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MINUTES
Borough of Ambridge – Regular Meeting
Ambridge Municipal Complex
April 27th, 2010 – 7:00 pm

I. Call to order

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

II. Roll Call

Present: Tony Cafarelli, Bob Dunn, Mike Mikulich, and Gerald C. McCoy
Absent: Mr. Pucci is at a conference, Mrs. Miller is ill, and Mr. Flannery may be here later – he is at a funeral service.

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. Citizen's Participation on Agenda Items Only – (5 minutes per speaker)
No one wish wished to speak.

VI. Presentation by Eric Ryan Corporation
Mr. Ryan spoke to Council and the audience concerning the basis of their company is telecommunications and utility bill auditing on an incentive basis. Some of their services or fee-based on a totally bills they vote for credits, errors & refunds and ways to save you money. And since basis part unless we find value for you or we don't get paid. He continued to explain about Act 129, which brings incentives to bring energy upgrades to municipalities of Pennsylvania. Next speaking was Chad Ubring. He explains the utility companies need to reduce their output on the grid by 1% by 2011 and 3% by 2013. The utilities Duquesne Light included have some nice rebates. We made an offer to do a lighting evaluation, and then we can go after the rebates for you. What are engineer doses do a walk-through, sees white light you have and makes recommendations for upgrades. Then he doesn't report tell you what it would take to upgrade your facility and the payback period, and any savings that you had. Mr. McCoy suggested letting Council digest all the information that he gave and they may ask him back a second time to talk about this. Give them a couple of weeks. Mr. Ubring states that the utility & telecommunication auditing is typically done on any shared savings basis, energy services on an hourly basis. It's free to come in and do survey, if you decide to do nothing, there is no charge, however, there is a clause in our contract that if you go with another company there is a fee for our survey. Mikulich asked if he was here strictly on asked if he was they are strictly to show us how to save money. Mr. Ubring states yes. Mr. Mikulich states that we have another company here to show us some lighting products tonight. Mr. Ubring states that they are strictly on how to save money which vendor you used to buy your products is up to you, they certainly have some that they can suggest you can use whoever you want.

* *Mayor D'Ambrosio wanted to introduce the police officers that stopped in to the meeting. Sgt. Brian Jamison, Brad Davis.*

VI. Presentation by CFI Associates Inc.

Presentation by Ashook Ginwani and Dennis Cenkovic. Mr. Cenkovic spoke to Council about doing induction lighting and they are located at the end of Merchant Street. They want to upgrade to induction lighting. He explained what induction lighting was and that the 40 lights down at the old economy area need to be upgraded. They brought a sample induction street light for everyone to see. They'll demonstrate after the meeting. Induction is developed by Sony. We are putting 60 units and anchor Hocking in Monaca without any outlay of money. And in 10 years it will say that $1.2 million. Mr. McCoy states we don't have a borough manager at the present time and therefore Council's making all the decisions. He asked if he has some figures he can present the Council. Mr. Cenkovic states that we would have to know which light you were replacing how many watts it was. Mr. McCoy asked them to replace regular streetlights. Mr. Cenkovic states they do street lighting, high bay and low bay lights in your garages. It's on the border of pure sunlight. They do some streetlights for some municipalities that they own their own street lights, he didn't think Ambridge owned their streetlights. These lights are 15% more efficient than LEDs and they last twice as long in longevity. They have up to 100,000 hours of burn time. LEDs run about 50,000, and H. IDs run 10 to 20,000. This means virtually "no maintenance". 12 hours a day -365 days a year works out to about 25 years. Mr. McCoy asked if they ever replace lights for a town that does not own their lighting. Mr. Cenkovic states that if they don't the town does not own their lighting they have to go to the utility and upgrade your lighting, and by the way of the lower your income by 75% and you're going to pay $100,000 to do it. In the western part of the United States utilities are offering cities a rebate of $225 per fixture right across the board, which offsets the cost about 40%. Mr. McCoy asked Mr. Mikulich if he can get together with these guys and look into this matter with other finance committee members. Mr. Mikulich states that he will look at other parking lots can do some research. Mr. McCoy asked how long the lights take to get to its brilliancy. Mr. Cenkovic comments instant on and brilliancy max is one half of a second. On normal streetlight, if there is power outage, it may take 10 minutes for to come back on because it has to recycle itself. With the induction lighting, they are instant on, no recycling is necessary. Mr. McCoy comments that he is anxious to see the sample light after dark. Mr. Cenkovic states that he will leave the light here and pick it up in the morning, so everyone can have a chance to see how it lights up after it gets dark.

VII. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

a. February 23, 2010

Correction needs to be on "regular meeting" not "workshop". Mr. Cafarelli makes the motion to accept the minutes with a correction Mr. Dunn seconded.

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

Motion Passes 4 ~ 0

b. March 9, 2010

Mr. Cafarelli made the motion to accept the minutes Mr. Dunn seconded.

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

Motion Passes 4 ~ 0

VIII. **Treasurer's Report**–respectfully submitted by Marilyn Sheleheda, Treasurer.

Mr. Mikulich read the following report aloud as of 4pm today, April 27th, 2010.

General Fund Analysis

$1,300,900.75	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of: -4/13/2010 -4:00 pm		
$3,572.06	All Outstanding Checks as of:	-4/13/2010 -4:00 pm	
$1,297,328.69	**Available Balance as of:**	**-4/13/2010 -4:00 pm**	
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 4:00 pm

$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)***

IX. Boroughs Bills and Expenses

Mr. McCoy asked if there were any questions on bills and expenses. Mr. Mikulich states that he just wanted to bring to everyone's attention the unemployment compensation on the first page for $9302 .00. Mr. Mikulich makes the motion to pay the bills second made by Mr. Cafarelli.

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

Motion Passes 4 ~ 0

X. New Business:

a. Motion to Approve Amendment to the Borough of Ambridge Municipal Employees Pension Plan Ordinance.

Mr. McCoy states that everyone is familiar with this, we had some mistakes and this is to correct this. Mr. Start states that this is been duly advertise and it brings our ordnance in compliance with our collective bargaining agreements, and now it's subject to the pleasure of Council. Mr. Mikulich makes the motion to approve this ordinance Mr. Dunn second.

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

Motion Passes 4 ~ 0

b. Authorize NIRA to rebid 2010 Road Program for Park Rd @ 5th & Church St. @ 14th

Mr. Mikulich asked the reason for this. Mr. McCoy states lack the funds. Mr. Mikulich made the motion, second by Mr. Cafarelli.

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

Motion Passes 4 ~ 0

c. **Bids on Tree Removal**
Mr. McCoy states he spoke to Mr. Mikulich the finance chairman on this item, the reason he bought this to the attention of Council's because there was some question off the cost on tree removal. The difference in the other bid was almost double what we normally pay, normally Mr. Mikulich authorizes Hudsons Tree Service to our work but because there was some question on the cost we wanted to put it on the Council floor for a vote. If you look at the work to be done and the price is almost double therefore he wants approval for a Hudson to do our removal for 307 Elm and 1033 Maplewood and to grind the stump at 904 Maplewood for $875.00 Mikulich makes the motion Mr. Cafarelli seconded.

After the motion but prior to the vote: Mr. Mikulich commented that Hudson tree service has been our tree service for quite some time and they are very reliable and very cost words he. What we wanted to do here was to show the difference between what Hudson costs us and what other tree services with would charge us for tree removal. We have already done a comparison a year and a half ago, and what we found was the other companies' charge us double what Hudson's does, and they weren't even removing the stumps they which were just another couple hundred dollars to come back and the stumps. Mr. Cafarelli suggested we do this research with every project we have one in the in the borough. Mr. Mikulich states that this was a legitimate concern and we wanted to bring the two companies for comparison.

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

Motion Passes 4 ~ 0

d. **Appointment to Zoning Board- one seat available.**
Mr. McCoy states there is one seat available on the zoning board and Mr. George Rhawn of 818 19th St. would like to be reinstated. Mr. Mikulich makes the motion to reinstate Mr. Rhawn, Mr. Cafarelli seconded.

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

Motion Passes 4 ~ 0

e. **Request by Good Samaritan Church for Street closing Sept 2nd thru Sept 5th, 2010**
Mr. Cafarelli made the motion to approve the street closing for Good Samaritan Church Mr. Dunn seconded.
All in favor: Ayes 4 ~ Nays 0.
Motion passes 4-0.

f. Handicap Parking Space Request 809 Melrose Ave.
This is been approved by the police chief. Motion made by Mr. Dunn seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.
All in favor: Ayes 4 ~ Nays 0.
Motion passes 4-0.

g. Ambridge Area High School Falls Poster Ad Request.
Mr. McCoy states this is a yearly request for $159. McCoy asked Ms. Sheleheda if we do this yearly, Ms. Sheleheda states yes and she has attached samples. Mr. Cafarelli makes the motion to accept second by Mr. Dunn.
All in favor: Ayes 4 ~ Nays 0.
Motion passes 4-0.

h. Health License/Inspection Fee for committee to Clean & Beautify Ambridge
Mr. McCoy explains that normally it's a three day closure, and this is a one day closure for the health license, this is why we want to have the reduction in cost. Mr. McCoy made the motion to allow the reduction in the cost of the health license Mr. Dunn second.
All in favor: Ayes 4 ~ Nays 0.
Motion passes 4-0.

i. Approval to Appoint Pamela Wilhelm As representative on EIT to replace Kristen Denne.
Mr. McCoy asked Ms. Sheleheda to move this to the next agenda, he wants to be sure that because she lives outside of the Borough that she can be accepted by the EIT committee, he made several phone calls to ask this question but hasn't received any answers yet. Mr. Mikulich suggests that we approve this on a contingency. Mr. McCoy made the suggestion that we accept it on a contingency that Ms. Wilhelm will be accepted by the EIT committee. Mr. Mikulich made the motion to appoint Pam Wilhelm with a contingency that she is approved by the EIT committee Mr. Cafarelli seconded.

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

Motion Passes 4 ~ 0

Mr. McCoy asked if there was any reason for an executive session at this time.
No one requested an executive session.

XI. Other Unfinished Business

Mr. Dunn spoke about the hang zone restrooms; he would like to get a bid for some work to be done. He had our public works by replace plastic piping, and the water authority turn the water on, but there is some still problems. Where the water authority turns on the water that sprung a leak they are also. Mr. McCoy asked if he was asking Council to get permission to bring in a plumber. Mr. Mikulich asked how much did Mr. Dunn think this was going to cost. Mr. Dunn replied sinks need repaired, two commodes and the outside water fountains. Mikulich asked the solicitor if we can set a price to spend up to. The solicitor suggested with that would be a good idea. Mr. McCoy suggested if it's under $1000 to get it fixed if it's over $1000 come

back the Council. Mr. Mikulich made the motion to approve up to $1000 second by Mr. Cafarelli.

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

Motion Passes 4 ~ 0

Mr. Mikulich states on May 31st is the annual Memorial Day Services at 11 AM at the 11th St., Park, after the services we marched down to the bridge and we throw wreath off of the bridge to commemorate those soldiers lost their lives at sea. At this time he wanted to invite the public to the ceremonies and he wanted to ask Council if there would be any problems for the veterans to use the Park. The Veterans & Legion want to thank you. Mr. Mikulich asked the police chief if he could have the same escorts as he has in the past to them from the bridge. Mr. Mikulich states that last year they had over 200 people was a very good showing. Mr. Mikulich states that we have referent Bishop John Rogers from the Trinity Episcopal school and is a retired a second lieutenant and he will be our guest speaker.

Mr. Mikulich also states that if the convention hall in Pittsburgh with the Pennsylvania state Association borough's and he attended on Sunday briefly today, and there're some interesting things.

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Mr. Mikulich continued to state that right now there's house bill number 2431. He intends to get confirmation from representative Matzie. If this bill goes through it will take the way the powers of all municipalities and delegated to the counties. This is the way he understands it. He feels this bill would be ludicrous. What this bill will do with its passes, we will not have the power to hire police officers, employees for the borough, firemen, or making any appointments to the boards, this will be done on the county level. We now have powers to set ordinances and we will lose this. You can still have your Council but the Council will be powerless. Mr. McCoy suggested that Mr. Matzie, our state representative, address Council and our residents explain this bill. Mr. McCoy will speak to Mr. Matzie on Thursday. Mr. Mikulich states that Mr. Gibbons out of Elwood city Mr. Marshall out of Beaver Falls both cosponsored this bill, and he did not see Mr. Matzzie's name on this bill at all.

Mr. McCoy states that he wanted to thank Mr. Mikulich for always do an excellent job for the Memorial Day services, and everyone here and this Council appreciates everything you do for this holiday.

XII. **Citizen's Participation** (Citizens are limited to 5 minutes per speaker)
~Please give your name and address, then state your business~

Barbara Costa – 699 Melrose Ave.
She spoke of the Boxing gym over at the Polish Falcons run by Tom Yankello, and Dan Roppo has established a mixed martial arts program for the last several years. The boxing program is in strong contention for $25,000 grant from Pepsi. You can vote online, and she feels it's a very important program for the children. Right now Ambridge is number eight.

This grant will help to defer the cost for the kids that can't afford it. Mr. McCoy suggested that will there might be other things that will become up on this Pepsi grant the next round of grants will that we can do for the for the town.

Kathleen Sabol – Pine St. –she owns Café 501.
There was an incident that happened at the corner of her coffee shop the other day concerning the street sweeping. She gave out drawings/map. 7:00- 7:30 in the morning a construction crew came and blocked off Glenwood Ave. from and they were doing waterline work on 6th St. ...They were going to try and correct problems that they created on 6th Street. You can also see where one of the residents parked his car illegally between the island and – cutting off the opportunity for anyone else to park there or even use it to turn around. Because of this car being parked illegally like this – cars were unable to go back out to Duss Ave when they saw the construction, so what you had was cars coming up 5th St turning onto Glenwood and then backing up all the way to 5th St again. The incident occurred when a customer who could not park anywhere because of the construction, found a spot to park (see drawing) and she was just in for one minute getting her coffee and the police were pulled in front of her vehicle like a swat team- with their lights on -writing her a ticket for street sweeping. She ran out trying to tell them she was moving her car and the officer didn't want to hear it, he wrote her the ticket. She feels that the police officer should take into consideration the situation with the construction. In the meantime, @ 9am she called the police station to have this situation taken care of with the parked cars. This vehicle never moved until 11am. It was chaos. The worse part is that the "street sweeping sign" was about 120 feet down Duss Ave. – there was no way she could have known there was street sweeping since she wasn't a resident. There aren't that many businesses left in town, and this is bad for businesses when situations like this happen. Mr. McCoy asked if the woman was near her vehicle when they police came – Ms. Sabol said yes, she was already IN her car and moving it when they pulled in front of her like she robbed a bank or something. The Mayor commented that was an unfortunate situation and he agrees with Ms. Sabol that sometime decorum should be the answer and the officers should look at the whole situation. He will talk look into the situation. Mr. McCoy asked the Mayor to look into the matter and hopefully this kind of thing won't happen in the future. Chief Romutis commented that was an unfortunate situation and that the street sweeper already went by, and since the State Police were here last year and since the Borough has this policy of fines for street sweeping, I am not going to touch a ticket for any reason unless otherwise instructed in writing by this Council. Mr. McCoy agreed with the Chief, however we should instruct our officers to look around and see (under certain circumstances) if the streets are blocked off. Mr. McCoy states that according to the diagram and she probably has it on her video, this illegally parked car never got a ticket, he was blocking entrance in and out of the street. You may want to speak to the officer about that.

Bishop Kenneth Crom – 415 Melrose Ave.
He spoke about a ticket incident. He has been in the Borough for about 14 years. There is a yellow line in front of their church and we always thought it was for church staff. One of my staff members came out to speak to the officer and all the officer would say was there is an ordinance that says you can not park on a yellow line. They got two $10.00 tickets and that's not the point – it's only $20.00, however, if this is the case can we have the yellow line removed and we'll be able to park there. Mr. McCoy asked Mr. Cafarelli to look into it. Mr. McCoy commented that the Code Enforcement Officer was at the meeting to ask. Rev. Crom commented that he purposely went to the other churches in Ambridge to see if they had yellow lines and they did and there were vehicles parked in front of them, but not one car had a ticket. Mr. McCoy asked the Chief to have Code Enforcement to look into this and find out why there are yellow lines in front of the churches.

Erica Wachtel – Ambridge Chamber of Commerce.
She questioned about the yellow line ordinance, do we really have one. The other item was that she wanted to invite the Veterans to the nationality day parade. She states that she doesn't always have access to all the organizations and she wants them to know that they are invited. If anyone knows of any body that would like to be in the parade, have them call the Chamber's office, we have all the information there for them. She also spoke of the banners and there is an invoice that the chamber sent out a few weeks back and with all the confusion with the change over, she wondered if she can get a check....she didn't have another copy with her, but she can send one. This for the banner that we put up during Nationality Days and last year it was a little more expensive but we had them made and then we will store them from year to year – we should get about 4 yrs out of it.

Patty Sposaro – 503 Glenwood Ave.
She spoke of the yellow lines around Ambridge. Funeral homes, Churches, in front of senior high rise on Beaver Rd, between the yellow lines & handicapped parking spaces, pretty soon there won't be anywhere left to park. She feels that we should have someone go and check out these lines. She also feels that water and municipal authority does not have the courtesy to knock on my door or leave me a note to tell me my water will be off from such and such a time to such and such a time. She wondered if anyone really looks at the condition of the street and sidewalks, the contactors are tearing out concrete and replacing with gravel or tar. Mr. McCoy states that we have ordinances that state you have to put it back the way it was and we are going to get on these people to do so. Ms. Sposaro asked about her neighbor that leaves her unopened garbage can on her porch, she wanted to know if there is an ordinance about this type of situation. Mr. Mikulich asked her to call Code Enforcement. Ms. Sposaro commented that she does call Code Enforcement and never gets a response. She has come to this Council 3 times over the last 2 years and complained about the guy on 10th St. who build a deck that he has to climb out his window to get to and nothing has been done about it. She has called and talked to Cindy and called and talked to Mr. Ivancik and still nothing gets done...the guy still climbs out his window. Ms. Sposaro commented that our town is falling apart and we want to keep our town nice. Mr. McCoy commented that the buildings on 1st Street, 19th Street and Melrose are on the schedule for demolition. Mr. McCoy also states that he goes up to the County level and beats his head against the wall just like you people come to our Council meetings. Ms. Sposaro was wondering why aren't the property owners held responsible. Mr. McCoy commented that it's a long involved process but the property owners turn them over to the county. Ms. Sposaro commented that she needs to talk to someone about her neighbor's garbage, there has to be something that we can do, and she states that we need more garbage cans on Merchant Street also. She picks up garbage when she walks and has to carry it a long way before she come up to a can.

XIII. Official Report

Motion to accept official reports made by Mr. Mikulich, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.
All in favor: Ayes 4 ~ Nays 0
Motion passes.

After the vote Mr. McCoy wanted to thank everyone for coming, and he commented he feels your problems and they are doing the best they can. Mr. Mikulich commented about all the construction going on the different roads in Ambridge. Mr. Mikulich had a complaint about all the construction on the sidewalks and they took out about half the sidewalks and they were only going to replace half that they removed. Mr. McCoy states that are going to replace all of the sidewalks. Mr. Mikulich commented that he was glad that they're going to take care of this because the streets looked terrible. Mr. McCoy asked Mr. Mikulich if he remembered the meeting where he asked for Mr. Lemmon could be back in charge of watching street

construction. He & Mr. Cafarelli went to 14th Street to see the work that was being done, then they went to code enforcement and Mr. Lemmon to make sure that the streets were being put back the way they were. Mr. Cafarelli commented that he spoke to Columbia Gas and he told him that rumor was that they would only going to replace the little section that they dug out, and the Columbia Gas representative told him that wasn't true that they were going to replace the whole sidewalk, the whole 5 foot piece. Mr. McCoy commented to Ms. Sabol, that he is entirely upset over Beaver Rd – the public utilities did that not Ambridge.

XIV. Adjournment

Mikulich made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Dunn second.
All in favor: Ayes 4 ~ Nays 0.
Motion Passes 4 – 0.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: May 11, 2010