BOROUGH OF AMBLER
COMMITTEE MEETING

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

January 7, 2025

7:00PM

Finance and Planning Committee
January 7, 2025
Elizabeth Iovine - Chair
Karen Sheedy

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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

2. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OPEN HOUSE**
   The Borough Planning Commission 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 are being distributed. **(attached)**

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Borough Engineer		
2003-0122-01	Ambler - NPDES MS4 Permit	Current Permit effective 10/01/24 and expires 9/30/2029. 2024 Annual Status Report submitted to PADEP 9/30/24. Next Annual Status Report due 9/30/25 for period 7/1/24 thru 6/30/25. PADEP review of TMDL/PRP received 5/28/21. Preparation of response underway. Updated map submitted to PADEP on 3/14/24. Sediment loading calculations to be prepared.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Final inspection held 11/12/24. Punch list addressed as of 12/20/2024.
2013-02020	Ambler Crossings	Construction underway. Review of amended Village Green provided 4/22/22. Escrow release #2 for Phase 2 provided 8/31/23. Project status update provided to Borough May 15, 2024.
2014-12015	St. Mary's Villa Residential Redevelopment.- TIS	UDT provided Bethlehem/Lindenwold signal concept plans for review on 7/2/21 and were discussed with UDT on 7/22/21. UDT & Ambler coordinating with owner of 98 S Bethlehem & 359 Lindenwold.
2020-07089	90 W. Butler Ave	Construction complete. SOM 6/3/2022. EOM 12/2/2023. EOM punch list provided 11/29/23. Maintenance period extended to replace shrubs.
2021-01010.02	Tannery Run Repairs - 33 - 57 E Butler Ave	Borough coordination with property owners underway. Preparation of construction plans and specifications underway. Preparation of PADEP General Permit for stream encroachment underway.
2021-03028	Lakeview Development 5-9 N. Maple Ave.	Council granted conditional use at the 7/18/23 meeting and preliminary/final land development at the 8/15/23 meeting. Review of revised plans provided 11/16/2023.
2021-04048	Edgewood Dr - PA Small Water & Sewer Program Grant Implementation	Construction and punch list completed. Final payment request submitted 1/25/2024. SOM 12/31/2023. EOM 6/30/2025
2022-05006	25 N Ridge - Colony Club LD Review	Council granted conditional approval at 8/23/22 meeting. Building construction underway. Record plans signed 9/19/23.
2022-05007	24 & 26 N Ridge - John's Court	Council granted conditional approval at 4/18/23 meeting. Record plans signed 9/19/23.
2023-03002	Court at Ambler Station (Ambler Station I, LLC)	Sketch Plan review provided 4/20/23 and discussed at 4/25/23 PC meeting. Revised sketch plan review provided 11/20/23 and discussed at the 11/28/23 PC meeting.
2024-00261	LSA (Gaming) Program - Pedestrian Improvements	Gaming Local Share Account (LSA) - Statewide Grant - $899,717 for pedestrian improvements along East Mount Pleasant Ave and Hendricks Street, including 51 ADA compliant curb ramps. Kickoff mtg held with Borough Staff 7/23/24. Design underway.
2024-00525	Ambler 2024 Paving	Paving completed mid-October. Punch list completed early November. Request for payment to be prepared and submitted to the Borough.
2024-00565	219 Hendricks Avenue Subdivision	Conditional approval granted by Council at 9/17/24 meeting. Developer met conditions of approval. Record plans signed by G&A on 10/24/24.
2024-00565.01	215 Hendricks Avenue Building Permit	Review of Lot 2 of 219 Hendricks Ave SD provided 11/26/24
9991010	Ambler Borough General Engineering Services	Heckler wall punch list completed by contractor. Budget for E Butler Traffic Calming provided 11/25/24.

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Sewer Engineer		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is complete; testing remains.
2024-00032	2023 Chapter 94 Report	Prepared sanitary sewer collection system report for inclusion in the Ambler WWTP 2023 Chapter 94 Report; submitted to EEMA on 3/13/24.
9991050	Ambler Borough General Sewer Services	Preparing 2025 Ambler Borough collection sewer service area budget allocations report for Ambler WWTP; submitted to EEMA on 10/4/24. G&A attended meeting at Ambler WWTP with jointure members and treatment plant staff on 3/20/24 to discuss implementation of the Municipal Industrial Pretreatment Plan (MIPP).
Water Engineer		
2012-10043	Loch Alsh Dam Annual Inspections	Coordinating with PADEP to schedule 2024 inspection.
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water main is tested/complete.
2018-01171	Mattison Estates (UDT)	Water construction and testing complete. 18 month maintenance period began 7/1/20. Assisting Ambler staff with construction concerns and project documentation. Maintenance Bond extended to 4/1/2023 based on observed water service leaks and concerns with construction of water facilities. Water as-built plans received; additional G&A comments provided to developer on 2/8/23. Developer continues to address punch list items and as-built plans. Reviewed proposed changes to water services associated with a reconfiguration of dwellings. Water Superintendent and Solicitor continue to work with developer regarding extended bond. Reviewing design of additional water service connection with meter pit for irrigation system.
2020-03072	Whitemarsh Plant Operations	Assisting Water Dept. with recommendations and revisions to the Whitemarsh Plant SOPs. G&A conducted a visual assessment of the clear well tank's structural condition and provided a report dated 9/19/22; inspection conducted with no observed deficiencies..
2020-06158	Wells 2, 6, and 7 PFAS Treatment System	$1,000,000 grant awarded by PADEP. Project advertised for bids on December 22, 2022; pre-bid meeting held at Boro Hall on January 18, 2023; bids received February 2, 2023. General/Mechanical and Electrical/HVAC contracts awarded to Blooming Glen Contractors on 2/7/23. UDT permits received in December 2023. Gen/Mech construction began on 2/8/24. Contractor has set backwash tank, valve vault and chlorine contact tank, and installed the sewer lateral to Loch Alsh Ave. Carbon treatment tanks set. Yard piping complete. Treatment building 80% completeincluding interior process piping.
2021-04054.01	2022 MIRIA Grant - Design	Initial field survey and base plan for Well 14 site completed; design and permitting underway with Greensand Plus filtration proposed for Manganese treatment and Ion Exchange (IX) proposed for PFAS treatment. PADEP issued a letter on 6/28/23 allowing for the use of IX treatment for PFAS subject to a list of conditions. PWS permit application submitted to PADEP on 6/5/24. Sewage planning exemption mailer submitted to PADEP on 6/6/24 and approved on 7/15/24. Preparing plans with request for land development waiver from UDT.
2021-04095	Longfield Farms Development (Whitemarsh Twp)	Plan review letter #3 issued 5/17/22 recommending project approval; water construction escrow recommended per letter dated 5/5/22 for use in developer's agreement. Preconstruction meeting held on 6/27/22. Water shop drawing submittals reviewed 7/22/22. Water construction and testing complete. Escrow release request #1 received 4/25/24; partial release recommended per 5/16/24 letter.
2022-02056	AT&T Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank	Plan review letter #2 issued 8/3/22 recommending project approval.

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Water Engineer		
2022-02095	NWWA Water Purchase Agreement	Meeting held on 2/14/22 between NWWA staff, Ambler staff and G&A to discuss potential interconnection of respective water systems for emergency & permanent uses and wholesale purchase of water. NWWA provided a draft Water Supply Agreement to Ambler on 3/9/22 for review.
2022-02104	AT&T Upgrades at Broad Axe Tank	Plan review #2 issued 6/30/22 recommending project approval. Work to follow pre-construction tank inspection by MBA (awaiting escrow funds).
2022-04076	Lakeview Development 5-9 N. Maple Ave.	Water & Sewer plan review #2 issued on 2/27/2024. Working with Ambler staff and Applicant on water improvements required to serve the project.
2022-04096.01	2023 MIRIA Grant - Design	Consulted with PADEP regarding permitting requirements for new NWWA Interconnection. Field survey complete and permitting in progress. Water and interconnect design currently underway. G&A met with Water staff on 1/18/2024 to review plans, project considerations and schedule. Attended meetings with PennDOT on 2/14/24 to coordinate with their paving contract, and with NWWA on 2/28/24 to discuss location and design of the water interconnection. Coordinating with Borough staff to obtain easement needed for interconnect meter pit. Bids received 9/10/24. Construction contract awarded to Caddick Utilities LLC on 9/17/24. Pre-construction meeting held 10/16/24 and Notice to Proceed issued 10/18/24. Construction began November 2024.
2022-06066	Verizon Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank	Plan review #1 issued 6/22/22 recommending project approval. Construction work completed in September 2024. Awaiting as-built plans.
2022-07025	Wissahickon Park (Whitpain Twp)	Coordinating with Ambler staff re: proposed improvements to Wissahickon Park and need for new or upgraded water service for site. Plan review #1 issued on 11/10/23. Response letter and plan resubmission received on 11/22/23. Plan review #2 issued on 3/4/24. Plan resubmission received on 3/19/24. Plan review #3 issued on 3/25/24 recommending approval of the proposed water improvements.
2023-04049	2024 MIRIA Grant Program	Prepared MIRIA Application documents including cost estimates for submission by Borough on May 15, 2023. The application included projects for a PFAS treatment system at Well 4, additional costs for current PFAS treatment system projects at Wells 2, 6 & 7 and Well 14, as well as Whitemarsh carbon changeout and quarterly PFAS sampling at all sources and tanks for 2024. Total grant request amount was $3,525,000. Executed grant agreement received on 1/5/24. Reviewed and tabulated January, April, and July 2024 quarterly PFAS samples for all sources and tanks.
2023-07033	Upper Dublin Twp Public Works Building	New water service and meter pit installed. Testing satisfactorily completed. As-built plan received and under review.
2023-08002	AT&T Generator at Houston Rd Tank	AT&T proposing to install a new permanent generator and pad at the site which will require additional lease space. G&A assisting Water Superintendent with review of proposed location. Proposed location approved. Borough authorized work to proceed. Work completed.
2023-08044	Wissahickon Valley Boys & Girls Club (Whitpain Twp)	Plans received for a proposed community center building and review with Water staff being conducted with respect to proposed water improvements. Plan review #1 issued on 11/21/23. Plan review #2 issued on 12/19/23. Plan review #3 issued on 1/26/24 recommending project approval. Review of shop drawing submittals completed. Exploratory excavation conducted 5/29/24 in advance of water tap connection. Meter pits set, connection to existing water main complete and service lines tested. Existing water services along Maple Avenue were abandoned at the corporation stop. Punch list to be performed prior to acceptance.

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Water Engineer		
2023-10031	Sprint Decommission at Houston Rd Tank	Plans received for the decommission of Sprint's facilities at the tank site in conjunction with termination of lease. Plans reviewed and scope of work approved. Pre-construction meeting held on 11/7/23. Work at site commenced on 11/27/23. MBA completed pre-construction inspection and report received 1/17/24. Post-construction inspection to be conducted following completion of decommission work.
2023-10045	776 Johns Lane (LGT)	Plans received for a 6-lot subdivision to be served by a public water extension. Plan review #1 issued on 1/31/24. Plan resubmission received 4/3/24 and plan review #2 issued on 5/2/24. Plan resubmission received 6/14/24 and plan review #3 issued on 6/19/24 recommending project approval. Review of shop drawings complete. Pre-construction meeting held 7/1/24. Water main extension completed and tested on 7/24/24. Water services installed. Punchlist to be performed prior to acceptance.
2024-00033	Chapter 110 Report / DRBC Water Audit	Annual water audit prepared and submitted to DRBC on 3/29/24.
2024-00426	2025 MIRIA Grant Program	Assisted Borough staff with preparation of grant application including project costs estimates.
2024-01026	T-Mobile Upgrades at Broad Axe Tank	Plan review #1 issued 10/18/24 recommending project approval. Project work anticipated in 2025.
2024-01167	Farm Lane & Schiavone Drive Water Main Replacement	Survey underway for the design of a water main replacement extending from Loch Alsh Avenue.
2024-01188	LSA Grant - Lead Service Line Replacements	Preparation of a grant application to PA DCED Local Share Account (statewide) requesting $1 million for lead service line replacement program.
2024-01189	AT&T Upgrades at Broad Axe Tank	Plans received for an AT&T antenna upgrade project, currently under review.
9991049	Ambler Borough General Water Services	Ongoing assistance concerning PFAS issues, including regulatory activity, source monitoring, providing information and responses to the public. Preparing update to water distribution system map.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Save the date January 28th, 6:00-8:00 PM Ambler Borough Hall
131 Rosemary Ave, Ambler

Ambler Borough Planning Comission
is updating its comprehensive plan.
The plan provides a vision for the Borough's development over the next 20 years.



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Public Safety Committee
January 7, 2025
Amy Hughes- Chair
Jen Henderson
Nancy Roecker Coates
Lou Orehek

OLD BUSINESS

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 Borough Engineer prepared a quote for upgrades along Butler Avenue between Race Street and Bethlehem Pike. The Committee will discuss the study and make recommendations at a future meeting.

Borough of Ambler

Codes Enforcement Report for December 2024

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Building	12	13	9	13	20	8	11	13	6	15	10	4	136
Plumbing	5	8	1	3	4	1	4	5	2	4	4	0	41
Use and Occupancy	3	6	3	8	7	4	6	11	1	15	4	4	72
Zoning	1	6	2	3	5	8	5	3	1	0	0	1	35
Road Opening	2	1	1	1	3	0	1	3	1	1	2	1	17
Mechanical	4	5	2	2	2	5	1	3	4	3	1	3	35
Dumpster	2	3	3	1	2	1	2	5	1	2	0	0	22
Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rental Inspections	3	32	3	13	26	39	18	108 *	197*	3	42	63	484
TOTALS	32	74	24	44	69	66	48	151	213	43	63	547	892

*August / September rental total includes apartment complexes rather than rental homes which makes this number larger.

Public Utilities Committee
January 7, 2025
Karen Sheedy- Chair
Amy Hughes
Lou Orehek
David Hui

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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

December 31, 2024

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: Status Report – December 2024

Dear Mary;

The status of current active projects is as follows:

1. Conversion of Digesters - Construction was completed in late December on the conversion of the Borough's five digesters from anaerobic digestion (without air) to aerobic digestion (with air), including work associated with a Change Order adding protective handrails at the tanks. There is a total of five digesters at the plant and in the scope. The plant is currently operating T-9, T-10, and ET-17 in a work-around, with down-sized sheaves and belts. A permanent solution with VFD's is being considered for after closeout, 2025, also for digester tanks ET-15 and ET-16, for one, to address the likely connection with an odor and occasional foaming issue in the completed digesters. Adjustments in the handling of primary and secondary sludge and chemical addition are also being evaluated with respect to odor and foaming issues.

2. Diversion of Upper Dublin WWTP to Ambler WWTP - PADEP approved the Act 537 Plan prepared by Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) in 2022 for closing the Upper Dublin Wastewater Treatment Plant and diverting that flow to Ambler's Wastewater Treatment Plant. EEMA and the Borough's engineer on the Diversion project, HRG, have been discussing the scope and work on the Part II WQM permit for the Diversion with PADEP, with respect to the increased flow from the current 6.5 MGD to 7.7 MGD with the diversion, the associated changes in permit limits and conditions, and the timeline of the construction of the necessary new facilities at the plant. BCWSA is moving forward with their work, awarding the construction-phase scopes of the diversion, a pump station, and associated force main to the Borough's plant. Plant staff, EEMA, and HRG have recently had discussion and a meeting with BCWSA, their engineers, their contractor, on the force main construction. Construction on the force main within the Borough and the Borough's plant is anticipated to begin in mid-January.

3. NPDES Permit Renewal – EEMA provided comments to PADEP with the Borough's other professionals at HRG and GHD for a collective response on the Borough's draft NPDES Permit in early February 2024, most specific to the Copper BLM, Aluminum WER, proposed flows, and new discharge limits. PADEP has still not released the final NPDES Permit at this time. The WWTP is currently operating under its grandfathered, administratively-extended permit.

4. UV Light Disinfection Replacement – Work on the Trojan UV project continued through December and was substantially completed late in the month. Punch list and several remaining minor items are expected to be completed in early January 2025, with start-up of the equipment anticipated in mid-January.

5. Ambler's MIPP –The Borough's MIPP staff and consultant team continued to finalize new program documents, make recommendations, re-issue specific permits, and helped to implement changes to the program, also coordinating with the Borough solicitor on relevant items. The team met with Jointure members, their engineers, on Jointure matters, as well as inter-municipal communication, identification of IU's (industrial users) in their respective basins, and otherwise continue to update the program to meet current needs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
Environmental Engineering
& Management Associates, Inc.

Anthony L. Price

Anthony L. Price, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Cc: Jarrett Evans, AWWTP

Parks & Recreation Committee
January 7, 2025
Jen Henderson -Chair
Nancy Roecker Coates
David Hui

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **LAWN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**
   The Lawn Maintenance contract expires at the end of the year. The Bid will be advertised in January.

Salary & Personnel Committee
January 7, 2025
Glynnis Siskind - Chair
Jen Henderson
Karen Sheedy
Elizabeth Iovine

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE & BOARD SEATS –

RESUMES/LETTERS OF INTEREST ATTACHED

Consider appointments to several volunteer Committee & Board positions which expire at the end of the year to include:

Environmental Advisory Council (3-year term) – 2 seats

- Matt Walker (incumbent)
- VACANCY

Planning Commission (4–year term) - 1 seat

- Theresa Clement (incumbent)

Vacancy Board (1-year term)

- Vacancy

Zoning Hearing Board (3-year term) – 1 seat

- Robert Foster (incumbent)

Zoning Hearing Board Alternate (3-year term) – 2-seats

Appeals Board (3-year term)

- VACANCY

Human Relations Commission

- Trelena Adams (incumbent) – No returning -VACANT
- Katie Kirszenblat (incumbent)
- Mary Wingfield Alternate (incumbent)

Civil Service Commission

- Alternate (6-year term) – 1 seat
- Bernadette Dougherty Alternate (incumbent)

VACANCIES exist for the following appointed positions:

- Environmental Advisory Council (3-year term) 2-Seats
- Planning Commission (4-year term) 1 -Seat
- Vacancy Board (1-year term) 1-seat
- Zoning Hearing Board (4-year term) 1-Seat
- Appeals Board (3-year term) – 1-Seat.
- Zoning Hearing Board Alternate (3-year term) – 2 Seats
- Civil Service Commission Alternate (6-year term) – 2 Alternate Seats