

# BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE

## MINUTES

Council Meeting: May 12, 2015

Ambridge Municipal Complex



- **Executive Session – Personnel Matters**

- **The May 12, 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  
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 Rogers, Engineer Jovanovich and Code Enforcement Officer Clark.

Absent: Mr. Pucci

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

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Presentations**

**Recognition of the John S. Dunn Agency for over 53 Years of Business in Ambridge.**

President Mikulich presented a Proclamation from Council and Mayor to Mr. and Mrs. Dunn recognizing their business's success and long-tenure in Ambridge.

**Recognition of Miss Lexi Korol and Miss Lexi Palombo for the Creation of the Ambridge Community Dog Park.** President Mikulich presented a Proclamation from Council and Mayor to Miss Korol and Miss Palombo recognizing their efforts for the creation and construction of the Ambridge Dog Park and thanking them for their efforts.

**Ms. Wendy Nickerson, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs – presented the Borough with the 2015 Borough News Municipal Website Contest, 2nd Place Award.**

Borough Treasurer Marilyn Sheleheda was present to accept on behalf of the Borough.

- **Citizen's Participation On/Off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)**

- **Rev. James Hamilton, 1134 Maplewood Avenue,** informed Council about the efforts of the group of Citizens that is aiming to protect the Ambridge Reservoir from the effects of shale-gas drilling. He stated that he has a petition with over 4,500 signatures of citizens that wish to protect and preserve the area around the reservoir and he will be presenting it to various state and federal officials. Lastly, he stated that the group will have a public meeting about their cause on May 26, 2015, 7PM at the Church of the Savior on Maplewood Avenue.

- **Mr. Jerome Gill, 831 Glenwood Avenue**, expressed his concerns regarding proposed Ordinance No. 1272. He wished to see a copy of the Ordinance before it was considered for adoption. The President and Chief of Police explained the proposed Civil Service rule amendments to Mr. Gill and stated that the motion on the Agenda is only to advertise the Ordinance and that it will be made available for public inspection before next month's meeting.
- **Mr. Larry Noble, 605 Pine Street**, thanked Borough Council and Mayor for the recent repairs made to the alley behind his residence.
- **Mr. David Gant, Merchant Street**, informed Council and Mayor that he was physically arrested last week and during the process of being detained one of the Police Officers used a derogatory remark towards him.
- **Mr. Harry Deitzer of NIRA Engineers and a representative from Alex Paris Contracting** made a brief presentation on the ongoing and upcoming sanitary sewer improvement projects within the Borough as part of the Municipal Authority's ongoing projects. He stated that in the next month, consideration is sought to close Alley A from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street for their directional boring efforts under that roadway and also to close the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Route 65 for the installation of sewer pipe. Mrs. Miller questioned if any contact has been made with Old Economy Village so that the sewer projects do not interfere with their events. Mr. Deitzer stated that no contact has been made as of yet.
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**  
**April 14, 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	Abstain		Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Abstain		Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y		Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y		Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion Passes

- **Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. Drewnowski reported the Treasurer's Report:

**Treasurer's Report  
May 12, 2015**

**General Fund Analysis**

\$1,148,716.87	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of: -5-12-2015 -4:00 pm
\$57,202.82	All Outstanding Checks as of: -5-12-2015 -4:00 pm
<b>\$1,091,514.05</b>	<b>Available Balance as of: -5-12-2015 -4:00 pm</b>

<b>General Fund Summary:</b>	<i>Totals are as follows:</i>	
	<b>Deposits:</b>	<b>\$907,743.84</b>
	<b>Debits:</b>	<b>\$498,476.76</b>
	<i>-which include the following:</i>	
	82 Checks	\$253,622.14
	2 Payroll (s)	\$139,977.90
	1 Other Debits	\$4,876.72
	1 Repayment to Sinking Fund	\$100,000.00

<b>Other Fund Balances as of 5/12/2015 4:00 pm</b>	
\$64,086.57	Grants Funds
\$164,382.07	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$36,395.54	Escrow Disbursement Account
\$33,496.20	Recreation Fund
\$334,409.31	Sinking Fund
<b>\$632,769.69</b>	<b>Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)</b>

• **Borough Bills and Expenses**

Motion to Pay the Bills (Unpaid: \$177,074.54 / Paid: \$76,241.44) was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski; a roll call vote was taken:

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

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

1) Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1270, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, Beaver County, Pennsylvania repealing Ordinance No. 1239, and authorizing the Ambridge Fire Department to recover costs and / or expenses for its services from property owners through claims submitted only to the individual property owners' insurance policies. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was take:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y	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 advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1271, an Ordinance requiring all persons, partnerships, businesses, and corporation to obtain a permit for any construction or development; providing for the issuance of such permits; setting forth certain minimum requirements for new construction and development within areas of the Borough of Ambridge which are subject to flooding; and establishing penalties for any persons who fail, or refuse to comply with, the requirements or provisions of this Ordinance. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

- 3) Motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1272, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Borough of Ambridge full-time police officer civil service rules and regulations by (1) requiring applicants to be Act 120 certified at the time of application, and (2) requiring applicants to have at least two (2) years full-time experience as a police officer at time of application, and (3) changing the weight of the written exam from 70% to 40% and changing the weight of the oral exam from 30% to 60%. 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

- 4) Motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1273, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the razing of buildings and other structures and providing conditions relevant thereto. 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

- 5) Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-6, a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge approving the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the New Economy Business Park Parcel 2 Plan of Lots – Revision No. 1. 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

- 6) Motion to authorize the disbursement of \$10,397.33 from the applicable Ambridge Employee Pension Plans to CIM Investment Management, Inc. for second quarter-2015 investment services (Police Pension: \$6,547.40, Firemen's Pension: \$2,867.96, Service Pension: \$981.97.) Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

- 7) Motion to authorize the road closure of Sherman Street from Merchant Street to the terminus, from Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 6:00AM to Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 5:00PM for an event hosted by Trinity School of Ministry. 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

- 8) Motion to appoint Ms. Rosie Wise to the Ambridge Planning Commission with a term that is to expire December 31, 2018. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

- 9) Motion to appoint Mr. Brad Herskovitz to the Ambridge Civil Service Commission as an alternate Board Member with a term that is to expire December 31, 2017. 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

- 10) Motion to appoint Ms. Lorianne Burgess to the Ambridge Zoning Hearing Board with a term that is to expire December 31, 2017. 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

- 11) Motion to enter into agreement by and between the Borough of Ambridge and the Ambridge Area School District for the High School Resource Officer, and subsequently authorize the President of

Council, Chief of Police and Borough Manager to execute said contract. 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion Passes

- 12) Motion to exonerate the Real Estate Tax Collector from the collection of 2015 Real Estate Taxes on the parcels of municipal property located at 1100 Duss Avenue that is identified as parcels 12-003-0413.000 and 12-003-0413.001. 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion Passes

- 13) Motion to approve the requested long-term road closures for the Borough of Ambridge Municipal Authority's on-going sanitary sewer improvement projects. 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion Passes

- 14) Motion to authorize the hiring of Joshua S. Phillips as a probationary part-time Patrolman. 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion Passes

- 15) Motion to authorize the issuance of an on-street handicap parking space in front of 80 13<sup>th</sup> Street as approved by the Ambridge Police Department. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion Passes

- 16) Motion to authorize the issuance of an on-street handicap parking space in front of 1318 Beaver Road as approved by the Ambridge Police Department. 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

- **Committee Reports**

- **Administration and Finance:** Mrs. Drewnowski reported that the Committee met on May 7th, those present included herself, Mrs. Caldarelli, Mrs. Miller and the Borough Manager. She stated that they discussed the following:

- PIB Road and Inlet Project Bids
- Ordinance No. 1274
- Manager's Report
- Budget to Actual Review

She also reported that the Borough Office is running smoothly.

- **Code Enforcement Committee:** Mrs. Caldarelli reported that there was no Committee Meeting this month; however the Code Official and Borough Manager have completed the following:

- Weekly property maintenance sweeps of the Borough.
- Issuance of a BYOB Establishment License
- Upgrades to the New Business Packet
- Planning Module for New Economy Drive Sub-division
- Zoning Improvement RFP Drafted and seeking proposals through May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Caldarelli praised the Code Officer for doing a great job. President Mikulich echoed the concerns of Mrs. Caldarelli and stated that things are starting to look better as result of their efforts.

- **Public Safety:** No report.

- **Public Works:** Mr. Cafarelli reported the following:

- DPW Garage Roof Replacement Project is complete – no new wood was needed.
- Public Works Crew has been very busy filling pot-holes.
- Sign maintenance is on-going, replacing missing signs and repairing damaged locations.
- Street-sweeping started mid-April. Sweeper broke down and is waiting repairs from A&H Equipment. Sweeper is currently at A&H.
- DPW Foreman has coordinated with the contractor the progress of the 2015 tree pruning and removal work.
- Grass Cutting and summer maintenance of the parks, public facilities and lots is currently underway.
- DPW added playground mulch to all of the playgrounds the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>. The crew also remulched the landscaping around the Borough Building.
- DPW completed PA One Call Training and has been marking all One Calls within the Borough.
- DPW Fixed the fence at 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park after the car accident in late April.
- Borough Electrician is to start repairs to the traffic signal at 5<sup>th</sup> and Duss this month, replacing wiring that has gone bad.

- **Parks:** Mrs. Miller reported that the committee met on May 7<sup>th</sup>; in attendance was herself, Mrs. Drewnowski, Mr. McCoy, and the Borough Manager. She stated that Mr. Tidwell also attended the first half of the meeting to discuss the skate park. It was agreed to get an estimate from the Borough Engineer on what it would cost to complete the necessary engineering to prepare a preliminary project scope and budget. She also reported that the Borough Manager is working on a grant application to the state to seek funding to replace the damaged playground equipment and add ADA accessible swings at the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park.

Lastly, she reported that additional signs will be installed at Panek Park posting to keep dogs out of the athletic fields.

- **Engineer’s Report:** Engineer Janovich reported that he has prepared a monthly report for Council and that he would answer any questions should there be any.

- **Other Unfinished Business**

Solicitor Rogers reported that the Borough has a hearing tomorrow at the County Courthouse regarding the Pelly / Former American Bridge property on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Road. He stated that this hearing is result of an earlier continuance where the property owner is to report back with estimates to finish the demolition and cleanup of the property. The Solicitor stated that he is still going to pursue the maximum fines of \$1,000 per day and also continue enforcement actions into the future until the site has been cleaned up.

Mr. McCoy thanked members of Council and the Mayor for their kindness in sending flowers to him on the passing of his sister.

Mr. Mikulich stated that the High School band has requested the use of the field behind the 11<sup>th</sup> Street basketball courts for their band practices. Motion to authorize the use of the field and to allow them to paint lines on the field was made by Mrs. Miller, 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	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

Mrs. Drewnowski thanked and commended the Committee to Clean and Beautify Ambridge; she remarked that the new landscaping around the fountain at PJ Caul Park looks very nice.

Mrs. Caldarelli thanked Miss Korol and Miss Palombo for their efforts with the Community Dog Park and praised them for their achievements.

Mr. Mikulich invited the community to participate in the annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 11AM at PJ Caul Park.

- **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	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mr. Pucci	Absent
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

**Motion to move to an executive session to discuss a legal issue was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy; motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:20PM, and reconvened at 8:30PM.**

- **Adjournment –**  
Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 8:31PM

Respectfully submitted:



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Joseph Kauer  
Borough Manager / Secretary