BOROUGH OF AMBLER
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

March 19, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Minutes for Consideration:
February 20, 2024

Presentation:
Montgomery County and Wissahickon Trails

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & PLANNING
PUBLIC SAFETY
PUBLIC UTILITIES
PARKS & RECREATION
SALARY & PERSONNEL

Finance & Planning Committee

The Committee meeting was held on March 5, at 7:00pm; Committee Members: Haley Welch – Chair, Karen Sheedy, Lisa Auerbach , Elizabeth Iovine.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. That the February bills be paid in the amount of $**1,336,961.71**.

BOROUGH OF AMBLER FEBRUARY 2024 PAYABLES PROCESSED AND RELEASED		
FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
1	GENERAL	210,737.78
2	STREET LIGHTS	5,554.82
3	FIRE	-
4	REFUSE	63,316.36
5	PARKS & RECREATION	9,408.27
6	WATER	313,651.27
8	SEWER	267,954.11
9	WWTP	441,007.39
35	LIQUID FUELS	25,331.71
30	WATER CAPITAL	-
TOTAL		1,336,961.71

2. A request was received for a license transfer from Carrett LLC d/b/a Cantina Feliz in Fort Washington to 109-115 East Butler Avenue. A Public Hearing will be held this evening to consider adoption of Resolution 2024-3. **(attached)**

3. Authorization is requested to send zoning suggestions from the Montgomery Couty Planning Commission to the Planning Commission to revise the Trans Oriented Development Ordinance to include additional Uses, Aesthetics and Architectural Elements. **(attached)**

The following business will be discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.

2. Drew Shaw and Erin Landis of the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership will make a presentation and discuss the Water Quality Improvement Plan and a proposed Resolution being approved by the partnering Municipalities. **(attached)**

3. A list providing updates on current projects was received. **(attached)**

4. A updated summary was provided for the RF 100 project. **(attached)**

Recommendation:

1. Recommend that the February bills be paid in the amount of $1,336,961.71.

2. A request was received to adopt Resolution 2024-3 for a license transfer from Carrett LLC d/b/a Cantina Feliz in Fort Washington to 109-115 East Butler Avenue.

3. Authorization is requested to send zoning suggestions from the Montgomery Couty Planning Commission to the Planning Commission to revise the Trans Oriented Development Ordinance to include additional Uses, Aesthetics and Architectural Elements.

Public Safety Committee

The Committee meeting was held on March 5, at 7:00pm; Committee members: Amy Hughes – Chair, Jen Henderson, Nancy Roecker Coates and Lou Orehek.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Recommend the Solicitor prepare a Resolution to offer a stipend for gas and vehicle reimbursement for the Fire Company members that meet certain criteria. The amount will be $500. for 2023 and $1,000 for future years.

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. A memo was received from the solicitor providing details on the current gaming machine laws.

Recommendation:

1. Recommend the Solicitor prepare a Resolution to offer a stipend for gas and vehicle reimbursement for the Fire Company members that meet the requirements.

Public Utilities Committee

The Committee meeting was held on March 5, at 7:00pm; Committee Members: Karen Sheedy - Chair, Haley Welch , Amy Hughes and Lou Orehek.

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business was discussed:

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was received

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee meeting was held on March 5, at 7:00pm; Committee Members: Jen Henderson - Chair, Haley Welch, Lisa Auerbach and Nancy Roecker-Coates.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. **Attached** is Resolution 2024-2 suspending the open container ordinance in Ambler for the Arts and Music Festival and Oktoberfest.

2. An Ordinance permitting Dogs in Ricciardi Park is **attached**, a motion to advertise for adoption is requested.

The following business was discussed:

1. The details of the No Mow May program for 2024 will be posted on the website.

2. The plastic ban Ordinance has a date of March 1, whereas establishments are prohibited from providing Styrofoam food service products either directly at the establishment or through delivery. **(attached)**

Recommendation:

1. Recommend adopting Resolution 2024-2 suspending the open container ordinance in Ambler for the Arts and Music Festival and Oktoberfest

2. A recommendation is requested to adopt an Ordinance permitting Dogs in Ricciardi Park.

Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee meeting was held on March 5, at 7:00pm; Committee Members: Lisa Auerbach – Chair, Jen Henderson, Karen Sheedy and Elizabeth Iovine.

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Resumes were accepted for the Planning Comission vacancy. **(attached)**

The following business was discussed:

1. Resumes are being accepted for the assistant Highway Superintendant position.

2. An offer of employment was made for the vacant WWTP Mechanic position.

3. Resumes are being accepted for the vacant Assistant Water Superintendent position.

4. The current Committee Vacancies are as follows:

   Zoning Hering Board 1- Seat (Alternate)
   Civil Service -1 Seat (Alternate)
   Appeals Board - 1Seat

Recommendation:

1. Resumes were accepted for the Planning Comission vacancy, a recommendation is expected.