

BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE
MINUTES
Council Meeting: January 9, 2018
Ambridge Borough Building



- **Executive Session – Personnel and Legal Matters**
- **The January 9, 2018 meeting of Ambridge Borough Council was called to order at 7:00PM within Council Chambers of the Ambridge Borough Building, 600 11th Street.**

- **Roll Call:**

Present:

Mrs. Caldarelli
Mr. Dunn
Mr. Flannery
Mr. McCoy
Mr. Mikulich
Mrs. Miller
Mayor Drewnowski

Also Present: Borough Manager Kauer, Solicitor Start, Chief Gottschalk and Engineer Suehr

Absent: Mr. Cafarelli and Chief Mann

- **Invocation** – the invocation was conducted by Mrs. Barbara Costa, Trinity School for Ministry.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Presentations** – Borough Council and Mayor presented a Certificate of Commendation recognizing Firefighter Robert Charlovich for his life saving achievements on November 12, 2017 where he and fellow Conway Firefighters rescued a motorist from a burning wrecked car on Interstate 80 in northern Pennsylvania.
- **Citizen’s Participation On/Off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)**
 1. **Mr. Tom Friend, 511 Merchant Street**, stated that he believes there is a traffic problem in the 300 block of Duss Avenue alongside the Creekside Springs Water Plant. He stated that the trailers are parked against traffic, with the fronts of the trailers facing on-coming traffic. Mr. Friend stated that as such, there are no reflectors on the front of the trailer making them hard to see and if an accident would happen the motorist would end up under the trailer which could then be catastrophic. He suggested that Creekside Springs turn their trailers around to go with the traffic.
 2. **Mr. Louis Hassen, 346 Maplewood Avenue**, expressed concerns he has with the construction at the Iron Horse Theater at 348 Maplewood Avenue; specifically their recently constructed new handicap ramp and their front façade. He stated that the ramp is not to construction standards, causes adverse conditions such as ice on his sidewalk and it restricts the size of the front sidewalk on Maplewood Avenue. He also stated that the front façade violates local codes as well. The Manager informed Mr. Hassen that the Building Inspector reviewed the property this week and that he will forward his findings to him.
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
December 28, 2017, Council Meeting
Mrs. Caldarelli made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. McCoy; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Absent	Mr. McCoy	Yes
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Abstain	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried.

Mr. Flannery abstained as he was not on Council in 2017.

Mr. Mikulich welcomed Mr. Flannery and Mayor Drewnowski to Borough Council and stated that he looks forward to working together for the betterment of the community.

- Treasurer's Report:**

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

Treasurer's Report				
January 9, 2018				
Marilyn Sheleheda - Treasurer				
General Fund Analysis				
\$626,224.30	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of: -January 9, 2018 -3:00 pm			
\$177,630.13	All Outstanding Checks as of: -January 9, 2018 -3:00 pm			
\$448,594.17	Available Balance as of: -January 9, 2018 -3:00 pm			
General Fund Summary:	<i>Totals are as follows:</i>			
	Deposits: \$488,786.76			
	Debits: \$251,013.74			
	-which include the following:			
	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">45 Checks</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$108,079.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">2 Payroll (s)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$142,933.85</td> </tr> </table>	45 Checks	\$108,079.89	2 Payroll (s)
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Other Fund Balances as of January 9, 2018 3:00 pm				
\$5,130.08	Ambridge Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund			
\$75,991.86	Grants/Special Funds			
\$22,353.15	Liquid Fuels Fund			
\$13,817.83	Escrow Disbursement Account			
\$29,706.94	Recreation Fund			
\$38,234.75	Sinking Fund			
\$1,219,304.68	Ambridge Capital Project Fund 2016-PLGIT Account			
\$8,457.02	Ambridge Borough Drug Investigation Fund			
\$1,412,996.31	Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)			

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

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

Motion carried.

- Borough Bills and Expenses**

Motion to Pay the Bills (General Fund Unpaid: \$105,713.72 / Paid: \$125,163.98; 2016 Capital Project Bond Fund Unpaid: \$0, Recreation Fund Unpaid: \$0 / Paid: \$0) was made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Flannery; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

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

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1300, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Ambridge Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 290, Article IV, Section 34, entitled "Parking Prohibited at all times in Certain Locations" so as to prohibit parking at all times on the east and west sides of Maplewood Avenue between 1st Street and Bank Street. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dunn; Mr. Mikulich explained that this regulation will assist MoreFlavor, a business on First Street, to have clear access to the rear of their building from Maplewood Avenue. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

2. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1301, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Ambridge Borough Code of Ordinances Part II, Chapter 216, Section 216-3, entitled "Permit Requirement" so as to require that all rental units are adequately insured from the risks of fire damage and replacement. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

3. Motion to enter into agreement by and between the Borough of Ambridge and the Beaver County Humane Society for Animal Control Services for 2018. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn; Mr. Mikulich stated that the contract is the same rates as 2017. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

4. Motion to establish the 2018 Street Sweeping schedule starting April 2, 2018, running every-other week through October 5, 2018. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Dunn; motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion to authorize sponsoring in partnership with the Independence Conservancy a community tire collection event to be held at the Ambridge Borough Building on October 6, 2018. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion to appoint Mr. Victor Spinelli to the Ambridge Civil Service Commission, with a four year term. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

7. Motion to appoint Mr. Brad Herskovitz to the Ambridge Civil Service Commission, as an alternate Board Member, with a two year term. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

8. Motion to appoint Ms. Ann Ridley to the Ambridge Zoning Hearing Board with a three year term. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

9. Motion to appoint Mrs. Lorianne Burgess to the Ambridge Zoning Hearing Board, as an alternate Board Member, with a three year term. 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	Yes
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried.

10. Motion to appoint Mr. Michael A. Mikulich to the Shade Tree Commission with a five year term. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

11. Motion to appoint Ms. Millie Vukelic to the Landlord-Tenant Appeals Board with a one year term. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

12. Motion to appoint Thomas Patrician to the Board of Code Appeals with a five year term. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

13. Motion to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Borough of Ambridge and the Ambridge Police Department Wage and Policy Unit that is effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022, pending review and approval by the Borough Solicitor. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Mikulich thanked the members of the Police Union and Mr. Kauer for their work to negotiate and come to a successful agreement.

14. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 1-2018, a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the filing to a Declaration of Taking of Property located at 537 Merchant Street, Ambridge, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Borough Code and Eminent Domain Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried.

• Committee Reports

- **Code Enforcement Committee:** Mrs. Caldarelli stated that she is proud of the work accomplished last year by the Firefighters with Code Enforcement. She reported that during a recent rental property inspection of her building, the firefighters found a gas leak. Mrs. Caldarelli commented that these inspections are doing a great job improving safety within town.

Mrs. Caldarelli reported that 2018 Commercial Fire Inspection notices are going to be mailed out this week and that 2018/19 Rental Registration Forms will be going out soon as well.

- **Public Safety:** Mr. Mikulich and Lt. Jameson introduced the two new part-time police officers that were hired at the December Council Meeting.

Patrolman Corey Kelly introduced himself to the community. He stated that he lives in Moon Township, graduated from the Beaver County Police Academy, works full-time for the Moon Township Water Authority and stated that he is grateful to be given this position and looks forward to serving the community.

Patrolman Austin Turner introduced himself to the community. He stated that he lives in Leetsdale, graduated from Quaker Valley High School, serves as a Military Police Officer in the U.S. Army Reserves and graduated from the Indiana University of PA Police Academy. He thanked the citizens and Council for the opportunity to serve the Borough.

Mr. Flannery reported that he has met with the Fire Chief and the conversation was very informative. He also stated that he will be meeting with the Police Chief in the next two weeks.

- **Public Works:** No report.
- **Parks:** Mrs. Miller reported that the Borough was awarded a \$74,000 grant to make improvements to both 8th Street and Panek Parks. Work includes reconstruction of the basketball courts at Panek Park and at 8th Street there will be new playground equipment, a new picnic shelter and ADA swings and accessible routes. She stated that this is the second grant for this project, now giving us \$174,000 to make these improvements now with 100% grant funding.

Mrs. Miller stated that the Committee will be meeting shortly to finalize the design of the park.

Mr. Mikulich reported that last month the Borough received a grant in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the Merchant Street Streetscape Project. He also stated that the Borough ended 2017 with a surplus, the first time in recent history. He thanked all Departments and Council for working together to stay within budget. Mr. Mikulich stated that the surplus will be used to help rebuild the Borough's reserves.

- **Engineer's Report:** No report.
- **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	Yes
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried.

- **Other Unfinished Business**
None.
- **Adjournment –**
Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Flannery; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary