested to have the Solicitor start the appeal process on the Zoning Decision for 231 N. Spring Garden Street. Seconded, carried.

that Ordinance 1001 to formally adopt Daniel Drive as a Borough public road be adopted and upon a poll of Council adopted 8 Ayes, 1 Absent.

that consideration of the school district request for \$7,000.00 for CastNET software be considered during the budget process for 2007 Budget year. Seconded, carried.

that we join other participating municipalities in ratifying the tentative Verizon Agreement. Seconded, carried.

that the Borough Planning Commission be authorized to research the following:

1. Updating the Flag Lot Ordinance as to frontage and parallel front lot line. Seconded, carried.
2. Review the overlapping of allowable uses in the Commercial and Industrial Districts. Seconded, carried.
3. Review the Business District's allowable uses on the first floor of buildings and consider removing offices and professional services from the list of allowable uses. Seconded, defeated. 5 Nays, 3 Ayes. Voting Aye: Mrs. Baigis, Mr. Orehek, Mrs. O'hara Pieri.

Salary and Personnel Committee

The Committee recommends and Mr. Isabella moves:

that Elizabeth Russell be hired to the new Administrative Position in the Water Department. Seconded, carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Benigno
Assistant Borough Secretary