BOROUGH OF AMBLER
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

October 15, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Minutes for Consideration:
September 17, 2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

An executive session is scheduled for 5:30

Finance & Planning Committee

The Committee meeting was held on October 1, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: – Elizabeth Iovine - Chair, Karen Sheedy, Lisa Auerbach . Absent - Elizabeth Iovine and Amy Huges.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. That the September bills be paid in the amount of $**1,590,841.69.**

#	Fund	Sept 1st Run	Sept 2nd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	$540,657.66	$ 158,923.37	$699,581.03
2	STREET LGTS		$3,909.53	$3,909.53
3	FIRE	$48,702.95		$48,702.95
4	REFUSE	$50,620.14	$9,663.61	$60,283.75
5	PARKS & REC	$952.53	$3,923.15	$4,875.68
6	WATER	$124,383.96	$274,103.11	$398,487.07
8	SEWER	$13,010.60	$18,935.82	$31,946.42
9	WWTP	$133,376.07	$208,496.67	$341,872.74
35	LIQUID FUELS	$1,182.52		$1,182.52
30	WATER CAPITAL			$0.00
	TOTALS	$912,886.43	$677,955.26	$1,590,841.69
	VOID CHECKS			$0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	$912,886.43	$ 677,955.26	$1,590,841.69

2. The Planning Commission request's permission to explore incorporating revisions similar to the recent Transit Oriented Development Ordinance in the Downtown Commercial and Commercial districts including aesthetics, architectural elements, and reduction of maximum height in Downtown Commercial and Commercial Zoning Districts. **(attached)**

The following business will be discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.

2. Joe Duda and Scott Repke from Bernstein will be at the November 6, meeting to discuss the Borough Pension plans.

3. The plans for the 2025 Farmers' Market Management were discussed.

4. Municipal Opportunities for Retrofits and Energy Efficiency (MORE) Program - The Borough is applying for grant assistance to cover costs for facility-level energy management for municipal operations including but not limited to Borough Hall and Borough Sewer Plant. This funding would cover costs associated with a SSHRAE level 2 energy audit as well as possible assistance for scoping and design of energy conservation measure.

Recommendations:

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Public Safety Committee

The Committee meeting was held on October 1, at 7:00pm. Committee members: Amy Hughes – Chair, Jen Henderson, Nancy Roecker Coates and Lou Orehek. Absent - Elizabeth Iovine and Amy Huges.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. Recommend adoption of Ordinance #1142 Ordinance regulating the feeding of Feral Cats.

4. Attached is a letter from the Votta Family asking for a dedication "Street Name" sign be considered for Lindenwold Avenue.

The following business will be 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 Butler Avenue Traffic Study is complete, the Police department is reviewing the next steps.

6. A meeting was held with residents on October 13th at Borough Hall to discuss issues at Knight's Park.

7. The Annual Octoberfest was a successful event, thank you to staff and all who volunteer to make the events happen.

Approved at The Committee Meeting

1. The recommendation to approve the advertisement of the Ordinance was approved at the Committee meeting 7-Aye.

Recommendations:

1. Recommend adoption of Ordinance #1142 Ordinance regulating the feeding of Feral Cats.

2. A recommendation is requested to approve the Votta Family request for a dedication "Street Name" sign for Lindenwold Avenue. This request will be for a set term.

Public Utilities Committee

The Committee meeting was held on October 1, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: Karen Sheedy - Chair, Amy Hughes Lou Orehek and David Hui. Absent - Elizabeth Iovine and Amy Huges.

The Committee will make no recommendation.

The following business will be discussed:

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was received.

2. The Ambler WWTP is requesting quotes for the supply and installation of VFDs (Variable Frequency Drives) for ALL 5 blowers as part of the digester conversions.

3. System flushing is underway, locations will be posted on the Borough Website.

Approved at The Committee Meeting

1. A recommendation was granted to approve the updated lease with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC at 634 Houston Road amendment. 7-Aye

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee meeting was held on October 1, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: Jen Henderson - Chair, Lisa Auerbach, Nancy Roecker-Coates and David Hui. Absent - Elizabeth Iovine and Amy Huges.

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business will be discussed:

1. The Lawn Maintenance contract expires at the end of the year. A new Bid document is being prepared.

Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee meeting was held on October 1, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: Lisa Auerbach – Chair, Jen Henderson, Karen Sheedy and Elizabeth Iovine. Absent - Elizabeth Iovine and Amy Huges.

The Committee will consider the following recommendations.

1. A recommendation is requested to hire Christopher Cracknel for the Water Operator 1 vacancy.
2. A recommendation is requested to offer employment for the Water Operator 1 vacancy to the candidate discussed in executive session

The following business will be discussed:

1. An executive session was held at the Committee meeting on a personnel matter. An Executive session is scheuled for 5:30 this evening for a personnel matter.

Approved at The Committee Meeting

1. Resolution 2024-13 recognizing Sal Boccuti for his service to the Borough was approved 7-Aye.
2. Recommend appointing Nicholas C. Steiner to the position of interim finance director.7-Aye

Recommendations

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