MINUTES
Borough of Ambridge –Workshop Meeting
Ambridge Municipal Complex
April 13th, 2010 – 7:00 pm

I. Call to order

President McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Bob Dunn, M.J. Flannery, Mike Mikulich, Joe Pucci and Gerald C. McCoy
Absent: Tony Cafarelli, Tina Iorfido Miller

Administration and Staff Present: Mayor Rich D'Ambrosio, Recording Secretary Marilyn Sheleheda, Borough Solicitor Rick Start, Borough Engineer Frank Lemmon, Police Chief Romutis, Fire chief Drewnowski, Zoning Officer Ivancik.

III. Invocation

Ms. Barb Costa, Trinity Episcopal School of Ministry

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Treasurer's Report–respectfully submitted by Marilyn Sheleheda, Treasurer.
Mr. Mikulich read the following report aloud as of 4pm today, April 13, 2010.

General Fund Analysis

$1,300,900.75	General Fund Bank Account Balance 4/13/2010 4:00 pm.		
$3,572.06	2009 Outstanding Checks 4/13/2010 4:00 p.m.		
$1,297,328.69	**Available Balance 4/13/2010 4:00 p.m.**		
Treasurer's General Fund NOTES:	***Totals are as follows:***		
	Deposits:		**$312,580.92**
	Debits:		**$130,889.65**
	-which include the following:		
	40 Checks	*$81,434.14*	
	1 Payroll (s)	*$49,455.51*	

Other Fund Balances as of 4/13/2010

$61,864.20	**Grants/Special Funds (Insurance Proceeds - Garage Damage)**
$151,288.21	**Liquid Fuels Fund**
$36,750.79	**Escrow Disbursement Account**
$39,239.68	**Recreation Fund**
$333,479.77	**Sinking Fund (FEMA Grant)**
$622,622.65	***Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)***

VI. Borough Bills & Expenses.

Mr. McCoy had a question on page 1, under Duquesne Light –there is a bill for uniforms that needs to be corrected. Mr. McCoy asked if there are other corrections or questions. No one had questions or corrections Mr. Flannery made the motion to accept the bills and expenses Mr. Dunn seconded.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Absent		Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Y
Mr. Flannery	Y		President McCoy	Y
Mrs. Miller	Absent		Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0

VII. Citizens participation on *agenda items* only -speaker has three minutes

No one wish to speak

VIII. Items for Discussion

1. Approval of the bond payment

Mr. McCoy asked for a motion to approve the bond payment. Mr. Mikulich made the motion. Mr. Flannery seconded.

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Mr. Cafarelli	Absent		Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Y
Mr. Flannery	Y		President McCoy	Y
Mrs. Miller	Absent		Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0

2. Motion to advertise for firemen's pension amendment.

Mr. McCoy asked Mr. Start to address this. Mr. Start states this is concerning our fireman's pension provides a certain calculation for the pension but our pension plan didn't correspond with that, and what we've done was to revise the pension plan document to correspond with the collective bargaining agreement. What we need is a motion to advertise to make the final changes. Motion made by Mr. Mikulich, seconded by Mr. Flannery.

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Mr. Cafarelli	Absent		Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Y
Mr. Flannery	Y		President McCoy	Y
Mrs. Miller	Absent		Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0

3. Representative re-instatement and alternate for C. O. G.

Mr. McCoy offered to keep his seat in on-call and in Mr. Pucci is the alternative however if anyone wants to take his seat he would be more than willing to relinquish. If no one wants it he would like to be reinstated. And he would like Mr. Pucci to be the alternate. Motion made by Mr. Mikulich, seconded by Mr. Dunn.
All in favor: Ayes 5 ~ Nays 0.
Motion passes

4. **Letter to Harmony Township asking for wage tax refund paid an error**
Mr. McCoy explains that it was discovered at the Park Road office there was a mix-up in some EIT taxes that were accidentally paid to Harmony Township and should have been taking them in an early 90s that was no fault of the taxpayer. Mr. McCoy would like a motion from Council to send a letter to Harmony Township asking for that money to be sent to Ambridge. Mr. Mikulich makes the motion Mr. Pucci makes the second.
All in favor: Ayes 5 ~ Nays 0.
Motion passes

5. **Handicapped parking space for Joseph P. Selley at 613 Glenwood Ave. and Handicapped parking space for Kevin R. McKinley from 1627 Merchant St.**
Mr. McCoy states that this has been investigated by our police chief and approved, and we have another one Kevin R. McKinley from 1627 Merchant St., also approved. Mr. McCoy asked the solicitor if he can do it all in one motion, Mr. Start states yes. Mr. Mikulich asked if there was parking permitted down at the 1600 block of Merchant St., Mr. McCoy states yes it is permitted. Mr. Pucci made the motion to approve seconded Mr. Dunn.
All in favor: Ayes 5 ~ Nays 0.
Motion passes

6. **Approval of the sale of 655 Melrose Ave. from the Beaver County Repository.**
Mr. McCoy wanted to clarify Habitat for Humanity wants him to sign a form authorized by Council to relinquish all prior year's taxes, when they rebuild the taxes will be put back on the tax roles. Mr. Mikulich makes the motion Mr. Pucci seconded.

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Mr. Cafarelli	Absent		Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Y
Mr. Flannery	Y		President McCoy	Y
Mrs. Miller	Absent		Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0

7. **Request from police chief for additional Nextel Cellular Phones.**
Mr. McCoy states this only makes sense if it will only cause the borough an additional $28.25, which gives a police department three additional phones. Chief Romutis state that includes the insurance for each phone, without the insurance it's only $8.25 per month. Mr. McCoy states it's up to Council but he is he in favor, this is actually a savings for the borough. Mr. Mikulich asked what are they going to do

with the old phones. Police chief Romutis states they are still in service, these are additional phones. Mr. Mikulich states this was also a topic at the finance committee meeting and he feels it's also good idea. We have to also look into other phones costs. Mr. Mikulich is in favor if he corrects some of the old costs but if it's going to go back to the way it was he is not. Mr. McCoy states control. Mr. McCoy asked chief Romutis if he would submit a list of people that the phones will be assigned to. Mr. Mikulich states the names are on the third page. Motion to approve this made by Mr. Flannery seconded by Mr. Dunn.
All in favor: Ayes 5 ~ Nays 0.
Motion passes

8. **Proclamation for Beaver County emergency services 911 Center time capsule**
Mr. McCoy asked Ms. Sheleheda to explain. Ms. Sheleheda explain the 911 center employees are going to put in a time capsule will be opened up in 25 years with items and pictures that relate to their old building and their new building. They asked if Council would like to add something. Ms. Sheleheda suggested a proclamation to commemorate dispatcher week. Mr. McCoy asks that all council members sign it. Mr. Mikulich suggests that we add a sweatshirt or a T-shirt from Ambridge also if there're any left. Mr. McCoy asked Ms. Sheleheda to prepare it and have everyone sign it. Mr. Mikulich made the motion Mr. Pucci second.
All in favor: Ayes 5 ~ Nays 0.
Motion passes

9. **Executive Session. 7:20pm**
Mr. Mikulich asked for an executive session for personnel issues. Second by Mr. Flannery
All in favor: Ayes 5 ~ Nays 0.
Motion passes

10. **Return from Executive Session. 7:30pm**
Mr. Flannery makes to motion to return from Executive Session. Mr. Dunn seconded.
All in favor: Ayes 5 ~ Nays 0.
Motion passes

TAPE TURNED OVER

Discussion concerning the Gazebo in P.J. Caul Park. Mr. McCoy suggested that in the past they had the Boy Scouts help with projects such as spreading mulch. Mr. Dunn states that as long as we have the funds. Mr. McCoy remarks that this is outside the perimeters of the freeze because it's used strictly for recreation so the recreation fund can be used towards this project.

IX. Citizen Participation (Citizens are limited to 5 minutes per speaker)

X.

Marlene Verigood- 652 Melrose Avenue
She states she got very good news tonight when she heard that 655 Melrose boys going to be torn down and the new house going up. Now she can give us would use, she wanted to know if we knew old economy was reopening this weekend. Mr. McCoy states yes he did, he asked if she knew what time to ribbon-cutting was. An audience member states shortly after 10 o'clock. Ms. Verigood said the hours would be 12 to 5 on Sundays and on this weekend only the admission will be $.10.

No other speakers.

XI. Engineer's Report

Mr. Lemmon states that if you look at the handout, you will see the sunrise of the two bids we have out. Item 1 is for block grant to pave 6 St. to Merchant St. to Olive Lane and probably going advertised that in May or June so we need to keep that money set aside. The concrete road is a separate the project, $41,000. Where we run into problems is with the bituminous, he is given the breakdown of the total bid and the three projects with a net total bid and the alternate. He can safely say that he didn't feel we could do it all; we just don't have the funds. Item 2, if we take the base bid and we adjust the quantity, if a contractor has the right to adjust his unit prices. He'll get in touch with the contractor just to see if he wants to do Park Road and the Church Road and letting beaver Road from dust to six go and if he is willing to do just those two, the total of those two would be would be $78,000 and we have 82,000 available. Mr. McCoy states that if we pull our resources from public works and the 40,000 we have put aside that can catch up on the best we can on our roads. Mr. Lemmon states that we need to motion on the concrete roads, contract number 02172-83 to Joe Palmari Construction in the amount of $41,061.00. Mr. Flannery makes that motion Mr. Mikulich second.

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Mr. Cafarelli	Absent		Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Y
Mr. Flannery	Y		President McCoy	Y
Mrs. Miller	Absent		Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0

Mr. Lemmon states on the bituminous roads, contract # 0271-83X1, we need a motion to approve Park Road @5th and Church Road at the 15th and to delete Beaver Road from Duss Ave. to six St. and also the alternate. Mr. McCoy asks what if we found the money to do the other roads? Mr. McCoy states we don't have 45,000 bucks. Mr. Lemmon states that the problem is we don't have 60 days from the day we opened the bids to award the contract. That's what he's trying to avoid, is having to re-advertise. This is what he wants in the motion if the Folino is willing to do just those two for the bid price, if not, we have to rebid. Mr. Mikulich makes the motion with a contingency, Mr. Dunn seconded.

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Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Y
Mr. Flannery	Y		President McCoy	Y
Mrs. Miller	Absent		Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0

After the bid: Mr. McCoy states that he is to Pucci and Mr. Lemmon are going to the courthouse the next day to see if we can get some money for 14th St. from dust to merchant

there is agreement that's available. We were very lucky we almost missed this grant since we don't have a borough manager; we have some good friends at the courthouse and informed us of this grant. So we'll see how this turns out tomorrow.

XII. Manager's Report.

Mr. McCoy states he is not the amateur but that is president of Council he would like to see something done with the website it hasn't been done in over a year since officer was not has been gone. Ms. Sheleheda offered update the website free of charge because she is familiar with that kind of work but he needs Council's permission. Mr. Mikulich made the motion, Mr. Pucci seconded it.

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Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Y
Mr. Flannery	Y		President McCoy	Y
Mrs. Miller	Absent		Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0

XIII. Items not included in agenda.

Mr. Mikulich asked Mr. Ivancik where we stand with the building at seventh and Merchant St., the old meat market. Mr. Ivancik state the owner of the building was fined and we are starting the process of more fines, we've tried to contact him many times. Mr. Mikulich asks if we can force him to do anything, can we condemn the building. Mr. Ivancik state the building is condemned, he condemned it. Mr. Mr. McCoy states that's Lt. Col. Hallas. Mr. Pucci said he don't care who is. The solicitor states that the borough can tear it down and put a lien against the building where do you find the money to pay for the demolition. The fines are a thousand dollars every time and you'd think he would rather tear it down to pay the fines. Mr. McCoy asked how often can you cite them. The solicitor states we can find him $1000 every day and we are in the process of doing right now. Mr. Mikulich said let's go for the maximum that we can get them for everyday. We cannot allow those kinds of buildings with those conditions.

Mr. McCoy asked if Barb Costa can be put on as an alternate on the Sony committee he is already talked to Ms. Ms. Costa and she's willing to do this but he needs Council's approval. Motion made by Mr. Mikulich to except seconded by Mr. Pucci.
All in favor: Ayes 5 ~ Nays 0.
Motion passes

McCoy asked if there was anything else. No one had anything else. Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Mikulich second bike is to Pucci.
All in favor: Ayes 5 ~ Nays 0.
Motion passes

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: April 27th, 2010