



Minutes
Borough of Ambridge –Regular Meeting
Ambridge Municipal Complex
October 14, 2014

I. Executive Session -personnel matters.

II. Call to Order

III. Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Caldarelli, Mrs. Drewnowski, Mr. McCoy, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Pucci, Mayor D'Ambrosio, Interim Borough Manager Marilyn Sheleheda, Police Chief Mann, Fire Chief Drewnowski, Solicitor Rick Start, Borough Engineer Frank Lemmon.

Absent: Mr. Mikulich, Mr. Cafarelli

IV. Invocation given by Barbara Cost of Trinity Episcopal Church.

V. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Dennis Lopic – Member of the Historic District Group

Mr. Lopic spoke with his deep concerns about the Municipal Authority's project to put in sub-terianal waste pipes underneath the sidewalks on Church Street. They are fearful of the damages that this project will do to the old brick and mortar in the centuries old buildings. He passed around a brick from the Old Economy Area. They are afraid that the earth movement and the vibrations that the equipment used will cause the mortar in between the bricks to loosen and cause cracks in the walls of these old building. The Historic Group would like Ambridge Council to back their concerns and not allow the project to go forward on Church Street. Vice President Mrs. Miller stated that Council would take the matter under advisement.

Larry Nobile – 605 Pine St

His concerns were the alley behind his house. The alley is in such poor condition that if there were a fire – the fire trucks would not be able to get thru to fight the fire. When he pulls out of his garage, his cars scrap bottom. Even the police cars hit bottom when they go thru the alley. He would like something done. His neighbor's brick wall has fallen into the alley and nothing has been done to get this wall fixed. You cannot turn your vehicle into this alley because of the bricks that are there.

Tom Friend – owner of Toms County Store on 5th and Merchant

His concern was that we stop the street sweeping too early on Merchant Street. He also commented on the number of kids riding their bikes on the sidewalks on Merchant Street. One almost hit him a few weeks ago. He came out of his store and the kid was riding his by very fast. The Mayor stated that he and the Police Chief looked into it and the Boro needs and ordinance written.

Bobbi Boykin – 1004 Eleventh St Ambridge

She was very concerned about the article that came out about Ambridge being the second most dangerous place in Pennsylvania. She feels that it has lowered her value on her home. The Mayor spoke and stated that there are no bases for this article and that they cannot even track down the company that originally stated this falsehood. There was much discussion about in order to change our image we have to let the story die down and quit bringing it to the media's attention. The Police Chief spoke and stated that the company is not even legitimate company.

Vasil Kontolis – owner of Café Frappe – 5th and Merchant.

He was also concerned about the article too. He is happy the Boro cleaned up the bldg. next to his bldg. but he would like to see the Borough write an article that counter mandates this statement.

Barb Costa- 1320 Church St. Ambridge

She spoke about the ground breaking for the new Cobblestone Hotel that is being built across from the Borough Bldg. Good news for Ambridge.

Connie G. 302 Merchant St Ambridge

Spoke about the street light that is out in the alley. She said that is very dark there and we need to fix the lite. Chief Mann stated that he would get the number on the pole and call it in to Duquesne Lite.

Felicia Mycyk – Ambridge Connection

Thanked everyone for coming out to walk – she stated that Council should follow up on the hoax article and protect the residents property values.

Ken Miller- 519 Melrose Ave

He suggested that we take out more traffic lights on Merchant Street. Mr. Lemmon stated that would take an expensive traffic study to do so. Mr. Miller suggested maybe blinking traffic lights. Mr. Lemmon stated that would take the same study.

We received a grant for the last traffic study in order to remove the ones that we did remove.

Motion made by Mr. McCoy to write a letter to the Attorney General to launch an investigation concerning this article about Ambridge, seconded by Mr. Pucci.

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

Motion Passes

VII. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

September 9, 2014

Motion made to accept the minutes by Mr. McCoy and seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli.

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

Motion Passes

VIII. Borough Financial Report

No Financial Report

IX. Approval of Bills and Expenses Paid \$131,283.26 ~ Unpaid \$41,074.71

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

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

Motion Passes

X. Presentations

Presentation of Plaques by Mr. Pucci, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee was given to Police Chief James Mann and Fire Chief Dave Drewnowski for outstanding work. Each of the Chiefs also received commendation letters in their personnel files.

Both Chiefs thanked the Council but stated that this was a team effort.

XI. New Business

Items for Discussion:

1. ~~Motion to Hire New Building Cleaning Company.~~ Removed from the Agenda
2. Motion to Make Bond Payment \$205,000.00 due November 15, 2014 –US Bank
In addition, make a Bond Payment for \$135,000.00 due November 12, 2014 -US Bank
Motion made by Mr. McCoy and seconded by Mr. Pucci

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

Motion Passes

3. Motion to Advertise and Hire Full Time Public Works Laborer
Motion made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Pucci.

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

Motion Passes

4. Motion to Approve Maintenance Agreement with Cleveland Brothers for the Skid steers for a yearly fee of \$719.00.
Motion made by Mr. McCoy seconded by Mr. Pucci.

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

Motion Passes

5. Motion to Approve Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding for the Ambridge Area High School

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

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

Motion Passes

6. Motion to Approve Purchase of New F150 for Public Works on a Three Year Lease Payment Plan of \$8,242.49

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

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

Motion Passes

7. Motion to Amend No Parking Ordinance- Chapter §290 -36 to read “No Parking or No Staging” on New Economy Business Park Drive - Merchant Street to 11th Street.

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

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

Motion Passes

8. Motion to Exonerate Ambridge Municipal Authority from Borough Property Tax parcel 12-006-0101-003-01-1 and 12-006-0101-004-01-1

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

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

Motion Passes

9. Motion to Direct Solicitor to Draw Up Ordinance on Half-Way and Three-Quarter Houses within the Borough of Ambridge

Motion made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mr. Pucci

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

Motion Passes

10. Motion to refund Creek Side Springs Over Paid Business Privilege Tax

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

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

Motion Passes

11. Motion to Approve Out Door Cameras for the Borough Building as follows:

Two front parking lot of building, two rear parking of building and one integration room.

Motion made by Mr. Pucci with price not to exceed \$4,475.00, seconded by Mr. McCoy.

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

Motion Passes

12. Motion to Approve Location of Dog Park – Korol/Palombo Project.

Mrs. Miller stated that the two girls working on this project are in the audience and would like to give Council an update on the project. The two young ladies approached the microphone stand and stated that they are about ½ way to their goal of \$7,500.00 to make this dog park happen. They are asking for donations and are going to be selling raffle tickets for Penguin hockey game tickets.

Motion made to approve the location by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mr. McCoy

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

Motion Passes

13. Motion to Approve Repair on Lights in Municipal Lot -4th & Merchant - \$195.98 and Replacement Poles Parts in Old Economy Area \$350.00

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

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

Motion Passes

14. *Motion was made by Mr. Pucci to purchase a vehicle to use as an unmarked vehicle for the Police Dept. (if it is still available), seconded by Mr. McCoy.*

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

Motion Passes

~~Discuss the existence and remedy for abandoned or vacated storefront in business district.~~ This discussion will be tabled for another meeting.

XII. Committee Reports

- 1. Administration and Finance Committee**
Report given by Mrs. Drewnowski.
- 2. Public Safety Committee**
Mr. Pucci states nothing to report.
- 3. Public Works Committee**
Mr. Cafarelli was absent.
- 4. Parks and Recreation Committee**
Report given by Mrs. Miller
- 5. Code Committee**
Report given by Mrs. Caldarelli

XIII. Other Unfinished Business

None.

XIV. Official Reports

Motion to Accept Official Report.

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

XV. Engineer's Report

Nothing to report.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Pucci.

All in Favor: Ayes 6 ~ Nays 0.

Motion Passed.

REMINDER: Trick or Treat – Thursday October 30, 2014 – 6:00pm to 8:00pm

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2014 – 7:00PM