

MINUTES
Borough of Ambridge – Regular Meeting
Ambridge Municipal Complex
March 24, 2009 – 7:00 pm

I. Call to order

II. Roll Call

Present: Tony Cafarelli, Bob Dunn, Orlando Gagliardi, Tina Iorfido Miller, and Gerald C. McCoy

Absent: Mr. Mikulich, Mr. Pucci

Administration and Staff Present: Mayor Carl Notarianni, Borough Manager/Secretary Kristen Denne, Borough Solicitor Rick Start, Borough Engineer Frank Lemmon, Police Chief Mark Romutis

III. Invocation: Mrs. Barb Costa

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Citizen's Participation on Agenda Items Only (3 minutes per speaker)

Barbara Costa -699 Melrose Ave.

The closing of Sherman Street. The Trinity School is having an international conference the first week in June, she hopes that there won't be any problems in closing that street, and she hopes that council will give it their careful consideration.

An unidentified resident asked when the 2 hour parking will be on the agenda. The solicitor told him that he can speak on the Citizen's Participation portion of the meeting.

No one else wished to speak.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

1. February 24, 2009

Mr. Cafarelli makes the motion to accept the minutes, Mr. Gagliardi seconds.

All in Favor: 5 ~ 0.

Motion Passes.

2. March 10, 2009

Ms. Miller asked for the floor and has an issue with page 6, under Public Safety. She was uncomfortable with the description of the incident of that meeting – in parentheses “some loud discussions between audience member and council persons”. She listened to the tape and she was able to hear the words. Mr. McCoy suggested that she get together with the Borough Manager and discussion exactly what she like to have appear in there, such as word for word, he doesn't have any objection to that.

Ms. Miller made a motion to have the minutes corrected to have exact wording during the incident, Mr. Dunn seconds the motion.

All in Favor: 4 ~ 0. Abstain -1. (Mr. Cafarelli abstained as he was not at the meeting.)

Motion Passes.

VII. Treasurer's Report – respectfully submitted to Council by Marilyn Sheleheda, Treasurer.
Mr. Cafarelli read aloud as of today 4pm.

General Fund Analysis	
\$964,634.09	General Fund Bank Account Balance 3/24/2009 4:00 pm.
<u>\$13,024.28</u>	2007-2008 Outstanding Checks 3/24/2009 4:00 p.m.
\$951,609.81	Available Balance 3/24/2009 4:00 p.m.

Totals are as follows:	
Deposits:	\$243,029.73
Debits:	\$126,846.82
Treasurer's General Fund NOTES:	-which include the following:
<u> 47 </u> Checks	\$75,357.30
<u> 1 </u> Payroll (s)	\$50,597.02
<u> 1 </u> NSF Deposited check	\$892.50

Other Fund Balances as of 3/24/2009	
\$75,508.78	Grants/Special Funds (Insurance Proceeds - Garage Damage)
\$10,396.05	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$5,961.75	Escrow Disbursement Account
\$39,154.64	Recreation Fund
\$332,757.01	Sinking Fund (FEMA Grant)
\$463,778.23	Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)

VIII. Approval of Bills and Expenses.

Mr. Dunn made the motion to pay the bills. Mr. Cafarelli seconds.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y		Mr. Mikulich	Absent
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mr. Gagliardi	Y		President McCoy	Y
Ms. Miller	Y		Mayor Notarianni	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0

IX. NEW BUISNESS

1. Request from Ambridge Area Chamber of commerce for Police Parking Space in front of the Rest Area.

Mr. Mr. commented that we will have the police presence there and a request was made to have a police parking only in front of that building. And he feels that the chief and the mayor will go along with that as well. Mr. Gagliardi asked if it was only going to be one space. Mr. McCoy replied that it was only one space. Ms. Miller makes the motion to allow the police only space. Mr. Dunn seconded.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y		Mr. Mikulich	Absent
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mr. Gagliardi	Y		President McCoy	Y
Ms. Miller	Y		Mayor Notarianni	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0.

2. Housing Authority Patrol Job Description

Mr. McCoy commented that all of council has had an opportunity to read over it and he believed it should be passed. Ms. Miller asked if the police chief could speak on this issue of the unfair labor practice. Mr. McCoy stated that an employee of the Borough may or may not agree with what we as council put before them as a job assignment, but council has this right as well as the police chief and the mayor. The Police Chief remarked that what the collective bargaining unit has said to him was that it was past practice that the housing authority patrol job was open to any officer and in that way it was spread around and as each officer’s turn came up. They feel that posting it for one officer will cause that officer to be more responsible for a specific geographic area, and doing the weed and feed program that is exactly what we are trying to accomplish. Have one officer be assigned to him/her and be responsible for all housing authority properties, including section eight housing. Furthermore people who live in housing authority or section eight property would get to know the officer and know that they could go to that officer with any problems or specific concerns. The housing authority has been talking about a hot line directly to that officer, so it would be a 24/7. Ms. Miller asked the chief if he feels it’s in the best interest of the community. Mayor agreed with the police chief, his concern is that it’s not too much for one officer with section eight housing, the towers, the village, the Kennedy apartments. Mr. McCoy agrees with the chief and we have the right to assignment in this Borough and he refuses to give that right away, and as far as he’s concerned- let’s test the waters and asked for a motion to accept. A motion to accept the proposal was made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli. – Mayor had a question of the proposal –if only full timers can take the job. The Police Chief remarked that it will be put up for bid. Mr. Mayor asked if nobody wants it, we’ll have to assign it? Police Chief remarked that we can assign it.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y		Mr. Mikulich	Absent
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mr. Gagliardi	Y		President McCoy	Y
Ms. Miller	Y		Mayor Notarianni	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0.

3. Handicapped Space Applications.

➤ Mr. McCoy states that Aloysius Roginski of 272 -14th Street requested a handicapped space and met all the requirements. A motion to permit the handicapped space made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.
All in favor: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0.

Motion Passes 5 – 0.

➤ Mr. McCoy states that Gary Shoff Klessner of 605 Melrose Ave requested a handicapped space and did not meet all the requirements. Mr. McCoy commented that this person applied for a handicapped space 3 times now, and Mr. Pucci is not available tonight –he (Mr. Pucci) was going to look into this matter. Mr. McCoy asked if anyone knows who owns that garage. The police chief remarked that it was his mother that owed the garage. Mr. McCoy commented that the mother passed away. The police chief commented that was correct. Mr. Klessner states that he uses that garage for storage, but the problem is that the ordinance is specific, and if there is off street parking he can not approve it, if you want to grant a variance, that’s up to council. The police chief commented he can not go outside the parameters of the ordinance. Mr. McCoy asked if he owns the property now that his mother passed away. If he does own the property now, we can not approve this, as it will set precedence. Police Chief Romutis commented that Lt. Kuzma rejected in August of 06 and the Chief rejected it once himself, and he is rejecting it for the same reason. Mr. Cafarelli asked the second page of the application, the address shows 2311 Ridge Rd, which is Harmony Twp. The Mayor commented that address is his sister’s house in Economy. Mr. McCoy commented that if he moved from that address he has to change it – those placards are only good for 5 years. Mr. McCoy asked the chief if he has to change it when he moves and the chief replied yes. Mayor also commented that if the driver who is granted a handicapped space passes away – it has to be removed. Mr. Gagliardi asked how far away from the house is the garage. Mayor responded 30 feet. Mr. Gagliardi asked if the man can’t walk 30 feet. Mayor commented that the garage contains all the man’s junk, they said. Mr. McCoy remarked that he asked if the man can walk 30 feet. Mayor states that he is a disabled war veteran. A motion to deny the handicapped space permit made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Gagliardi.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y		Mr. Mikulich	Absent
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mr. Gagliardi	Y		President McCoy	Y
Ms. Miller	Y		Mayor Notarianni	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0.

3. Request for Street Closing by Trinity Episcopal School

Mr. McCoy commented that Ms. Costa spoke of that item earlier and he see no problem with this request since Bamboo Bar is closed now. Mr. Gagliardi asked if this is only 3 times a year. Mr. McCoy commented that Ms. Costa only asked for once. Ms. Miller commented that it was for 2 day event. Ms. Miller made the motion to grant permission and Mr. Cafarelli seconded.
All in Favor: Ayes - 5. Nays - 0.

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0.

5. Motion to Advertise an Amendment to the Traffic Ordinance to Designate Henrici Street for One Way Traffic Travelling Southbound from Pugar Way to Church St.

Ms. Miller makes the motion to advertise, Mr. Cafarelli seconded.

Mr. Lemmon commented that he looked thru the ordinances, he did not find Pugar Way as a street, it's listed as 17th St., and we may want to check into that first. Mr. McCoy asked with that revision, does the motion and the second remain the same. Both Ms. Miller and Mr. Cafarelli replied yes.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y		Mr. Mikulich	Absent
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mr. Gagliardi	Y		President McCoy	Y
Ms. Miller	Y		Mayor Notarianni	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0.

6. Committee Appointments

Mr. McCoy read off the names submitted to the Civil Service Board:

- Timothy Kay
- Fred McCutcheon
- Michael Mikulich
- Heather Withers Fedorko
- Robert Hare

Mr. Cafarelli made the motion for Mr. Hare, Mr. Gagliardi seconded the motion. Mr. Gagliardi commented that Mr. Mikulich who is a councilman and also an applicant, he continued that a few years back the same situation happened when there was a vote concerning the civil service and the councilman had to abstain because of conflict of interest. He knows that Mr. Mikulich is well capable of holding that job, even though they only meet 3 times a year, but he feels that Mr. Hare would do a good job also. Mr. McCoy states that in his opinion he feels that none of the people on council should for those jobs, Mr. Cafarelli and himself gave up their jobs on the Municipal Authority.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y		Mr. Mikulich	Absent
Mr. Dunn	N		Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mr. Gagliardi	Y		President McCoy	N
Ms. Miller	Y		Mayor Notarianni	

Motion Passes 3 ~ 2.

7. Review of Bids for 2009 Road Program.

Mr. Lemmon states that he gave a bid sheet; there are no bids for 2, 3, 4 & 7.

The first bid: Andrea Plumbing, acknowledgement of addendum #1
10% bid bond from Hudson Insurance Company, total amount of the bid \$29,174.75

The next bid: Lavoro, (some inaudible) total amount of the bid \$35,290.00

The next bid: Kishmo, Inc., no acknowledgement of addendum # 1, so we will not even read this bid. Mr. McCoy remarked that we should cross them off.

The next one is Martino Inc., which we don't have a bid for, it's number 7.

The next one is from Acon Diamond. Acknowledgement of addendum # 1, and a 10% bid bond from Western Surety, total amount of the bid \$49,186.50

The next one is from Palmary Const5ruction. Acknowledgment of addendum #1, and a 10% bid bond from Hudson Insurance, total amount of the bid \$28,023.75

The next one is from Palumbo Contracting, acknowledgement of addendum #1, and a 10% bid bond from Western Surety, and total amount of the bid \$38,565.00

The last one is from Sangro, Inc. acknowledgement of addendum #1, and a 10% bid bond from A C Star Ins. Company. Total bid amount \$24,019.50

Mr. Lemmon remarked that he will be back at the workshop meeting with a recommendation. Mr. Lemmon also added that bids were taken 18th & Pine, Phase II, and the county has not yet opened the bids and will be opened today at the county meeting. He continued that when he receives something, he will let council know.

X. Other Unfinished Business

- Mr. McCoy recognized Mr. Cafarelli. He asked what the status is on the house on 1st Street. Ms. Denne has been given to the County Community Development and is totally in the county's hands at this point. Mr. Cafarelli has had residents come up to him all the time and they state that it's an eyesore and want to know when it's coming down. Let's try to make it our project to get this done. McCoy has asked Ms. Denne to set up an appointment with herself, himself and Joe Spanik and Tony Amadio concerning the Weed & Seed Program and to discuss that issue.
- Mr. McCoy recognized Ms. Denne. She states that she had to put down a *Memorandum of Understanding*, and she apologized for it not being in the packets, but it came together quickly. This Memorandum of Understanding is a fiduciary agent and a grant writer for the recovery act in order to draw down the funds for the police departments. I volunteered on behalf of the police departments to write the grants and be the fiduciary agent with the six communities. She had the solicitor review it and he didn't see a problem. She commented that she didn't like coming to council at this late date, but she needs everything in by April 19th, so the sooner the better.

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- Mr. McCoy states that he would like to commend our Borough Manager because she offered to do this job, write the grant, on her own time. We do have a good Borough Manager regardless of what might be said. A motion to go ahead with this program made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y		Mr. Mikulich	Absent
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mr. Gagliardi	Y		President McCoy	Y
Ms. Miller	Abstain		Mayor Notarianni	

Motion Passes 4 ~ 0, 1 Abstain.

(Ms. Miller explained her abstain is because she didn't get a chance to read it)

- Mr. McCoy recognized Mr. Cafarelli. Mr. Cafarelli commented that in the packet was a letter regarding the hang zone restoration; he asked where we are in that matter? Ms. Denne commented that she sent out a letter in response to Mr. Gleason's request. We will be addressed soon.
- Mr. McCoy recognized Mr. Dunn. He asked about the Borough garage and the shed. Ms. Denne commented that Mr. Lemmon should speak concerning that because he reviewed the construction on that. Mr. Lemmon states that he had send an email to Ms. Denne which she passed along to Mr. Cafarelli and Mr. Dunn. There were 3 bids, the first one, from Mr. Cassidy, did not meet the bidding requirements so we set it aside. The other two we looked at and the difference was one was a metal roof and one was a shingle roof. In the recommendations, the metal roof guy has offered a (in his opinion) a very good deal on the building. If you use the means catalogue it should be around \$14 to \$18 thousand dollars for that particular project and he has bid that at \$9,900.00. The shingle roof is lower bid, he believes it was \$7,500.00, neither of the two bids address the downspouts or gutters. We had a problem that we corrected when we picked up the roof drains because it was ending up in that lady's yard across the alley. It's a matter for council to decide, whether you want metal or wood & shingles. If you decide on wood & shingle, you have to make sure that the lumber that is existing there is ok. There is a lot of difference between the two, weight wise. The wind blew the last metal roof off, if you don't anchor it well, you'll have the same problem. The shingle one is heavier but it needs more support. Neither one of them address the banner where the trusses are to be mounted. The metal roof guy said if he had to he would scab on the inside of those to anchor the trusses but that would be an additional cost. The decision is whether you want a metal or wood & shingle roof. Mr. Cafarelli asked Mr. Lemmon what the longevity. Mr. Lemmon states that the shingle warranties that you see advertised 20 or 30 years, do not apply to a commercial building, only residential. You would have a limited warranty with wood & shingle. A metal roof has a guaranteed 20, but generally goes to 50. Mr. McCoy asked what his recommendations would be.

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Mr. Lemmon remarked that the metal roof would probably, astatically, look better, but you would save \$2,400.00 with the shingle roof. Mr. McCoy states that the metal would have a longer longevity barring a big wind storm. Mr. Lemmon commented that shingles will last, but there is no guaranteed if you have a failure. It's in the fine print. Mr. Cafarelli mentioned the asphalt or fiberglass shingles that are installed in the late fall or winter that don't adhere and the wind will pick them right up. They need the heat to compress them. Mr. Cafarelli continued that not because it matches but he would like to go with a metal roof. He also wants to have a gutter system back there or the neighbors will be coming back to complain. Mr. Lemmon mentioned that there is a plastic strip that needs to be peeled off when the temperatures are below 70°, and most roofers don't do that and that is why they don't adhere. If you put it on during the summer it will melt right thru. Mr. Lemmon doesn't have a problem with either one, the only issue is with the shingle roof there is a lot more weight. Mr. McCoy agrees with Mr. Cafarelli that the metal roof would be the better choice. Mr. Dunn made the motion to get it done with the metal roof. Mr. McCoy asked for the exact total cost of the project. Mr. Lemmon states \$9,992.47. Mr. Gagliardi seconds. Mr. Cafarelli asked if that \$9,992.47 included the downspouts and gutters. Mr. Lemmon states that it did not include gutters and downspouts; however, when he spoke to the roofer, he said that he makes his own gutters and downspouts and either he can put them up or our guys can put them up, it wouldn't be that much. Mr. Gagliardi asked if it will have sides on it. Mr. Lemmon replied it will be the same sides as we have now, except it in the peaks; you had a shed roof before and now it will be a hip roof. Mr. Gagliardi asked if the weather will get to it. Mr. Cafarelli replied no, when it's done the ends will be closed up.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y		Mr. Mikulich	Absent
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mr. Gagliardi	Y		President McCoy	Y
Ms. Miller	Y		Mayor Notarianni	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0

- Mr. McCoy recognized Mr. Cafarelli. Mr. Cafarelli commented he would like to clean up the vehicles in the Public Works area, let's get them sold. Ms. Denne states that the final bid dates for those vehicles are April 13th, there are already bids on line and acted upon at the workshop meeting.
- Mr. Lemmon mentioned that also council may have noticed that some of the cracks are opening back up in the Borough Complex parking lot and we have notified the East Coast Paving to reseal that under the maintenance bond. Mr. Lemmon states that we have an 18 months maintenance bond with them and they will reseal them.

XI. Citizen’s Participation (3 minutes per speaker)

Mr. Earl Cole – 630 Glenwood Ave

He asked what was the deal with the 2 hr parking on Glenwood. Mr. McCoy asked if he was a resident. Mr. Cole replied yes. Mr. McCoy commented that the 2 hr parking is for all citizens’ protection against people that park there and do not live there. Mr. Cole asked if he has guests that come and visit him, will they get tagged, what will happen then. Mr. McCoy replied that they will have to move their car. The police chief replied that it’s a \$10.00 fine for violating the 2 hr parking. Mr. Cole asked if there was an ordinance on this. Mr. McCoy stated there was. Mr. Cole wanted a copy of the ordinance. Mr. McCoy commented that he should see Mrs. Whitehair in the administration building on Monday. Mr. Cole also commented that this was an Ambridge law, not a state or federal law. Mr. McCoy stated that the 2 hr parking law pertains to him also, as president of council. Mr. Gagliardi commented that there should be something in the ordinance for overnight guests, for instance his son coming from Oklahoma. Maybe they could notify the police department or the Borough that they would be staying for 3 or 4 days. Mr. McCoy remarked that we would have to change the ordinance and we could look into the matter.

Corky Mihalic – 728 -24th St.

He spoke of a repeat issue, referring to the “used” product store next to the old rest area- or the Chamber office, they had refrigerators and lawn furniture on the sidewalk and they were unloading a truck, in the meantime a guy in a wheelchair couldn’t get thru because of all this junk. Ms. Denne commented that we have been researching the ordinances to address this. The second question was concerning the police for the Housing Authority, but if you put only one man on 24/7, this will be costing us more in overtime. Chief Romutis remarked that officer will be on an 8 hr shift and be available for anyone who calls the hot line. Ms. Denne states that previously the officers made overtime-period, and whoever wanted to fill the shift –filled the shift. Now the Housing Authority will be reimbursing the officers wage only, which is really saving the Borough money because the Housing Authority will be helping with the officers insurance costs of workers comp. We got a surcharge from the insurance company last year around \$20,000.00 because of increased payroll. This way, you will be getting better service delivery; second it will be saving the tax payers money.

Mr. McCoy states that he spoke to the Solicitor concerning the 2 hr parking for family visitors from out of town. He would like council’s permission to let the Solicitor look into this matter. Mr. Gagliardi made the motion for Mr. Start to look into this matter and make recommendations on how to best do it. Seconded by Ms. Miller. Mayor asked why we need the Solicitor, why don’t we just add that language. Mr. McCoy states that is why we use an attorney’s advice so there are no repercussions, and it’s done properly, we want to stay out of trouble. Ms. Miller commented that we seem to have an excessive amount of 2 hr parking signs, and she would like documentation of which streets are designated 2 hr parking. Mr. McCoy states that it was less than 2 years ago that we had businesses from Duss Ave, like restaurants come to us and complain that their patrons didn’t have anywhere to park because some of the signs were missing, or stolen and the employees of the steal-mill were parking there all day. Ms. Miller would like this information for her own satisfaction.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y		Mr. Mikulich	Absent
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mr. Gagliardi	Y		President McCoy	Y
Ms. Miller	Y		Mayor Notarianni	

Motion Passes 5 ~ 0

Catherine Cole – 85 Laughlin St.

She also wanted to comment about the 2 hr parking on Glenwood. That street was not marked and her car was parked legally in front of her babysitters and while she was at work one day, a sign was put up in front of her car and she got a ticket. She claims that Joe Pucci had been harassing her for two weeks about her car being there. She called the police department when all this harassment started and the policeman told her if there wasn't a sign there and if she wasn't parked in front of a driveway, she could park there. She also states that she called and left messages for the Mayor and didn't get a return call and that's why she is appearing tonight at the meeting. Mayor Notarianni suggested that it was his children that may have erased the message and he apologized to her. Mr. Cafarelli states that he is head of the Public Works Dept and he was unaware of the signs being put up. Ms. Cole states that she called the day she received the ticket and spoke to the officer who gave her the ticket and he told her that the sign was put up the night before and she told him that it wasn't there when she parked the car there in the morning, and she has witnesses. She said she wouldn't have parked there if the sign was there. Mr. McCoy asked the Mayor to look into this matter. The Mayor commented that the lower streets near Merchant have the 2 hr signs. Mr. McCoy suggested to the Mayor that he and the police chief should look into the matter and correct it if it was an error. Ms. Cole states that Joe Pucci gave the officer her babysitters address and that is the address on the ticket. Mr. McCoy commented that it should be corrected and that Mr. Pucci is not present at the meeting to comment on any of this. Mayor asked Ms. Cole for the ticket so he can look into it. Ms. Miller commented that she was recently told that signs were put up on that street. Mr. Cafarelli agreed and he did not want to be blindsided again, he is usually aware of any signs that need to be put up and it's an approval by the committee for these signs to be put up, he was unaware of these signs being put up. Mr. McCoy states that Mr. Pucci is not present to defend these actions one way or the other so will have discussions on this matter.

Marelene Verygood – 652 Melrose Ave.

She has lived on Melrose for over 30 years and there has always been 2 hr parking there, she has never seen any policeman giving out 2 hr parking. She thinks that the police should be ticketing the trucks and cars parking illegally in the alleys. The Mayor commented that we have a very aggressive traffic officer now, and he will be taking care of the 2 hr parking everywhere. She asked if Glenwood was ticketed on a complaint: the police chief stated that it probably was a complaint.

Donna Singsin – 720 Maplewood Ave.

She has pictures of the house and debris of 722 Maplewood that was on fire a few weeks ago, and the bottom of the house was boarded up but not the top of the house and you can see in the pictures show the debris that lands on her front porch when the wind blows. Something crashed inside the house and the window weights are falling out on the sidewalk between the houses. She is afraid that someone is going to be hurt because there are trespassers constantly walking between the houses. She has called the code department for the last 2.5 weeks and she gets nowhere. She was told that she'll hear something on this past Monday, but she didn't. She wants to know who is responsible for the proper boarding of this home. What can we do about this, there seems like there is a lack of structure of what we can do. Ms. Denne commented that the owner of the property and his insurance company. The police dept. has been wonderful, they caution taped the area, and she took the initiative to clean up the outside debris, and then the owner of the property told her in front of her insurance man that she should not have done the clean up.

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She commended the fire department for being so quick to respond as her house was kissed by the fire and had they not arrived quickly it could have been worse. The police officers have come to check on the property often. She also states that the code department has been wonderful but she hasn't seen anyone from that department come out to look at the property. Ms. Denne states that the fireman that responded to the fire is the code department and that they are working diligently to get this matter taken care of quickly. Ms. Singsin did not realize this. Mr. McCoy remarked that they don't want to give any false information so they will look into it tomorrow.

She also spoke of how nice it was when she first moved here, she had to come and get a sticker for her vehicle to identify that she lived there, and it worked out nice. Mayor suggested that he was going to propose that to council. Mr. McCoy commented that they have already been talking about these ideas.

Michael Komlos – 1010 Lenz Ave.

He commented that there are so many areas in Ambridge that have 2 hr parking and it has to be by complaint. He is complaining about the Lenz Ave parking situation with the kids from the high school kids parking. Mr. McCoy states that we get many complaints that the police aren't doing their job because they are not ticketing. Mr. Komlos remarked that there are many areas, like Anthony Wayne School where they play basketball and there are 2 hr parking signs there. We wouldn't mind if they park here but it's getting crowded and they are throwing their wrappers and bottles and we have to keep it clean.

Also he commented on the committee tree commission, he is on the committee and it's been 3 yrs and I haven't been called to a meeting. Mr. McCoy asked him to get in touch with Mr. Mikulich. Mr. Komlos was concerned about both issues.

XII. Official Reports.

A motion to accept the official reports was made by Ms. Miller, Mr. Cafarelli seconded.
All in Favor: Ayes 5 ~ Nays 0.
Motion Passes.

XII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Dunn.
All in Favor: Ayes 5 ~ Nays 0.
Motion Passes.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: April 14, 2009

Respectfully submitted, by Kristen Denne, Borough Manager

I hereby certify that these are the true and correct minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough of Ambridge Council for March 24, 2009.

Borough of Ambridge Seal