# BOROUGH OF AMBLER
## COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
## January 21, 2025
## 7:00 p.m.

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

**MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION:** *December 17, 2024*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**PUBLIC SWEARING-IN CEREMONY: REDMOND BRUBAKER**

# Finance & Planning Committee

The Committee meeting was held on January 7, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: – Elizabeth Iovine - Chair, Karen Sheedy and Redmond Brubaker. Absent - Mayor Sorg and Chief Borkowski.

**The Committee will consider the following recommendations.**

1. That the December and January bills be paid in the amount of **$1,890,133.21.**

| # | Fund | DEC 1st Run | Dec 2nd Run | TOTALS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | GENERAL | $161,271.66 | $ 63,936.04 | $225,207.70 |
| 2 | STREETLIGHTS | $0.00 | $ 11,429.42 | $11,429.42 |
| 3 | FIRE | | $1,965.00 | $1,965.00 |
| 4 | REFUSE | $57,677.82 | $7,794.93 | $65,472.75 |
| 5 | PARKS & REC. | $2,300.45 | $7,227.14 | $9,527.59 |
| 6 | WATER | $80,018.76 | $143,555.91 | $223,574.67 |
| 8 | SEWER | $22,731.05 | $12,451.52 | $35,182.57 |
| 9 | WWTP | $667,330.08 | $409,279.11 | $1,076,609.19 |
| 35 | LIQUID FUELS | | $241,164.32 | $241,164.32 |
| 30 | WATER CAPITAL | | | $0.00 |
| TOTALS | | $991,329.82 | $898,803.39 | $1,890,133.21 |
| VOID CHECKS | | | | $0.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | $991,329.82 | $898,803.39 | $1,890,133.21 |

2. Please see the following request from the Tax Collector: *The certification charge is $15 for the current year and $10 for each additional year. The request is to increase the charge to $25 for the current year, keeping the additional years at $10. There is currently no rate for interim bills that need to be printed, mailed, and collected and the cost is about $4.25 per bill. The duplicate bill is currently $5., the request is to increase this to $10. The deadline for the proposed changes must be voted on at the Committee meeting in February.*

## The following business will be discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received. Application for Payment No. 1, payable to Gorecon, Inc., for the 2024 Road Program has been included and has been recommended for payment by our Engineer.

2. 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 were mailed. **(Enclosed)**

**Recommendations:**

1. That the December and January bills be paid in the amount of $1,890,133.21.
2. Recommend the Solicitor prepare a resolution setting the Tax Collector fees.
3. Recommend the approval of Application for Payment No. 1 – 2024 Road Program.

# Public Safety Committee

The Committee meeting was held on January 7 at 7:00pm. Committee members: Amy Hughes – Chair, Jen Henderson, Nancy Roecker Coates and Lou Orehek. Absent - Mayor Sorg and Chief Borkowski.

**The Committee will consider the following recommendation.**

1. The Police Department would like to purchase a Ford Interceptor at a cost of $44,200, **attached**. There is a separate charge for the vehicle's upfitting of $18,714.38. Total cost does not exceed $65K for vehicle and upfitting. This was approved in the 2025 budget.

**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, and the Borough Engineer provided a quote for upgrades along Butler Avenue between Race Street and Bethlehem Pike. Borough Council will recommend improvements in the coming months. **(attached)**

**Recommendations:**

1. Authorization is requested to purchase a new 2025 Ford Interceptor with upfitting at an anticipated total cost of $63,004.38. for the Police Department.

# Public Utilities Committee

The Committee meeting was held on January 7at 7:00pm. Committee Members: Karen Sheedy - Chair, Amy Hughes, Lou Orehek, and David Hui. Absent - Mayor Sorg and Chief Borkowski.

**The Committee will consider the following recommendations.**

1. Authorization is requested to advertise public bids for the furnishing and delivery of poly-aluminum chloride (PAC). The bid will be posted on PennBid and advertised twice in the Ambler Gazette. Bids will be opened at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

**The following business will be discussed:**

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was received.

## Recommendations

1. Authorization is requested to advertise public bids for the furnishing and delivery of poly-aluminum chloride (PAC).

# Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee meeting was held on January 7, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: Jen Henderson - Chair, Nancy Roecker-Coates, David Hui and Redmond Brubaker. Absent - Mayor Sorg and Chief Borkowski.

**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 was prepared and will be advertised.
2. **Attached** is the Ambler EAC Spring Tree Planting Information. Orders are due by February 10, 2025.

# Salary & Personnel Committee

The Committee meeting was held on January 7, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: – Chair Glynnis Siskind, Jen Henderson, Karen Sheedy and Elizabeth Iovine. Absent – Mayor Sorg and Chief Borkowski.

**The Committee will consider the following recommendations.**

1. **Attached** are the current volunteer positions that expire in 2024.

3. Recommend Kyle Detweiler be named Borough Secretary and Agency Open Records Officer.

**The following business will be discussed:**

## Recommendations

1. Recommendations will be presented to fill the Vacant Committee Seats.

2. Recommend Kyle Detweiler be named Borough Secretary and Agency Open Records Officer.