BOROUGH OF AMBLER
COMMITTEE MEETING

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

November 6, 2024

7:00PM

Finance and Planning Committee
November 6, 2024
Elizabeth Iovine - Chair
Karen Sheedy

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**
   The Borough Engineer's report is **attached.**

2. **LOAN AUTHORIZATION**
   Authorization is requested to make a loan to the sewer fund for WWTP Capital Contribution in the amount of $400K from the general fund. This is only for the Borough portion of the contribution.

3. **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY PROCLAMATION**
   Recommend adopting the Small Business Saturday Coalition Proclamation. **(attached)**

4. **MEMORIAL BENCH DONATION**
   A request was received to donate $1,000. for a memorial bench for Salvatore Pasceri.

5. **2025 MEETING CALENDAR**
   The draft 2025 meeting calendar is **attached.** This will be advertised in December.

6. **BUDGET MEETINGS**
   Budget meetings dates need to be scheduled and advertised.

7. **PENSION PRESENTATION**
   Joe Duda and Scott Repke from Bernstein will be present to discuss the Borough Pension plans.

8. **UNIVEST TRANSITION FROM TRUSTEE TO ALLIANCE BERNSTEIN**
   Univest is no longer managing pension payments, see **attached**. A Recommendation Authorizing Alliance to provide this service is requested, this will be done free of charge.

9. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OPEN HOUSE**
   The Borough will be hosting an open house regarding the comprehensive plan on Tuesday, January 28th 6pm -8pm. This event will introduce the public to the planning process of the Comprehensive Plan and request input on the current state of Ambler as well as its vision for Ambler in the next 5, 10, and 20 years. Survey and marketing materials will be distributed later this month.

10. **WISSAHICKON FIRE COMPANY RENOVATIONS GRANT AWARD**

PA State Senator Maria Collett and PA State Representative Melissa Cerrato announced on October 23rd the award of several high-profile state grants for local projects. Ambler Borough was awarded $1,000,000 for renovations to Wissahickon Fire Company Ambler Main Station. Staff including Glenn Kucher and Michael Lockhart completed this grant application with the Fire Company and did an excellent job in securing this much needed funding.

Recommendations:

1. Authorization is requested to make a loan to the sewer fund for WWTP Capital Contribution in the amount of 400K from the general fund.

2. Recommend adopting the Small Business Saturday Coalition Proclamation.

Public Safety Committee
November 6, 2024
Amy Hughes- Chair
Jen Henderson
Nancy Roecker Coates
Lou Orehek

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**
   The Code Enforcement and the Public Works reports are **attached**.

2. **BUTLER AVENUE TRAFFIC STUDY**
   A meeting was held to discuss the Butler Avenue Traffic Study. The Police Department is discussing the recommendations.

Public Utilities Committee
November 6, 2024
Karen Sheedy- Chair
Amy Hughes
Lou Orehek
David Hui

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**
   The WWTP Engineer's report is **attached.**

2. **WWTP UPGRADES**
   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. **WATER DEPARTMENT FLUSHING**
   System flushing locations will be posted on the Borough Website.

4. **WATER AND SEWER STUDY**
   The **attached** proposal is to review the EDU- Equivalent Dwelling Unit fee structure to determine updated rates for water and sewer connection fees.

5. **SEWER BILLING ISSUE**
   The billing system charged the incorrect rate for the first 2 quarters. The current bill will reflect the adjusted sewer rate and interest will not be charged. If additional time is needed to pay it will be granted. The increase will be 1.00 per thousand gallons for the last 2 quarters.

Recommendations:

1. Recommend approving the proposal is to review the EDU- Equivalent Dwelling Unit fee structure to determine updated rates for water and sewer connection fees.

Parks & Recreation Committee
November 6, 2024
Jen Henderson -Chair
Nancy Roecker Coates
David Hui

OLD BUSINESS

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

Salary & Personnel Committee
November 6, 2024
- Chair
Jen Henderson
Karen Sheedy
Elizabeth Iovine

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WATER VACANCY**
   A recommendation is requested to hire Austin Mikula for the Water Operator 1 vacancy.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
   An executive session was held on October 29, at 7:00pm for a personnel issue.

3. **TERM EXPIRATIONS AND VACANCIES**
   Attached are the current volunteer positions that expire in 2024, letters of interest are being accepted.

4. **COUNCIL WARD 2 VACANCY**
   A recommendation is requested to accept the resignation of Lisa Auerbach.
   Resumes and letters of interest are being accepted for the Ward 2 vacancy until December 10.

Recommendations:

1. A recommendation is requested to accept the resignation of Lisa Auerbach.
2. A recommendation is requested to hire Austin Mikula for the Water Operator 1 vacancy.