

**BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE**  
**MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting: April 12, 2016**  
**Ambridge Municipal Complex**



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

- **The April 12, 2016 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. Dunn  
Mrs. Miller  
Mr. Mikulich  
Mayor D'Ambrosio

Also Present: Borough Manager Kauer, Solicitor Start, Borough Engineer Suehr, Chief Mann, Chief Gottschalk and Code Enforcement Officer Clark.

Absent: Mr. McCoy

- **Invocation** given by Mrs. Barbara Costa of the Trinity School of Ministry.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Presentations**

- Swearing In Ceremony of the Recently Promoted and Hired Ambridge Firefighters. Oaths were administered by Mayor D'Ambrosio to Robert Gottschalk, Fire Chief, Donald Larrick, Jr., Assistant Fire Chief and David Gorecki, Firefighter.
- Mr. Phil McCaffrey made a request to Borough Council to consider an amendment to the Borough's Code of Ordinances that would allow for chickens and bees to be kept in the Borough. Mr. McCaffrey was asked if he would attend the next Code Enforcement Committee Meeting in May so that the proposal could be reviewed by the Committee before it comes back to Council for consideration.

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

1. **Ms. Lillian Paff, 1325 North Walnut Street**, thanked Borough Council and Mayor for paving 14<sup>th</sup> Street. She questioned who is responsible for Spruce Street and she was advised by the Engineer that Spruce Street is within the Township of Harmony. She also raised concerns about speeding motorists on Route 65 to the Police Chief.
2. **Ms. Vera Gramba, 1144 Maplewood Avenue**, expressed concerns to Council and Mayor about safety concerns. Chief Mann stated that she will talk to Ms. Gramba after the meeting in hopes of rectifying the matter.
3. **Mrs. Felicia Mycik, Ambridge Rotary Club**, made a request to Borough Council to consider extending the previously approved road closure for the July Car Cruise on Merchant Street from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street. She presented a survey signed by the business owners in this block. She also

stated that the Rotary Club met with PENNDOT and the Borough Manager earlier this month to map out a location for the new welcome sign at 8<sup>th</sup> Street that the Rotary Club is purchasing.

A motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller to authorize the extension of the Rotary Car Cruise to be from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street and on 14<sup>th</sup> Street from Merchant to New Economy Drive; motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**March 8, 2016 Council Meeting**

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

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Abstain	Mr. McCoy	Absent
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. Dunn	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Carried			

Mr. Mikulich questioned the Solicitor as to the need for Council members who were absent the prior month to abstain from the vote to accept the Minutes. The Solicitor stated that the member technically doesn't have to abstain and could vote. Mr. Cafarelli stated that it has been the past practice of Council to abstain.

- Treasurer's Report:**

President Mikulich reviewed the Treasurer's Report with Borough Council:

**Treasurer's Report**

**April 12, 2016**

Marilyn Sheleheda - Treasurer

General Fund Analysis		
\$602,960.47	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of:	-(April 12, 2016) -4:00 pm
\$1,133.07	All Outstanding Checks as of:	-(April 12, 2016) -4:00 pm
<b>\$601,827.40</b>	<b>Available Balance as of:</b>	<b>-(April 12, 2016) -4:00 pm</b>

General Fund Summary:	Totals are as follows:	
	Deposits:	\$612,279.15
	Debits:	\$414,995.43
	-which include the following:	
	89 Checks	\$206,478.62
3 Payroll (s)	\$208,516.81	

Other Fund Balances as of (April 12, 2016) 4:00 pm	
\$4,739.40	Ambridge Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund
\$82,513.14	Grants/Special Funds
\$184,636.16	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$46,252.59	Escrow Disbursement Account
\$32,455.06	Recreation Fund
\$827,731.23	2015 Road Construction Fund
\$0.00	2015 PIB Note Sinking Fund
\$104,652.70	Sinking Fund
\$5,901.61	Ambridge Borough Drug Investigation Fund
<b>\$1,288,881.89</b>	<b>Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)</b>

- Borough Bills and Expenses**

Motion to Pay the Bills (Unpaid: \$116,860.35 / Paid: \$55,245.76) was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mr. Dunn; - a roll call vote was taken:

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

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

1. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-4, a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge authorizing the filing of a multi-municipal Enterprise Zone designation proposal with the Department of Community and Economic Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller; the Borough Manager explained that this Resolution supports an application submitted by Beaver County to continue the multi-municipal Enterprise Zone designation that helps incentivize new business in Ambridge. A roll call vote was taken:

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

2. Motion to authorize the temporary road closures and no parking restrictions of Merchant Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Maplewood Avenue between April 6, 2016 and May 24, 2016 for the filming of a Netflix TV Series called "Mindhunter." Motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski; a roll call vote was taken:

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

3. Motion to authorize the closure and no parking restrictions of Merchant Street, between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Street and the use of PJ Caul Park on Saturday, May 21, 2016 for a car cruise benefiting the It's About the Warrior Foundation, hosted by Advanced Auto Parts. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion to authorize the purchase of street trees from Lake Forest Gardens in the amount of \$1,628 as requested by the Ambridge Shade Tree Commission. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; Mr. Mikulich commented that the Shade Tree Commission has proposed for these new trees to be planted in the Historic District. A roll call vote was taken:

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

5. Motion to authorize a Business Service Order Agreement with PghNetworks at a cost of \$961.44 per month that would provide a new phone system within the Borough Building and convert telephone service to Comcast Digital Voice and Internet. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mrs. Miller; the Borough Manager stated that this agreement would provide a monthly savings of

\$336.66 per month as compared to our current service through Verizon and install a new phone system in the Borough Building. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6. Motion to authorize Change Order No. 1 of the Ambridge 2016 PIB Road Program in the amount of \$4,440 for the added asphalt needed in the depressed gutter on 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 7-hour accelerator in concrete in areas where faster curing was desired to facilitate reopening critical traffic routes. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	NO	Mr. McCoy	Absent
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. Dunn	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Carried			

7. Motion to authorize the purchase of a Hydraulic Angle Broom for the Public Works Bobcat in the amount of \$7,536 from Cleveland Brothers. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; Mr. Mikulich stated that this purchase is to be made from funds available in the Grant / Special Fund as identified in the 2016 Capital Budget. A roll call vote was taken:

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

8. Motion to accept the resignation of part-time Patrolman Patrick Lee effective March 25, 2016. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; Mr. Mikulich stated that Patrolman Lee has accepted full-time employment with the North Strabane Township Police Department. A roll call vote was taken:

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

9. Motion to hire Michael P. Truskowski as a probationary part-time Patrolman, effective April 13, 2016. Motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski; a roll call vote was taken:

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

10. Motion to hire Michael B. Vrbanic as a probationary part-time Patrolman, effective April 13, 2016. Motion was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Officer Vrbanic presented himself to Council and Mayor, thanked them for allowing him the opportunity to serve the community. He stated that he is a 2011 graduate of Central Catholic High School, St. Vincent College and the Beaver County Police Academy.

11. Motion to approve a dedicated on-street handicapped parking space in front of the residence at 504 Melrose Avenue as recommended by the Ambridge Police Department. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

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

12. Motion to remove the 300 block of Pine Street from the Borough's Street sweeping route. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; Mr. Mikulich stated that should this be approved there must be a caveat that the residents in this block must keep the street clean, and if not, the roadway will be placed back on the street sweeping schedule. A roll call vote was taken:

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

13. Motion to authorize the payment of \$140,240.05 to A. Folino Construction representing Pay Application No. 1 for the 2016 Road Program. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

- **Committee Reports**

- **Code Enforcement Committee:** Mrs. Caldarelli reported that work is on-going including the weekly code sweeps throughout the Borough. She stated that the final draft of the downtown zoning amendment and sign ordinance is now ready for review by the Code Committee and Planning Commission. It was also reported that the Zoning Hearing Board met this past month to hear an appeal on the condemnation of 439/441 Merchant Street. She stated that the Board denied the appeal.

Lastly it was reported that the demolition of 451 Merchant Street is currently underway and progressing smoothly.

- **Public Safety:** Mrs. Drewnowski reported that the Committee met on April 5<sup>th</sup>, in attendance was herself, Chief Mann, Chief Gottschalk and Mr. Dunn. It was reported that the Police Department ordered three new Tasers at a cost of \$2,900. She also reported that Officer Seng is currently going business to business getting afterhours contact information per business.

It was also reported that the Borough is seeking applicants for part-time firefighter; deadline to apply is April 12<sup>th</sup>. She also reported that Firefighter Gorecki secured a \$26,000 grant from Firehouse Subs that will purchase much needed firefighting equipment. This totals over \$51,000 in firefighting grants received so far this year. Lastly, she reported that the Fire Department Squad is in need of some repairs and may have to be replaced in the near future.

- **Public Works:** Mr. Cafarelli reported the following:
  - Street sweeping started the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>
  - New playground mulch was added around all of the play equipment at 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park.
  - Graham's Tree Service finished the tree contract work and performed stump grinding. DPW planted a new dogwood tree at the Borough Building in the place where the pine tree was removed.
  - 2016 Road Program work is underway on 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Pine and 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - Public Works completed repairs to a catch basin on 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - Borough Electrician fixed the damaged traffic signal at 8<sup>th</sup> and Merchant and is currently working on replacing the traffic signal heads at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Duss Ave. Repairs were also completed to the traffic signal at 4<sup>th</sup> and Route 65.
  - Ongoing maintenance has been dedicated to filling pot-holes.
  - Sign maintenance is on-going, replacing missing signs and repairing damaged locations.
  - Grass cutting of public areas is now underway.
  - Foreman responded, marked and reported multiple PA-One Call requests.

Mr. Cafarelli thanked Council for purchasing the Angle Broom. Mrs. Miller requested Council to consider amending the street sweeping hours to start after 9AM rather than the current 7AM start. She stated that if we start after 9AM, it would be after many people leave for work. Mr. Mikulich recommended the Public Works Committee review the concept and report back.

Mrs. Caldarelli questioned if warning notices were given out before Street Sweeping started, she was informed by Chief Mann that the Police Department did distribute notices on parked cars the week prior to the start of sweeping.

Mr. Mikulich questioned if the keyways at intersections would be paved during the ongoing roadwork. The Engineer advised that the keyways have been built into the project specifications. He also reported that Church Street may end up being paved last in June of this year after the Gas Company replaces gas lines in the 1300 block.

- **Parks:** Mrs. Miller reported that the Rope Climber at Panek Park was replaced this past month and the Public Works remulched all of the playgrounds. She also reported that the courts at H&H Park are going to be repainted in the next month.
- **Engineer's Report:** The Engineer had nothing additional to report other than what was previously mentioned under the road program update.

- **Official Reports**

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

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

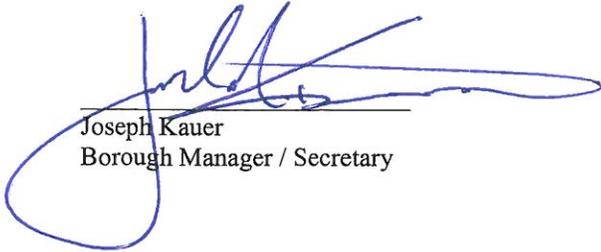
- **Other Unfinished Business**

None.

- **Adjournment –**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted:



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Joseph Kauer  
Borough Manager / Secretary