BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE
MINUTES
Council Meeting: November 10, 2015
Ambridge Municipal Complex

- **Executive Session – Personnel and Legal Matters**

- **The November 10, 2015 meeting of Ambridge Borough Council was called to order at 7:00PM within the Council Chambers of the Ambridge Municipal Complex.**

- **Roll Call:**
  Present:

  Mr. Cafarelli
  Mrs. Caldarelli
  Mr. McCoy
  President Mikulich
  Vice President Miller
  Mayor D'Ambrosio

  Also Present: Borough Manager Kauer, Police Chief Mann, Fire Chief Drewnowski, Solicitor Start, Engineer Lemmon, NIRA Representative Suehr, and Code Enforcement Officer Clark.

  Absent: Mrs. Drewnowski and Mr. Pucci

- **Invocation** given by Ms. Barb Costa, Trinity School of Ministry.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Presentations**
  - None

- **Citizen's Participation On/Off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)**
  Mr. Tom Friend, 511 Merchant Street, thanked the Borough Council for following up on his concerns that were addressed at last month's meeting. However, stated that the women from the Maplewood Rest Home are still begging on Merchant Street. He was advised by Chief Mann that these women are not healthy and do not fully understand that this behavior is unacceptable. He also asked the Borough Council to take down the other DUI awareness sign on Route 65 that is near the sewage treatment plant. Lastly, he said that 4th Street looks much better with the recent tree improvements and he recognized the efforts of Trish Digliado for working hard to bring additional businesses to Ambridge.

  Ms. Lorianne Burgess, 570 Merchant Street, stated that there are a lot of feral cats that live on Maplewood Avenue. She urged the Borough to help the resident who has been working to capture them and get them spayed / neutered. She also stated that this past Saturday was the Commercial Property Open House. She stated that additional maintenance is needed in the business district in preparation of these events including street sweeping, leaf removal. Ms. Burgess also complained that there were not many American Flags on display on Merchant Street this year.

  Mrs. Trish Digliado, 233 Merchant Street, as a representative from the Ambridge Regional Chamber of Commerce, she reported that their event on November 7th went very well. She stated that many real estate agents turned out for the event and that they plan to do this event every six months. Ms. Digliado also stated that the Regional Chamber is conducting a membership drive with an event scheduled for next Tuesday at Baruinis Restaurant.

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
  October 13, 2015 Council Meeting
  Mrs. Caldarelli made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. McCoy. A roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Abstained	Mrs. Miller	Abstained
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

- **Treasurer's Report:**

November 10, 2015

Marilyn Sheleheda - Treasurer

General Fund Analysis

(Citizens) $124,064.69	(WesBanco) $713,462.82
(Citizens) 75,546.11	(WesBanco) $ 8,053.76
(Citizens) 48,518.58	**(WesBanco) $705,409.06**

General Fund Summary:	***Totals are as follows:***
	Deposits: (Citizens) $112,516.70 (WesBanco) $792.602.07
	Debits: (Citizens) $1,139.763.70 (WesBanco) $148,479.60
	-which include the following:
	(Citizens) 73 $1,075,675.04 (WesBanco) 2 $87.609.42 Checks
	(Citizens) 1 $63,958.95 (WesBanco) 1 $71,557.040 Payroll (s)
	(Citizens) $ 129.71 (WesBanco) $ 313.14 Misc. Debits

Other Fund Balances as of (November 10, 2015) 4:00 pm	
$850.04	**Ambridge Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund**
$82,556.66	**Grants/Special Funds**
$4,404.54	**Liquid Fuels Fund**
$65,316.06	**Escrow Disbursement Account**
$35,027.04	**Recreation Fund**
$841,344.37	**2015 Road Construction Fund**
$0.00	**2015 PIB Note Sinking Fund**
$334,451.73	**Sinking Fund**
$1,363,950.44	***Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)***

- **Borough Bills and Expenses**
  Motion to Pay the Bills (Unpaid: $429,260.89 / Paid: $37,998.00) was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; - a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

- **New Business - Items for Discussion:**

1) Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1275, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Ambridge Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 290, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Article II, entitled "Intersections Where Turn Prohibited on Red Signal" so as to establish certain intersections that prohibit drivers from turning right on a steady red traffic signal during certain hours. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli, roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

2) Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1278, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending certain traffic regulations of the Borough of Ambridge, by inter alia, establishing maximum speed limits on all streets and alleys situated in the Borough of Ambridge and providing penalties for violation thereof. Motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

3) Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1279, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, repealing Borough of Ambridge Zoning Code Section 310-95, No. 5 A, entitled "Restaurant" and in lieu thereof enacting the within Ordinance entitled "Outdoor Dining". Motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

4) Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1280, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, relative to the establishment and maintenance of Firemen's Pension, Annuity, Insurance and Benefit Fund or Funds, to amend certain provisions of the pension plan or program applicable to the Firemen of said Borough. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

5) Motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of the draft 2016 Borough Budget. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

6) Motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1281, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the collection of taxes by the locally elected tax collector between the period of January 15, 2016 and April 15, 2016 in accordance with the provisions of Act 169 of 1998 and its amendments. Motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

7) Motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1282, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, levying a tax for the year of 2016 of thirty-four and one-half (34.50) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation of taxable property, setting discounts and penalties on collections. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

8) Motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1283, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Ambridge Borough Code of Ordinances by addition of a new chapter to be known and numbered as Chapter 238 and entitled "Halfway and / or Three-quarter-way Houses", which ordinance regulates the location of and operating standards of said facilities. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller. The Borough Manager explained that this ordinance will establish a policy to regulate the operations and permitted areas per zoning of where such types of establishments could operate. He stated that they will be permitted by this Ordinance in the Borough's C2 Zoning District. A roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

9) Motion to offer conditional employment as a probationary full-time patrolman to Tim Depenhart, with a start-date effective January 2, 2016. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

10) Motion to offer conditional employment as a probationary full-time patrolman to John Bialik, with a start-date effective January 2, 2016. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

Chief Mann introduced Officers Depenhart and Bialik to the Council and audience. Officer Depenhart thanked the Borough Council for their consideration to hire him full-time. He stated that he has been a part-time officer here in Ambridge for eight years, and has been a police officer for the past 19 years. He stated that he currently serves as the Department's evidence coordinator.

Officer Bialik also thanked the Mayor, Council and Civil Service Commission. He stated that he has been an Ambridge part-time officer for the past four and one half years and has worked as a County Sherriff the past eight years. He serves as one of the Department's Motor Vehicle Inspectors, is a graduate of Center High School and Slippery Rock University.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to offer conditional employment as a probationary full-time patrolman to Jason Seng, with a start-date effective January 2, 2016. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

11) Motion to authorize the waiving of parking meter collections within the Business District between December 1, 2015 and January 8, 2016. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Miller; motion carried unanimously.

12) Motion to authorize the disbursement of $9,752.62 from the applicable Ambridge Employee Pension Plans to CIM Investment Management, Inc. for fourth quarter-2015 investment services

(Police Pension: $6,132.45, Firemen's Pension: $2,730.73, Service Pension: $889.44.) Motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

13) Motion to authorize the execution of a Financial Services Agreement by and between the Borough of Ambridge and Cottril Arbutina & Associates, PC, for the purposes of providing technical QuickBooks Accounting Assistance on an as-needed basis. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

14) Motion to authorize the purchase and installation of a Game-Time Expression Swing at a cost not to exceed $3,472.76, which is to be paid from the Recreation Fund. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

Mr. Mikulich questioned where the swing will be installed. Mrs. Miller replied Walter Panek Park. She also reported that this year's fall festival had a profit of $2,529.83 and with the profits from last year's fall festival, it paid entirely for this new swing. Mrs. Caldarelli stated that the Fall Festival wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of Mrs. Miller and congratulated her on this success.

15) Motion to appoint Mr. Edward J. Hancock, Architect, to the Ambridge Historical Architectural Review Board with a five year term that is to expire December 31, 2020. Motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

16) Motion to appoint Ms. Susan Moreman to the Ambridge Historical Architectural Review Board with a five year term that is to expire December 31, 2020. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

17) Motion to appoint Mr. Dennis Lapic to the Ambridge Historical Architectural Review Board with a five year term that is to expire December 31, 2020. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

18) Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-14, a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge adopting amendments to the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

19) Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-15, a Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ambridge, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, (1) appointing a financial advisor in regards to the restructuring of certain debt of the Borough and the financing of certain capital improvements; (2) authorizing the acknowledgement of an underwriter's disclosure letter; and (3) authorizing credit rating and bond insurance applications. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

20) Motion to authorize the Ambridge Regional Chamber of Commerce the use of PJ Caul Park and the temporary closure with parking restrictions on Merchant Street between 4th Street and 14th Street for "Christmas on Merchant Street 2015" festivities and parade on Saturday, December 12, 2015 between the hours of 9AM and 4PM; furthermore authorizing the Ambridge Parks and Recreation Committee to co-sponsor this event. Motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

21) Motion to authorize the submission of a Municipal Recycling Program Grant to the Pennsylvania DEP that would offset the purchase of a wood-chipper, wood waste / leaf collection box and 35% of a dump-truck. Motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

22) Motion to authorize the participation in the annual Universal AdCom Community Guide magnet program. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Absent	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

- **Committee Reports**
  - **Administration and Finance:** No report.

  - **Code Enforcement Committee:** Mrs. Caldarelli reported that the Code Enforcement Committee met on November 5, 2015, present included herself, Mrs. Drewnowski, Code Officer Clark, Borough Manager Kauer, and Fire Chief Drewnowski. She reported that the Code Committee has developed a door sticker to be placed on all passed and registered rental properties within the Borough. She also reported that 58 citations have been issued against landlords who have not registered their property as part of the 2015/16 Rental Program.

    She also reported that the property owner at 12th Street and Merchant Street has been found guilty, earlier conviction confirmed by the appealing court. She stated that he has to pay the fine within so many days or risk losing his driver's license.

  - **Public Safety:** Mr. Mikulich stated that tonight's meeting is very historic as three full-time police officers have been hired. He stated that the Police Chief and Mayor have come up with a strategy and budget for the funding of these three new officers and will be accordingly held to it. He stated that if they don't keep to their budget in 2016, there is a possibility that part-time officers will be laid off.

  - **Public Works:** Mr. Cafarelli reported on the following items regarding the Public Works Department:
    - Contracted repairs to the catch basins under the 2015 PIB Inlet Project are currently underway.
    - Leaf pickup started on October 19th and will run through early December.
    - Inlet repairs by the DPW have been completed on 14th Street.
    - Trimmed all trees on Merchant Street in both the Downtown and Historic District. They also removed all weeds and cleaned up the tree pits as part of this effort.

- With the assistance from the Fire Department, secured and boarded up the former Galerenzo's Building that is across the street from PNC Bank on Merchant Street.
- On October 27th, dug / created a draining ditch on Hill Alley below Panek Park to help control run off that has been affecting the adjacent properties.
- Crew assisted Tree Commission Members with planting of new shade trees on 4th Street on November 4th
- Grass Cutting and maintenance of the parks, public facilities and lots is on-going.
- Grass Cutting of 20 abandoned homes have been taken care of, documented and processed through the Bookkeeper for invoices and liening.
- Ongoing maintenance has been dedicated to filling pot-holes.
- Sign maintenance is on-going, replacing missing signs and repairing damaged locations.
- Active picking up residential yard waste debris that is called into Borough Office for pickup.
- Foreman responded, marked and reported multiple PA-One Call requests.

Mr. Mikulich reported that the Committee to Clean and Beautify Ambridge, Ambridge Shade Tree Commission, Mr. Ross McCoy and other volunteers planted the new street trees along 4th Street this past weekend. He stated that they were planted along 4th Street from Park Road to Duss Avenue.

- **Parks:** Mrs. Miller requested the Police Department to enforce the State and Borough leash law regarding walking dogs. There have been recent issues with dangerous dogs in the Borough. It was agreed to authorize the Solicitor to research and prepare an ordinance if necessary to improve the Borough's leash law regulations and any regulations that would prohibit riding bicycles on the sidewalks.

- **Engineer's Report:** Engineer Suehr reported that all of the inlets that were to be repaired as part of the PIB Inlet program are complete, except one location in the 2200 block of Duss Avenue. He also reported that a preconstruction meeting for the 2016 Road Program is scheduled for this Friday.

  Mr. Mikulich informed the public that Engineer Lemmon is scheduled to retire in January and that Mr. Suehr will be replacing Mr. Lemmon as the Borough's Engineer. Mr. McCoy stated that he has always been pleased with the work performed by Engineer Lemmon and wished him well.

- **Other Unfinished Business** – None.

- **Official Reports**

1. **Motion to accept the Official Reports**; motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; motion carried unanimously

- **Adjournment** –
  Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary