BOROUGH OF AMBLER
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

September 19, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Minutes for Consideration:
August 15, **2023**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
FINANCE & PLANNING
PUBLIC SAFETY
PUBLIC UTILITIES
PARKS & RECREATION
SALARY & PERSONNEL

Finance & Planning Committee

The Committee meeting was held on September 5, at 7:00pm, Mayor Sorg, Ms. Auerbach, Ms. Sheedy and Ms. McKenna and Chief Borkowski were absent. Committee Members: Nellie Forst – Chair, Karen Sheedy, Lisa Auerbach, Nancy Roecker Coates.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations:

1. That the August 2023 bills be paid in the amount of $ **533,034.37**

#	Fund	AUG 1st Run	AUG 2nd Run	AUG 3rd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	$6,607.05	$ 81,018.57	$ 39,560.83	$127,186.45
2	STREET LGTS		$3,513.99	$0.00	$3,513.99
3	FIRE		$ -	$ -	$0.00
4	REFUSE	$6,183.96	$46,959.75	$2,041.58	$55,185.29
5	PARKS & REC	$11,495.00	$808.34	$3,435.72	$15,739.06
6	WATER	$7,527.20	$80,029.65	$36,084.48	$123,641.33
8	SEWER	$3,062.14	$9,947.04	$1,379.80	$14,388.98
9	WWTP	$79,207.70	$51,937.24	$57,543.78	$188,688.72
35	LIQUID FUELS	$428.58	$ -	$ 27.97	$456.55
30	WATER CAPITAL		$ 4,234.00	$ -	$4,234.00
	TOTALS	$114,511.63	$278,448.58	$140,074.16	$533,034.37
	VOID CHECKS				$0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	$ 114,511.63	$ 278,448.58	$140,074.16	$ 533,034.37

2. Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO) for 2024 for Borough Municipal Employees' (Defined Benefit & Defined Contribution) and Police Pension Plans are **attached.**
   - **Resolution 2023- 8** Defined Contribution Pension Plan for the Benefit of Municipal Employees Hired after 1/1/14
   - **Resolution 2023-9** Defined Benefit Pension Plan for the Benefit of Municipal Employees Hired Prior to 1/1/14
   - **Resolution 2023-10** Pension Plan for the Benefit of the Borough's Police Employees

3. A presentation will be made this evening for the 162 E. Park Avenue & 215 Mattison Avenue subdivision proposing a lot line adjustment between the two parcels. Borough Engineer, Borough Planning Commission, and Montgomery County Planning Commission reviews **attached**. Plans were provided.

The following business will be discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.

2. **Attached** is the Zoning Hearing Board notice for 259 E. Butler Avenue.

3. An update was provided from Joe Duda, Borough Actuarial and Scott Repke of Alliance Bernstein.

4. The Borough Engineer has requested the Borough Planning Commission to explore possibly amending the Zoning Ordinance lighting criteria to the current IENA standards. The current Zoning Ordinance language reflects the 2008 IENA standards.

Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. Ordinance 1135 creating a residential inspection program for resale was approved. 6 -Aye

2. Resolution 2023-5 naming Berkheimer the exclusive tax officer for the Business Privilege Tax (BPT) for Ambler Borough was approved. 6-Aye .

3. Resolution 2023-6 appointing Albert Yaghooty as the liaison in the BPT collection and sharing confidential information for official tax purposes was approved 6-Aye.

4. Resolution 2023-7 appointing Berkheimer as the Tax Hearing Officer pursuant to the local Tax Payer Bill of Rights for the express purpose of adjudicating appeals was approved 6-Aye.

Recommendations

1. That the August 2023 bills be paid in the amount of **$533,034.37.**

2. **Resolution 2023- 8** Defined Contribution Pension Plan for the Benefit of Municipal Employees Hired after 1/1/14.

3. **Resolution 2023-9** Defined Benefit Pension Plan for the Benefit of Municipal Employees Hired Prior to 1/1/14.

4. **Resolution 2023-10** Pension Plan for the Benefit of the Borough's Police Employees.

5. A subdivision lot line adjustment is requested for the 162 E. Park Avenue & 215 Mattison Avenue parcels.

Public Safety Committee

The Committee meeting was held on September 5, at 7:00pm, Mayor Sorg, Ms. Auerbach, Ms. Sheedy and Ms. McKenna and Chief Borkowski were absent.
Committee members: Jennifer Henderson – Chair, Nancy Roecker Coates, Erin McKenna Endicott, and Amy Hughes.

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business was 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 Ambler Borough Police Department has received a shipment of steering wheel locks for vehicles. This is due to the increase in vehicle thefts. If you are a borough resident and would like one, please come to the police station.

Public Utilities Committee

The Committee meeting was held on September 5, at 7:00pm; Mayor Sorg, Ms. Auerbach, Ms. Sheedy and Ms. McKenna and Chief Borkowski were absent. Committee Members: Haley Welch-Chair, Erin McKenna Endicott, Amy Hughes, and Karen Sheedy.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. A recommendation is requested to approve the New Cingular Wireless Lease Amendment for Houston Road. **attached**

The following business was discussed:

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was received

2. System flushing has begun; locations are posted on the Borough Website.

Recommendations

1. A recommendation is requested to approve the New Cingular Wireless Lease Amendment for Houston Road.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee meeting was held on September 5, at 7:00pm; Mayor Sorg, Ms. Auerbach, Ms. Sheedy and Ms. McKenna and Chief Borkowski were absent. Committee Members: Erin McKenna Endicott-Chair, Jen Henderson, Haley Welch, and Lisa Auerbach.

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business was discussed:

1. Ambler Community Clean UP-World Clean Up day was held September16, thank you to all that participated.

Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee meeting was held on September 5, at 7:00pm; Mayor Sorg, Ms. Auerbach, Ms. Sheedy and Ms. McKenna and Chief Borkowski were absent. Committee Members: Karen Sheedy – Chair. Haley Welch, Nellie Forst, and Jen Henderson.

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business will be discussed:

1. Timothy Donovan has accepted the offer for Assistant Waste Water Superintendent.
2. An Executive session was held this evening.
3. Resumes are being accepted for the Water and Waste Water vacancies.

Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. An executive session was held, and an offer of employment was requested. 6-Aye