

# BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE

## MINUTES

Council Meeting: June 13, 2017

Ambridge Borough Building



- **Executive Session – Personnel and Legal Matters**
- **The June 13, 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. McCoy
  - Mrs. Miller
  - Mr. Mikulich
- Also Present: Borough Manager Kauer, Solicitor Start, Chief Mann, Chief Gottschalk, and Engineer Suehr
- Absent: Mr. Cafarelli and Mayor D'Ambrosio
- **Invocation** – the invocation was conducted by Mrs. Barb Costa from the Trinity School for Ministry.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Presentations**  
PA. State Association of Boroughs, President Bill Rossey, presented Borough Council with a plaque for the First Place Award in the 2017 Borough News Communication Contest in the Social Media Category for the Borough's Facebook page.
- **Citizen's Participation On/Off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)**
  1. **Mr. Ross McCoy, 1700 Duss Avenue**, stated that there is an issue on Duss Avenue with motorists not obeying crosswalk laws and do not let pedestrians cross. He stated that it is dangerous and that the traffic signal at 19<sup>th</sup> Street on Duss, only makes the issue worse as motorists travel faster to beat the light. He suggested the light may not be needed anymore.
  2. **Ms. Natalie Napolitano, student at Quaker Valley High School**, made presentation to the Borough Council about the "Food Desert" that exists in Ambridge as majority of the population lives far away from affordable groceries. She would like to work with the Borough to help bring a grocery store to Ambridge or improve our current farmers market. She was advised that Mr. Kauer will contact her coordinate a meeting to possibly work together on this issue.
  3. **Mr. Stanley Williamson, 70 15<sup>th</sup> Street**, stated that he made both a written and verbal request to Council to consider repaving the stone alley between 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Old Economy Village (Beech Ally) He was advised that the street will be reviewed for consideration to be paved as part of the 2018 Road Program, the roads being paved this year have already been selected.
  4. **Mr. Lillian Pfaff, 1325 N. Walnut Street**, requested Council to consider repaving Spruce Street as it exits New Economy Village. She was advised that Spruce Street is in Harmony Township, and not

an Ambridge roadway. She also asked that a Deer Crossing Sign be erected on 14<sup>th</sup> Street as you go up to the Village from Beaver Road.

5. **Ms. Lisa Schroder, 1002 Melrose Avenue**, expressed her frustrations about litter throughout the community. A general discussion pursued.
6. **Mr. Doug McConbie, 638 Maplewood Avenue**, stated that speeding has been an issue on Maplewood Avenue between 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets. He requested that a SLOW stencil be painted on the roadway within these blocks to help calm traffic.

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**May 9, 2017, Council Meeting**

Mr. McCoy made the motion to accept the minutes, 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
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**

(June 13, 2017)

Marilyn Shelehedca - Treasurer

<b>General Fund Analysis</b>
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\$998,983.74	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of: -(June 13, 2017) -4:00 pm
\$24,268.44	All Outstanding Checks as of: -(June 13, 2017) -4:00 pm
<b>\$974,715.30</b>	<b>Available Balance as of: -(June 13, 2017) -4:00 pm</b>

<i>Totals are as follows:</i>	
<b>General Fund Summary:</b>	Deposits: <span style="float: right;"><b>\$359,034.38</b></span>
	Debits: <span style="float: right;"><b>\$387,695.88</b></span>
	-which include the following:
	<u>79 Checks</u> <span style="float: right;">\$237,539.90</span>
	<u>2 Payroll (s)</u> <span style="float: right;">\$150,155.98</span>

Other Fund Balances as of (June 13, 2017) 4:00 pm	
\$4,476.57	Ambridge Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund
\$63,635.62	Grants/Special Funds
\$223,481.63	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$47,951.86	Escrow Disbursement Account
\$31,117.73	Recreation Fund
\$335,947.53	Sinking Fund
\$22,693.63	Ambridge Capital Project Fund 2016-WesBanco
\$1,884,668.25	Ambridge Capital Project Fund 2016-PLGIT Account
\$8,359.47	Ambridge Borough Drug Investigation Fund
<b>\$2,622,332.29</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	Yes
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: \$82,284.37 / Paid: \$83,863.00; 2016 Capital Project Bond Fund Unpaid: \$32,949.62; Recreation Fund Unpaid: \$845) 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
Mrs. Drewnowski	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion carried.

- New Business - Items for Discussion:**

- 2016 Borough Audit – Review of Audit Report and Financial Statements. Borough Auditor Mark Turnley reviewed the 2016 report with Borough Council. He noted the decrease in fund balance and the levels that the Pension Plans are currently funded. He also detailed out the budget to actual reports to Member of Council.
- Consider action to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1295, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, amending the Ambridge Borough Code of Ordinances, Article IV, Chapter 290, Section 36.1, entitled “Parking Prohibited by Type of Vehicle” so as to prohibit parking of dump trucks, tow trucks and flatbed vehicles. 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
Mrs. Drewnowski	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion carried.

Mr. Mikulich stated that this is a revision and update to our current street opening Ordinance and will hopefully deter utility companies from opening up our recently paved streets. Mrs. Drewnowski questioned how street openings are records and logged. The Borough Manager stated that the office keeps an excel spreadsheet that accounts for each openings location and pertinent information.

- Motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1296, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, amending the Ambridge Borough Code of Ordinances, Article II, Chapter 265, Sections 3-14, entitled “Street Opening and Excavations.” 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
Mrs. Drewnowski	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion carried.

4. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-3, a Resolution of the Borough of Ambridge authorizing the submission of a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant for the Ambridge Parks Improvements Project, a project that will make recreational improvements to Walter Panek and 8<sup>th</sup> Street Parks. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski; Mr. Mikulich stated that this is another grant application that if funded will improve both 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Panek Parks. A roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Absent	Mr. McCoy	Yes
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 advertisement of notice that the Borough of Ambridge plans to submit to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and subsequently adopt a Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) as required by the upcoming renewal of the Borough's Municipal Small Separate Storm Sewer Permit (MS4). (Note: the PRP proposes to affect a 10% reduction in the volume of sediment entering French Point Creek by increasing the frequency of street sweeping, and installing silt traps in existing storm inlets throughout the sedimentation area.) Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, 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
Mrs. Drewnowski	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion carried.

6. Motion to grant a dedicated on-street handicap parking space in front of 817 Beaver Road as approved and recommended by the Ambridge Police Department. 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	Yes
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mrs. Drewnowski	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion carried.

7. Motion to ratify the disbursement of \$400,000 to Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus for the purchase of the Pierce Ladder Truck and the disbursement of \$37,058.50 to Koch 33 Ford for the Ford Explorer Fire Department Squad, both purchases previously authorized and paid for from the 2016 Capital Project Bond Fund. 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	Yes
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mrs. Drewnowski	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion carried.

8. Motion to authorize participation in the 2017 Duquesne Light LED Municipal Cobra-head Street Lighting Conversion Program at 10 contiguous locations to be recommended by the Public Safety Committee. 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	Yes
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 Ambridge Area High School Band to use the practice field at the H&H Sports-courts on June 26-29 and July 31-August 11 for practices. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dunn; motion carried unanimously.
10. Motion to authorize the closure of 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Park Road to Maplewood Avenue from 11AM to 7PM on Sunday, August 6, 2017 for the Eagle's Club Wing Cook-off Event. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Miller; motion carried unanimously.
11. Motion to authorize the Ambridge Crime Watch to conduct free Movies in the Park on Thursday evenings within PJ Caul Park starting June 22 through August 24. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dunn; Mr. Mikulich thanked the Crime Watch for bringing back Movies in the Park; motion carried unanimously.
12. Motion to authorize the Ambridge Crime Watch and "Not One More" Pittsburgh Chapter to use the gazebo in PJ Caul Park on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 5PM for a Candlelight Vigil (Note: Not One More Pittsburgh provides education and support to families dealing with drug and alcohol abuse and addiction.) Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mr. Dunn; motion carried unanimously.
13. Motion to authorize the Ambridge Fireworks Committee to hang event signs for the Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day Fireworks Display on the H&H Sports-courts fences at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Duss Avenue. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Dunn; motion carried unanimously.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Code Enforcement Committee:** Mrs. Caldarelli reported that multiple permits were issued this past month, seven properties have been posted for demolition as part of this year's County Demolition Program and that the Historical Review Clearance Study is underway for the Commercial Demolitions on Merchant Street.
- **Public Safety:** Mrs. Drewnowski reported that Officer Jason Seng was recently awarded a Fatherhood Award. She also reported that the new ladder truck is in and should be in service shortly. Mr. Mikulich stated that the firefighters are doing an excellent job mounting all of the new equipment and getting the new trucks ready for service. He also stated that the Police Department did a great job handling the traffic through town when Route 65 was recently shut down due to construction and repairs to the Ambridge-Aliquippa Bridge. Lastly, he thanked the Mayor for the new flags on Merchant Street.
- **Public Works:** No report.
- **Parks:** Mrs. Miller stated that she is working with the Chamber of Commerce to plan this year's Fall Festival of Churches, which will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Engineer's Report:** Engineer Suehr reported that work on the 2017 Road Program starts next Monday within Port Ambridge. He stated that he is still waiting on DEP approval for the bridge outfall project. In regards to the MS4 Permit Renewal, he outlined that additional street sweeping and silt bags will be needed in the target area that discharges into French Point Creek, the goal is to reduce sedimentation into the waterway.

- **Official Reports**

1. **Motion to accept the Official Reports;** 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
Mrs. Drewnowski	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mayor D'Ambrosio	

Motion carried.

- **Other Unfinished Business**  
None.
- **Adjournment –**  
Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Drewnowski; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Joseph Kauer  
Borough Manager / Secretary