

**BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE**  
**MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting: August 8, 2017**  
**Ambridge Borough Building**



- **Executive Session – Personnel and Legal Matters**
- **The August 8, 2017 meeting of Ambridge Borough Council was called to order at 7:00PM within Council Chambers of the Ambridge Borough Building, 600 11<sup>th</sup> Street.**
- **Roll Call:**  
Present:
  - Mrs. Caldarelli
  - Mrs. Drewnowski
  - Mr. Dunn
  - Mr. Mikulich
  - Mrs. Miller
  - Mayor D'AmbrosioAlso Present: Borough Manager Kauer, Solicitor Start, Chief Mann, Chief Gottschalk, and Engineer Suehr  
Absent: Mr. Cafarelli and Mr. McCoy
- **Invocation** – the invocation was conducted by Mrs. Barbara Costa from the Trinity School for Ministry.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Presentations**
- **Citizen's Participation On/Off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)**
  1. **Mr. Roger Thomas, 1143 Carlson (Harmony Township)**, spoke to Council about a recent state wide effort that is upcoming with the 2020 United States Census that will help reduce the gerrymandering of legislative districts. He distributed a sample Resolution to Council that he would like them to consider supporting to help create fair legislative districts.
  2. **Rev. James Hamilton, 1134 Maplewood Avenue**, expressed his concerns to Borough Council that the Ambridge Water Authority needs to establish a Source Water Protection Plan to protect the Ambridge Reservoir. He stated that PA DEP offers grant programs to help cover the costs of creating this needed contingency plan for the Water Authority. He asked the Council to call upon the Water Authority to establish a Source Water Protection Plan.
  3. **Mr. Bob Schmetzer, 4008 Jordan Street, President of South Heights Borough Council**, echoed the remarks of Rev. Hamilton and asked the Borough Council to call upon the Water Authority to establish a Source Water Protection Plan. He is concerned as the youth from South Heights Borough attend Ambridge Area schools that rely on Ambridge Water.
  4. **Mrs. Kathy McCombie, 638 Maplewood Avenue**, thanked the Borough Council for having staff address the issue of high weeds in Lower Alley. She stated that there are two potholes at the entrance of Lower Alley at 8<sup>th</sup> Street that need filled. She also thanked the Borough Council for getting the one way signs up in Lower Alley and thanked the Chief of Police for increasing patrols on Maplewood Avenue. Mayor D'Ambrosio thanked Mrs. McCombie for her support. He stated that after last month's meeting, he met with Chief Mann to increase police presence and traffic

enforcement along Maplewood Avenue. The Mayor stated that in the past month the APD has issued 90 traffic citations for motorists not obeying stop signs.

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2017, Council Meeting**

Mrs. Caldarelli made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. Mikulich reviewed the Treasurer's Report with Borough Council:

### Treasurer's Report

August 8, 2017

Marilyn Sheleheda - Treasurer

#### General Fund Analysis

\$903,671.00	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of: -August 8, 2017 -4:00 pm
\$48,166.24	All Outstanding Checks as of: -August 8, 2017 -4:00 pm
<b>\$855,504.76</b>	<b>Available Balance as of: -August 8, 2017 -4:00 pm</b>

<i>Totals are as follows:</i>	
<b>General Fund Summary:</b>	Deposits: <span style="float: right;"><b>\$254,943.09</b></span>
	Debits: <span style="float: right;"><b>\$331,364.18</b></span>
	-which include the following:
	<u>72</u> Checks <span style="float: right;">\$192,223.88</span>
	<u>2</u> Payroll (s) <span style="float: right;">\$139,115.30</span>
	<u>1</u> Debit <span style="float: right;">\$25.00</span>

#### Other Fund Balances as of August 8, 2017 4:00 pm

\$4,477.31	Ambridge Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund
\$63,646.25	Grants/Special Funds
\$223,890.33	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$37,629.88	Escrow Disbursement Account
\$31,122.93	Recreation Fund
\$336,561.91	Sinking Fund
\$17,706.25	Ambridge Capital Project Fund 2016-WesBanco
\$1,869,634.78	Ambridge Capital Project Fund 2016-PLGIT Account
\$8,377.26	Ambridge Borough Drug Investigation Fund
<b>\$2,593,046.90</b>	<b>Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)</b>

Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Borough Treasurer's Report was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

- Borough Bills and Expenses**

Motion to Pay the Bills (General Fund Unpaid: \$65,330.85 / Paid: \$39,135.63; 2016 Capital Project Bond Fund Unpaid: \$5,601.61) was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

- New Business - Items for Discussion:**

- Motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior renovations and façade improvements at 310 14<sup>th</sup> Street submitted by Mr. Tim Cassidy. Mr. Mikulich stated that the application has been reviewed and approved by the Historical Architecture Review Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

- Motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a business identification sign at 1400 Church Street submitted by Mr. Phil McCaffrey. Mr. Mikulich stated that the application has been reviewed and approved by the Historical Architecture Review Board. Motion was made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

- Motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a business identification sign at 1216 Church Street submitted by Mr. Steve Roberts. Mr. Mikulich stated that the application has been reviewed and approved by the Historical Architecture Review Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

4. Motion to grant multiple road closures of 19<sup>th</sup> Street between Duss Avenue and Oak Way for car cruises hosted by Duss Avenue Café, starting August 8, 2017 running every other Tuesday through October 31, 2017 from 6PM to 9PM. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

5. Motion to authorize the Beaver County Humane Society to hang event banners for their upcoming "Tails on the Trails Petwalk" and Haunted House on the fence at the H&H Sports-courts on 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

6. Motion to dedicate an on-street handicap parking space on Church Street for the Laughlin Memorial Library. Chief Mann and Chief Gottschalk both reported to Council that they have no opposition to the proposed dedicated handicap parking space. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

7. Motion to dedicate an on-street handicap parking space at 534 Glenwood Avenue as approved by the Ambridge Police Department. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

8. Motion to authorize the following disbursements from the Pension Funds to CIM Investment Management, Inc., for third quarter 2017 services: Service Employee's Fund - \$956.25, Police Pension - \$6,827.70, Firemen's Pension Fund - \$3,021.09. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

9. Motion to authorize the following disbursements from the Pension Funds to Feaster Pension Consulting, Inc., for 2017 services: Service Employee's Fund - \$1,600, Police Pension - \$1,700, Firemen's Pension Fund - \$1,500. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

10. Motion to authorize the road closures of Melrose Avenue and Glenwood Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets for the Annual Good Samaritan Church Festival from Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> through Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

11. Motion to dedicate an on-street handicap parking space at 612 Maplewood Avenue as approved by the Ambridge Police Department. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

- Committee Reports**

- Code Enforcement Committee:** Mrs. Caldarelli reported on the following:
    - Many Code Enforcement matters are being actively addressed by the Code Officers.
    - Code Officers addressed an issue of rats in the area of Beaver Road and 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
    - Many permits issued this past month
    - Second notices for annual Rental Registrations have been mailed out this past week for the 2017/18 cycle.
    - Zoning Determination request has been received to operate a Medical Marijuana Dispensary at 2097 Duss Avenue

Mrs. Caldarelli stated the Firefighters are doing a great job with the code enforcement program.

- Public Safety:** Mrs. Drewnowski stated that she had no report. Mrs. Caldarelli complimented Chief Mann for addressing a drug related problem that was happening within her neighborhood.

- **Public Works:** No report.
- **Parks:** Mrs. Miller stated that the annual Fall Festival of the Churches is going to be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>. She stated that she has been working with the Chamber of Commerce to organize the event and that she is now booking children’s activities. She stated that she got a better deal this year on a petting zoo that will be here for six hours during the festival.
- **Engineer’s Report:**  
Engineer Suehr reported that road work within Port Ambridge is complete and that the contractor has yet to give a start date for the remaining road work to start within town. He has stressed to the contractor the importance of working on the main streets first.

The Engineer also reported that the renewal application for the Borough’s MS4 Permit has been completed and awaits the Borough Manager’s signature. He also stated that he is still waiting on DEP approval for the repair of the Ambridge – Aliquippa Bridge Storm Sewer Outfall. Engineer Suehr informed Council that he has prepared a map for the Borough Staff to use that shows the ages of all recently paved Borough Streets. This map will help the Borough with determining degradation fees for street opening permits.

Mrs. Miller questioned a sinkhole on Beaver Road near 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Engineer Suehr stated that the sinkhole was caused by an issue with the sanitary sewer. The Municipal Authority has claimed responsibility and is going to get the street restored once the sewer line is fixed.

- **Official Reports**

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

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

Motion carried.

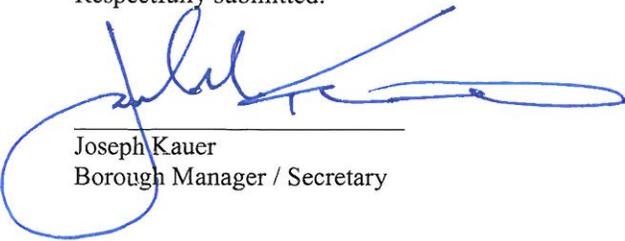
- **Other Unfinished Business**

Mr. Mikulich stated that at next month’s Council Meeting, the architect for the streetscape project will present the final design to Council and the public to review.

- **Adjournment –**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



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Joseph Kauer  
Borough Manager / Secretary