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

I. **Executive Session – Personnel Matters**

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

III. **Roll Call:**

Present:
Mrs. Caldarelli
Mrs. Drewnowski
Mr. McCoy
President Mikulich
Vice President Iorfido- Miller
Mayor D'Ambrosio

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

Absent: Mr. Cafarelli and Mr. Pucci

IV. **Invocation** given by Ms. Barbara Cost of the Trinity Episcopal Church.

V. **Pledge of Allegiance**

VI. **Presentations**

1. **Recognition of Mikush Appliance Store for over 83 Years of Business in Ambridge** – President Mikulich presented a Proclamation from Council and Mayor to Mr. Bryan Mikush and members of his family recognizing their business's success and long-tenure in Ambridge.

2. **Mr. John Orndorff, Ohio River Trail Council** – made a brief presentation to Council regarding the Ohio River Trail Council's planning study that is proposing the creation of a biking and walking trail from the Sewickley Bridge in the Borough of Sewickley through Ambridge to the Beaver County Jail. He requested a $200 donation for this planning study from the Borough and invited everyone to a public meeting the Trail Council is having at Old Economy Village on Tuesday, February 24th, 5:00PM.

Motion to give a $200 donation to the Ohio River Trail Council for the planning study that could possibly bring a bike trail through Ambridge was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion Passes

VII. Citizen's Participation On/Off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)

1. **Mr. Chad Whitacre, 716 Park Road**, thanked members of Council and the Mayor for their willingness to explore www.github.com/ambridge as an additional media outlet to facilitate communications within the Borough.

2. **Mr. Frank Martucci, 67 15th Street,** introduced himself to Council, Mayor and the community. He is an Ambridge resident running for the position of County District Attorney. He currently works as an Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Martucci stated that he has a nice working relationship with Chief of Police Mann and the Ambridge Police Department.

3. **Mrs. Karen Ivancik, Ambridge Municipal Authority / Committee to Clean and Beautify Ambridge,** informed members of Council and Mayor that the Committee has recently met and has outlined a number of projects that it plans to accomplish in 2015. She stated that the Committee to Clean and Beautify Ambridge is currently selling $10 raffle tickets as this year's fundraiser. She also reported that the Ambridge Garden Club meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Laughlin Library and that the Committee is currently working to schedule the annual Clean Up Day in April.

4. **Mr. John Zabrek, 811 Pine Street,** addressed a number of concerns with Council regarding conditions of the storm sewers throughout the Borough, status of the demolition of the American Bridge Building, Code Enforcement efforts needed on Olive Lane and a number of complaints regarding juveniles walking the streets after dark. President Mikulich advised Mr. Zabrek that the Borough plans to address a number of catch basins within the annual Road Paving Program.

VIII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

1. January 13, 2015 Council Meeting

Mr. McCoy made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Miller. A roll call vote was taken:

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

IX. Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Drewnowski reported the figures outlined within the Borough Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Analysis

$644,028.19	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of:	-2-10-2015 -4:00 pm
$39,106.29	All Outstanding Checks as of:	-2-10-2015 -4:00 pm
$604,921.90	**Available Balance as of:**	**-2-10-2015 -4:00 pm**

General Fund Summary:	***Totals are as follows:***	
	Deposits:	**$634,842.21**
	IncludesSinking Fund Transfer (330,000.00)	
	Includes Escrow Transfer- Deposit ($11,202.59) made incorrectly 3-14-2014	
	Includes Grant Fund Transfer ($60,778.58) - Panek Park Project	
	Debits:	**$315,564.47**

	-which include the following:	
	79 Checks	$191,403.85
	2 Payroll (s)	$124,160.62

Other Fund Balances as of 2-10-2015 4:00 pm	
$74,778.61	Grants/Special Funds
$4,612.22	Liquid Fuels Fund
$36,395.54	Escrow Disbursement Account
$33,496.20	Recreation Fund
$4,406.97	Sinking Fund (FEMA Grant)
$153,689.54	***Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)***

X. Borough Bills and Expenses

Motion to Pay the Unpaid Bills was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion at approve the paid bills was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

XI. New Business - Items for Discussion:

1. **Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-2,** a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the submission of an application for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program and setting our priorities for such funding. President Mikulich reported that Priority 1 is Hazel Avenue Reconstruction: seeking a grant of $100,000 (total project cost is $114,672) and Priority 2 is the Demolition of 451 Merchant Street: seeking a grant for total costs of $37,985 Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

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

2. **Motion to authorize the submission of a grant request to the Duquesne Light Company's Power of Light Program,** requesting $138,512 to complete the necessary electrical improvements needed on Merchant Street to energize holiday displays and to facilitate community events. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski; a roll call vote was taken:

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

3. **Motion to authorize the submission of a grant request to PENNDOT** seeking $1,632 to retrofit the traffic signal at 8th Street and Duss Avenue to LED technology. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

4. **Motion to authorize the submission of an application to the Local Government Academy** seeking funding to pay half of the wages for an intern that would complete a program to improve the Management of the Borough's Records and improve our Landlord / Tenant database. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski; a roll call vote was taken:

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

5. **Motion to approve payment of $10,116.20 from the applicable Pension Plans to CIM Investment Management for first quarter 2015 investment services.** President Mikulich reported that this disbursement is to be made from the Pension Funds, with the following breakdown: Fire Pension: $2,771.84, Police Pension: $6,417.72, Service Pension: $926.64 Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

6. **Motion to approve final payment of $10,693.67 to Esken Landscaping for the Panek Park Rehabilitation Project.** Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

7. **Motion to approve granting an on-street handicap parking space in front of 1630 Henrici Street** as reviewed by the Ambridge Borough Police Department. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

8. **Motion to approve the 2015 Street Sweeping Schedule.** Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

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

9. **Motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare a lease agreement by and between the Borough of Ambridge and the Ambridge Area Chamber of Commerce for the building located at 562 Merchant Street.** Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

10. **Motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Robert Taylor from the Board of Historical Architectural Review.** Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; President Mikulich thanked Mr. Taylor for his service, a roll call vote was taken:

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

11. The Council authorized the Borough Solicitor to review the necessary agreement that would accept the donation of the property at 104 Park Road from Wells Fargo Bank. President Mikulich stated that Wells Fargo has reached out to the Borough and would like to donate this land to the Borough. Wells Fargo will pay all back taxes, liens and raze the current building. Once all of that is complete, it will be transferred to the Borough free and clear.

XII. Committee Reports

i) **Administration and Finance:** Mrs. Drewnowski reported that the Committee met on February 5th, those present included herself and the Borough Manager. She stated that they discussed the following:

- Creation of the "Buy Ambridge First" program
- Designating Marilyn Sheleheda as the Planning Commission's Recording Secretary
- Newsletter will be mailed out shortly
- Quickbooks Accounting is running smoothly
- Bottom Dollar Grocery Store sold all of their store contents via Auction.

- Approximately 25% of the Borough is now exempt from Real Estate Tax
- Reviewed the Manager's Monthly Report that was included in all of the Council's packets.

ii) **Code Enforcement Committee:** Mrs. Caldarelli reported that the Code Enforcement Officer is actively working on addressing a number of code related complaints. She stated that the office is working on updating the Rental Property Registry and that the proposed Zoning Amendment regarding storage on Merchant Street is forthcoming.

iii) **Public Safety:** No Report

iv) **Public Works:** No Report

v) **Parks:** Mrs. Miller reported that the work of the two Ambridge High School students to raise the funds needed for the Ambridge Dog Park is making great progress. She stated that to-date they have raised $9,000; their goal is between $10,000 and $12,000.

vi) **Engineer's Report:** Engineer Lemmon reported that he has prepared a monthly report for Council. He stated that he has received three bids to complete the necessary storm sewer repairs that are needed in the alley behind the High School; the lowest bid was $8,795.

Motion to authorize the repairs and improvement to the storm sewer system behind the Ambridge High School and Glenwood Avenue at a cost not to exceed $8,795; motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Mikulich, a roll call vote was taken:

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

XIII. Other Unfinished Business

Mayor D'Ambrosio questioned if the roads that are to be completed under the PIB loan financing this year have been approved by the State. The Engineer advised that the road list still awaits approval from PENNDOT. The Mayor requested that the hill on 6th Street needs addressed as well as the alley behind the 500 block of Merchant Street. The Mayor also raised concern about a number of manholes at 6th and Pine that are causing a concern for motorists. The Engineer stated that he will review the situation.

Chief Mann reported that the Colonial Grill has discontinued their Liquor Control Board appeal and that the establishment will be closing soon.

President Mikulich thanked the Ambridge Police Department and the Chief for their recent efforts in taking a significant drug dealer off of the streets in Ambridge. The President also praised the Fire Department for their recent efforts to save the church on Maplewood, where the roof caught fire last week.

XIV. Official Reports

1. **Motion to accept the Official Reports**; motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski; a roll call vote was taken:

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

XV. Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary

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