

BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE

MINUTES

Council Meeting: December 23, 2014
 Ambridge Municipal Complex



I. Executive Session – Personnel Matters

II. The December 23, 2014 meeting of Ambridge Borough Council was called to order at 12:30PM within the Council Chambers of the Ambridge Municipal Complex.

III. Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Caldarelli
 Mrs. Drewnowski
 Mr. McCoy
 President Mikulich
 Vice President Iorfio- Miller
 Mr. Pucci

Absent: Mr. Cafarelli
 Mayor D'Ambrosio

Also Present: Borough Manager Kauer and Solicitor Start

IV. Invocation given by Rev. Benjamin Wright of the Trinity Episcopal Church.

V. Pledge of Allegiance

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

- No citizens had any comment for Borough Council.

VII. New Business - Items for Discussion:

Motion to adopt the 2015 Municipal Budget. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mrs. Miller; roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1267, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, levying a tax for the year 2015 of thirty-four and one-half mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of taxable property, setting discounts and penalties on collections. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, 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	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1268, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for collection of taxes by the locally elected tax collector between the period of January 15, 2015 and April 15, 2015 in accordance with the provisions of Act 169 of 1998 and its amendments. 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	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-4, a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge, providing for installment payments of the tax levy for the year 2015 on each dollar of the assessed valuation of taxable property. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Pucci; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion to authorize the disbursement of the 2014 Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO's) from the General Fund to the following Pension Plans: Police Pension Plan: \$155,885, Fire Pension Plan: \$81,482, Service Pension Plan: \$61,498. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, 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	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

Motion to accept Option 2 of the 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation for all Pension Plans, furthermore rescinding the earlier motion from September 2014 accepting Option 1. Motion 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	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

Motion to hire Mr. Shawn West as a full-time Laborer within the Public Works Department, pending a clear background investigation. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, 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	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1269, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt for the purpose of funding a road improvement project and paying the costs of issuance, by the issuance of a general obligation note in the principal amount of \$912,710; finding sale by negotiation to be in the best interests of the Borough; accepting a commitment letter purchase contract; providing for the form, maturities, interest rate and redemption features of the note; covenanting for the payment of the debt service; pledging the full faith, credit and taxing power of the Borough; authorizing the application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to have the debt approved; authorizing the execution; authentication and delivery of the note; appropriating the debt proceeds; authorizing payment of expenses; appointing special counsel; appointing a sinking fund depository; establishing a sinking fund; ratifying prior advertising and directing further advertising; and repealing inconsistent Ordinances. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, 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	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-5, a Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Ambridge, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the Borough to enter into a loan agreement with the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, 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	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

Motion to approve payment of \$10,044.28 from the applicable Pension Plans to CIM Investment Management for fourth quarter 2014 investment services. (Breakdown: Fire Pension: \$2,728.03, Police Pension: \$6,382.13, Service Pension: \$934.12) Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, 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	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

Motion to authorize Newhouse Contracting to make Emergency Repairs to the Municipal Building Roof over the police station at a cost not to exceed \$5,100. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, 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	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. McCoy	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Passes			

Motion to set and authorize advertisement of the 2015 Borough Council Meeting Schedule as the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00PM within Council Chambers. Motion was made by Mr. Pucci, seconded by Mrs. Miller, Mr. McCoy commented that he believes two meetings are needed per month; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Insurance Package Bid Opening, 2 sealed bids were received:

- 1) **Willard Lewis Co. Insurance:** Insurance Packages: \$66,290.29, Workers Compensation Insurance: \$108,465.00 (workers compensation policy will require the institution of a light duty program, currently one does not exist per union agreements.)
- 2) **Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.:** Insurance Packages: \$73,261, Workers Compensation Insurance: \$141,699.00

Council recessed to an executive session at 1:05 to discuss a legal / personnel matter, they reconvened at 1:09PM; no action was taken.

Mr. Richard Andrus of Willard Lewis Company was present and explained the workers compensation policy that his firm proposes. He stated that their carrier will require the establishment of a light duty / return to work program in order to bind workers compensation coverages. The Solicitor remarked that our union labor agreements do not provide for such light duty work.

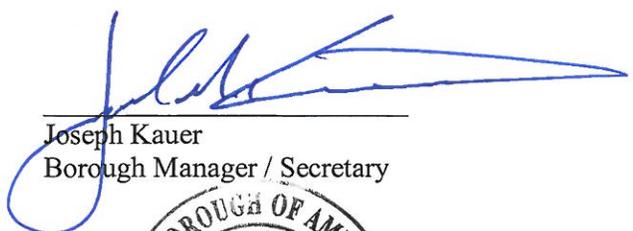
Motion to accept the Insurance Renewal Package from Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Pucci; a roll call vote was taken:

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

VIII. Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM

Respectfully submitted:



Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary

