

MINUTES
Borough of Ambridge – Workshop Meeting
Ambridge Municipal Complex
May 11th, 2010 – 7:00 pm

APPROVED

- I. Call to order**
 President McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- II. Roll Call**
 Present: Tony Cafarelli, Bob Dunn, M.J. Flannery, Tina Iorfido Miller, Mike Mikulich, Joe Pucci and Gerald C. McCoy

 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, May 11, 2010.

General Fund Analysis

\$1,663,122.17	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of: -May 11, 2010 -4:00 pm	
\$18,641.88	All Outstanding Checks as of: -May 11, 2010 -4:00 pm	
\$1,644,480.29	Available Balance as of: -May 11, 2010 -4:00 pm	
Treasurer's General Fund Summary:	Totals are as follows:	
	Deposits:	\$546,216.82
	Debits:	\$299,063.40
	-which include the following:	
	<u>44</u> Checks	\$41,996.73
	<u>2</u> Payroll (s)	\$56,298.54
	<u>1</u> Bond Payment	\$200,768.13
Other Fund Balances as of May 11, 2010 4:00 pm		
\$61,874.37	Grants/Special Funds (Insurance Proceeds - Garage Damage)	
\$151,313.08	Liquid Fuels Fund	
\$36,750.79	Escrow Disbursement Account	
\$39,246.13	Recreation Fund	
\$333,534.59	Sinking Fund (FEMA Grant)	
\$622,718.96	Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)	

VI. Boroughs Bills and Expenses

No questions or comments. Mr. Dunn made the motion to pay the bills, Mr. Cafarelli seconded.

All in Favor: Ayes 7 ~ Opposed 0.

Motion passes. 7-0.

VII. Citizen’s Participation on Agenda Items Only – (5 minutes per speaker)

No one wished to speak.

VIII. Items for Discussion

1. Resolution to Designation of an Agent for FEMA-1898-DR-PA Snow Disaster.

Mr. McCoy explained that this motion is necessary to try and recoup some of our money that we spent during the snow disaster we had in February of this year.

Mr. Flannery made the motion, Mr. Dunn seconded it.

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

Motion Passes 7 ~ 0

2. Approval of the sale of 135 Merchant St. from beaver County repository.

Motion made by Mr. Flannery, second by Mr. Cafarelli

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

Motion Passes 7 ~ 0

3. Resignation of Mr. Michael J. Komlos from the Ambridge Planning Commission

Mr. Cafarelli asked if that was the only vacancy. Ms. Sheleheda commented that there may be one more after this one. Motion made by Mr. Mikulich, seconded by Mr. Pucci.

All in Favor: Ayes 7 ~ Opposed 0.

Motion Passes 7 – 0.

4. Re-appointment of Mary Pat Giallorenzo will to the Zoning Board

Motion made by Mr. Mikulich, seconded by Mrs. Miller.

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

Motion Passes 7 ~ 0

5. Reappointment of Richard S. Powell to the Planning Commission

Motion made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Mikulich

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

Motion Passes 7 ~ 0

6. Reappointment of Millie Vukelic to the Landlord-Tenant Appeal Board

Motion made by Mr. Mikulich, seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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

Motion Passes 7 ~ 0

7. Appointment to vacant seat on Planning Commission

Mr. McCoy states that there is only one applicant at this time for this position, his name is Ross McCoy, and is no relation to him (Gerald McCoy), in case anyone is thinking of the nepotism policy.

Mr. Mikulich makes the motion, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli

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

Motion Passes 7 ~ 0

8. Request for donation to clean Gazebo from Committee to Clean & Beautify Ambridge

Mr. McCoy asked for a motion to move this agenda item to the next meeting because there are two other parties involved one would be the Chamber of Commerce and the other one would be the Rotary Club. Motion made by Mr. Pucci, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli

Mr. McCoy states he will have Ms. Sheleheda ask someone from that committee to clean and beautify Ambridge come and speak on this item

9. Request from chamber of commerce for public works assistance for Nationality Days

Mr. McCoy asked Ms. Wachtel to explain what they are looking for. Ms. Wachtel explained that in years past the Ambridge Public Works Department came after

Nationality Days with their leaf blower and blew all that the debris to the side of the curb at which time they had Leetsdale come with their street sweeper. Mr. McCoy asked Ms. Wachtel if it was voluntary or what. Ms. Wachtel did not recall. Mr. McCoy states regardless, it's a very important function in Ambridge and he suggested to Council that we permit this even if we have to pay Public Works. Mr. Cafarelli commented that Leetsdale does this each year at no charge to our Borough. Mr. McCoy's commented that is great what they do for us. Mrs. Miller makes the motion Mr. Pucci second.

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

Motion Passes 7 ~ 0

10. Curb cut request for 813 Beaver Rd.

Mr. McCoy states that curb cut for 813 Beaver Rd. be rejected according to Mr. Ivancik's recommendation. Motion to reject the curb cut made by Mr. Pucci, seconded by Mr. Flannery.

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

Motion Passes 7 ~ 0

11. Girl Scout Request to Waive Rental Fee for PJ Caul Park for June 10, 2010.

Mr. McCoy states that the Girl Scouts would like to use this facility for their badge award ceremony, and they would like us to waive the rental fee because they don't have the money to do that. Mr. Dunn made the motion to approve it Mr. Pucci made the second.

All in Favor: Ayes 7 ~ Opposed 0.

Motion Passes 7 - 0.

IX. Committee Reports

1. Administration and Finance

Mr. Mikulich – nothing to report.

2. Public Safety

Mr. Pucci states that they talked about the driveway behind the magistrate's office. We also talked about signs throughout our town, all the signs that are missing. He talked to somebody that had a relative visit from New Jersey and they found Ambridge right away, but once they got to Ambridge they could not find Boyleston

Street. There were no signs there. I took ride around Ambridge, and found that there are a lot of street signs missing. He advised Mr. Cafarelli. Mr. Start states that years ago in Aliquippa while Mr. Bill Austin was still alive they had some machine that could turn out the signs really quick, but he hasn't heard anything recently. Mr. Mikulich states the last time signage was put up with in the 90s. Mr. Mikulich continues to Mr. Pucci is right we need to get the signs put back up. Mr. McCoy states that the sign should be put up 2 feet higher so the kids can break them. Mr. Pucci remarked that the mayor has been talking to the merchants and they are willing to donate money for signs. The Mayor states that the business people have made many comments to him that our business district needs help, if go from 11th St. to 3rd St – there are no street signs, the poles are still there, the street sign poles on 7th Street are the stop sign poles. He spoke to Frank Shuster at Centria and he is more than willing to help us out. Basically we need to get on board with style wise type. Right now he's got a commitment of about \$2000. He also states that we need garbage cans down In Merchant St., Mr. McCoy made the comment that the committee to Clean and Beautify Ambridge is working on getting more garbage cans on Merchant Street. He also stated that the driveway behind the Magistrate's office was discussed because they didn't want any children getting hurt going to the Hang Zone.

3. Public Works

Mr. Cafarelli states that he can work with public safety also about the signs. He'll look into the signs been made in Aliquippa. He called Frank Lemmon about a couple of sewers that are collapsing in the borough; he is tired of seeing horses on the streets around town. We have sort of a freeze on spending, but we have to maintain these sewers. Columbia Gas is replacing some sidewalks, and the municipal authority is doing line separation. Mr. Cafarelli also states he knows we have a spending freeze, but we need to do preventative maintenance. Mr. Lemmon states that Mr. Kokoski used to have a punch list that we used to go by, but Mr. Lemmon wasn't sure if we still had any kind of list. Mr. Cafarelli states we need something like this to stay ahead of the game. Mr. Cafarelli states that the Municipal Authority has worked on the lines but the inlets are falling apart. Mr. Cafarelli also states he got a call from the Lou the other day our streets he sweeper was down for 48 hrs, they thought was the main motor but it ended up being the motor that runs the main brush and once they got the right part it was up and running within an hour. Mr. Mikulich asked which sewer lines are you talking about is it the one on 14th St.? Mr. Cafarelli states it's the inlets on the street corners where the pavement ends; it's collapsing 2 foot out into the street. Mr. Mikulich asked why can't we fix it. Mr. Cafarelli remarks we are fixing them, but in some cases we have to call an outside contractor. When these happened he called Frank last week and asked him to have quotes ready for tonight's meeting. Mr. Dunn asked if one was on Valley Road. Mr. Lemmon states a couple of them are dangerous right now; one on Pine & 8th, the other one is Lenz Ave & Ross Alley. Mr. Dunn states we also have to resolve the one at 9th & Beaver Rd.; there have been cones on it for a month. Mr. Dunn also said that they've been complaining about Valley Road and that sewer is completely filled. Mr. McCoy states also to advise public works about the corners of 7th St. & Melrose and Duss Ave. & 15th sewers are plugged when we have heavy rains.

4. Recreation

Mr. Dunn states that city plumbing completed the plumbing at Panek Park, and they have almost finished the plumbing in the restrooms at the hang zone. Mr. Mikulich opened up discussion about the name of the "Hang Zone", can't we call the complex Park or something. Mr. Lemmon offer the reason for this name was because Pam Caskie called it the hang zone for grant purposes. More discussion

among Council members. McCoy suggested that we opened it to the residents of Ambridge what call it. Mr. Pucci suggested we asked the kids to give their opinion. Mr. McCoy suggested we make it a contest in what all of Ambridge area school districts participate. Mr. Start offered to give a brand-new basketball to the naming winner. Mr. McCoy asked Ms. Sheleheda to send a letter to all the schools. Mr. McCoy suggested the deadline would be for the next work session.

Mr. Cafarelli asked Mr. Mikulich if he was waiting for a bid from the lighting guy. Mr. Mikulich answered yes; he was waiting for the appointing of the new manager because he wants him to be involved in the process.

X. Official Report

Engineers Report –Mr. Lemmon referred to the sinkages that we just spoke about on lens Ave. and Ross Alley, one bid is \$1700 and the other is \$3700 by Sangro. Both bids are about \$5400. Mr. Cafarelli made the motion to accept Mr. Mikulich second the motion.

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

Motion Passes 7 ~ 0

The second item is 6th Street road improvements, and that is a CDGB project from merchant St. to Olive Lane and the bids will be opened on the 25th. The final item is the 14th Street project, which we obtained \$250,000.00 to pave 14th Street from Merchant Street to Duss Ave. Mr. Pucci, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Lemmon met with County Commissioners and their Solicitor and submitted our preliminary designs. Mr. Mikulich made the motion to permit the Engineer to complete the design work, Mr. Pucci seconded.

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

Motion Passes 7 ~ 0

After the vote Mr. McCoy commented that when he found out about the stimulus money, he spoke to some individuals up at the County level and they asked if you have someone who could put this package together quickly. His answer was absolutely, because he had great faith in Mr. Lemmon. He called Mr. Lemmon and he was ready with all the information in 4 days. We went back up to the Commissioners and they fell in love with Mr. Lemmon and were very impressed by his work, they approved his plans and we were awarded the money the same day. We are very lucky to have him (Mr. Lemmon).

Mr. Lemmon continued with his report on the Municipal Complex Park – all the issues have been taken care of- the gates have been adjusted, we found some areas that had washed out underneath the asphalt – these were taken care of, and the asphalt was sealed. Also the Ambridge Redevelopment Center –the storm manhole #1 that was an issued that needed to be completed for us to accept the project from Mr. Nardelli – has been completed and has to be formally accepted because they made final payment to him without our formal acceptance. Mr. Lemmon suggested that the gates be locked because they are one way gates and the kids were pushing the gates the wrong way. Mr. McCoy suggested to Mr. Dunn that there are double gates and we should lock one of those gates at the top so that a car can not drive on the blacktop because if a vehicle does drive on the blacktop it will crack and we'll be at square one again. Mr. Lemmon states that there are 3 sets of double gates. Mr. McCoy asked Mr. Dunn to make sure that one of the double gates on each set are padlocked. A motion to accept the recreational facility on 11th Street made by Mr. Mikulich, seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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

Motion Passes 7 ~ 0

XI. Executive Session – Personnel Reasons. 8:40pm

XII. Return from Executive Session –

TAPE FAILED TO TURN OVER – Balance of minutes taken from recording secretary's notes.

Mr. McCoy states that the council has made a decision on hiring a Borough Manager. Eric Kaunert is his name and he will sign his contract and begin June 1st. Motion made to hire Eric Kaunert made by Mr. Mikulich, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

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

Motion Passes 7 ~ 0

Mr. McCoy states that the Civil Service Board to administer test to the 4 Police Sergeants that were promoted at the March 9th meeting. Motion made by Ms. Miller to administer the test, Mr. Flannery seconded.

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

Motion Passes 7 ~ 0

XIII. Citizen's Participation (Citizens are limited to 5 minutes per speaker)

Calvin Waynor – 723 Probe Street – Aliquippa

He spoke of the pothole that he hit on 8th alley near CVS parking lot. He was upset that he received a letter from the insurance company that said the Borough Insurance was not responsible for paying his damages to his vehicle. The solicitor explained that this type of a loss was not covered by our insurance, and that we took care of the pothole the same day it was reported, and we are only responsible if we do not take care of the problem.

Erica Wachtel – Ambridge Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Wachtel asked Council if she could have their permission to use the Borough's picnic tables for Nationality Days for in front of the stage area.

All in Favor: Ayes 7 ~ Opposed 0.

Motion Passes.

No one else wished to speak.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

All in Favor: Ayes 7 – Opposed 0.

Motion Passes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: May 25, 2010