



Minutes
Borough of Ambridge Regular Council Meeting
Ambridge Municipal Complex
November 10, 2014

I. Executive Session -personnel matters.

II. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Mr. Cafarelli, Mrs. Caldarelli, Mrs. Drewnowski, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Pucci –via phone (Mr. Mikulich explained Mr. Pucci was not available to be present in person), Mr. Mikulich, Mayor D’Ambrosio, Police Chief Mann, Fire Chief Drewnowski, Solicitor Rick Start, Interim Borough Manager Marilyn Sheleheda, Code Enforcement D’Auntae Clark.

III. Invocation

Barb Costa, Trinity Episcopal School.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Citizen’s Participation on/off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)

Barb Costa – 1320 Church St.

She spoke about the Downtown Committee, and happy that Code Enforcement Committee was able to take time at their committee meeting to see Jack Manning power point presentation.

Steve Roberts – 1216 Church St.

He also spoke about the power point presentation from Jack Manning. His hope is that Mr. Manning can present it to the whole council body in the near future. He also commented on the Church Street sewer project. He commented that he is hopeful that there will be cooperation from the Ambridge Municipal Authority on this project because people are worried about the damages that this may cause.

Felicia Mycyk – Ambridge Connection

She spoke about the Community Engagement meeting that was held at the new Licitly Split Coffee and Ice Cream Shoppe. She spoke of the history of Ambridge. She also commented on the CASH MOB fundraiser that will be held the following week.

William Driscoll – 716 Park Rd. – Ambridge.

He spoke about the Chamber of Commerce having Nationality Days on Park Rd. He reached out to residents on Park Rd to take a survey on opinions on the subject. He gave Mr. Mikulich the survey. Mr. Mikulich explained to the audience on the Chamber’s idea of having Nationality Days on Park Rd.

Susan Sabol – 801 23rd St. Ambridge

She spoke about the Bottom Dollar closing its doors. Mr. Mikulich also commented that it is nationwide, not just the Ambridge store. Mr. McCoy spoke to Mr. Safran from Shop N Save and he may be interested.

Kathleen Sabol – 501 Café – Ambridge

She spoke about the Trinity School Professor that had an emergency meeting today about the Bottom Dollar closing.

Ken Miller – 519 Melrose Ave – Ambridge

He spoke about the Code Enforcement Officer. He stated that he needs to be full time and the Borough should think about making him full time because of all the high grass complaints and other such violations. He also wanted to know why Council’s picture needs to be on the front page of the website. He feels that isn’t necessary. Mr. Mikulich commented that is so everyone recognizes Council Members.

Josh Gill – 510 Parkway St Ambridge

He spoke about the citizen’s right to know what files have been lost. Mr. Start commented that the Borough is working with his office on this matter and does not need to be discussed on the Council floor.

Mr. Mikulich advised the audience that there is a change on the agenda. Item #5 has been scratched from tonight’s agenda.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes

October 14, 2014

No corrections. Motion made to approve the minutes made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski.

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

VII. Borough Financial Report

No financial report for this meeting.

VIII. Approval of Bills and Expenses

Paid \$ 271,020.53 ~ Unpaid \$82,638.32

Motion made to approve the bills and expenses by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski

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

IX. New Business

Items for Discussion:

1. Motion to Hire New Borough Manager.

Motion made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy.

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

After the vote, Mr. Mikulich introduced the new Borough Manager Joe Kauer who was in the audience.

2. Motion to Hire Dave Gorecki as Part Time Firefighter for \$10.00 per hour.

Motion made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy.

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

Mr. Mikulich wanted to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Foreman of the DCED for this help on finding Mr. Kauer for Borough Manager. He thanked Rick Start for his help and Nira Engineering also. He also thanked Marilyn Sheleheda for all her help as interim during the search. He thanked the Police Dept. in addition, the Fire Dept. for their cooperation.

Mr. Pucci had to hang up with the phone – he was then marked absent from this point forward.

3. Motion to Appoint Marilyn Sheleheda Borough Treasurer
Motion made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli

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

4. Motion to Add Marilyn Sheleheda and Stephanie Drewnowski (Finance Chairperson) to Borough Bank Accounts as signers.
Motion made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli

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

5. ~~Motion to Hire a New Cleaning Company for the Borough Building.~~

6. Motion to Advertise Borough Ordinance known as No Parking New Economy Drive.

Motion made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy.

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

7. Motion to Approve Purchase of Christmas Decorations for Merchant Street and P.J. Caul Park Gazebo not to exceed \$2,700.00.

Motion made by Mr. McCoy and seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli.

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

8. Motion to Approve Robert Gottschalk to apply for a FEMA Safer Grant. This Grant will pay for a full time Firefighter salary for two years.

Motion made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli

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

9. Motion to Approve to apply for a FEMA Assistance Grant. This Grant will be for new equipment for Firefighters. Assist. Fire Chief Gottschalk explained the grant. It will pay for at least two but not more than four years to maintain a current firefighter's base salary.

Motion made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy.

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

10. Motion to Approve Fire Chief Drewnowski to apply for FEMA Grant for some new equipment for the Ambridge Fire Department.

Motion made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

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

11. Motion to Approve Handicap Space for 281 Glenwood Ave.

Motion made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski.

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

12. Motion to Approve Handicap Space for 547 Glenwood Ave.

Motion made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli

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

X. Committee Reports

1. Administration and Finance Committee

Mrs. Drewnowski reported that no action was needed from their meeting discussion.

2. Public Safety Committee

Mr. Pucci not available to give a report.

3. Public Works Committee

Mr. Cafarelli reported he was present, Councilman McCoy, Ted Eberhardt, road foreman and Marilyn Sheleheda, discussions about one additional full time laborer for Public works Dept., also the maintenance agreement for the skid loader, the VAC truck needed to clean out storm catch basins, about the condition of the brick roads and how the salt destroys them,

4. Parks and Recreation Committee

Mrs. Miller was not available to give a report.

5. Code Enforcement.

Mrs. Caldarelli stated that in their meeting discussions that Unis Demolition had given a written promise to Mrs. Sheleheda that he would have the Rook's demolition completed by 11/21/14. She also spoke of the American Bridge demolition hearing appeal. She also commented on a new procedure that will include having approval stickers on the rental properties if they passed current inspections. This will be implemented in the coming year.

XI. Other Unfinished Business

Mr. Mikulich wished everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving holiday.

XII. Official Reports

Motion to Accept Official Report.

Motion made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

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

XIII. Engineer's Report

Nothing additional to report.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

All in Favor: 5 Ayes ~ 0 Nays.

Motion Passes.

Next Schedule Meeting – Budget: Saturday November 15, 2014 9:00AM

NEXT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday December 9th, 2014 – 7:00PM