

BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE

MINUTES

Council Meeting: January 8, 2019

Ambridge Borough Building



- **Executive Session – Personnel, Real Estate and Legal Matters**
- **The January 8, 2019 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
 - Mayor Drewnowski
- **Also Present:** Borough Manager Kauer, Solicitor Start, Chief Gottschalk, Chief Romutis and Engineer Suehr
- **Absent:** Mr. Cafarelli, Mrs. Miller
- **Invocation** – the invocation was conducted by Mr. Barbara Costa, Trinity School for Ministry.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Presentations**
Fire Chief Rob Gottschalk presented the 2018 Year End Report on the Fire Department activity to Borough Council.
- **Citizen's Participation On/Off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)**
 1. **Mr. Jerome Gill, 831 Glenwood Avenue**, stated the Borough Employees did a great job decorating Merchant Street for Christmas. He questioned when the new light poles on Merchant Street within the downtown will be lit? Mr. Mikulich stated that they are planned to be lit within the month. Mr. Gill then questioned the curb cut on the agenda for 644 Duss if it was on Beaver Road or if that was an error. Mr. Mikulich responded that it is in the rear of the property on Beaver Road.
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
December 11, 2018, 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	Yes
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Absent
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

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Borough Bills and Expenses

Motion to Pay the Bills the following bills was made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. McCoy; a roll call vote was taken:

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| 1. | General Fund | Unpaid: \$194,081.60 | Paid: \$2,099.86 |
| 2. | 2016 Capital Project Bond Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 3. | Grants / Special Project Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 4. | Recreation Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | Paid: \$0.00 |
| 5. | Escrow Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 6. | Police Pension Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 7. | Service Employees Pension Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 8. | Firemen's Pension Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 9. | Drug Investigation Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |

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Mr. Cafarelli	Absent	Mr. McCoy	Yes
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Absent
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

Consent Agenda:

Those matters included under the consent agenda are self-explanatory and are not expected to require further review or discussion. Items will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by any member of Council, that item must be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

Motion to approve Items 1 through 4 listed on the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Dunn, motion carried unanimously.

- Borough Financial Report - acknowledge receipt of the Borough Treasurer's Report.

**Treasurer's Report
January 8, 2019**

Marilyn Sheleheda - Treasurer

General Fund Analysis

\$368,618.34	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of: -January 8, 2019 -3:00 pm
\$207,993.39	All Outstanding Checks as of: -January 8, 2019 -3:00 pm
\$160,624.95	Available Balance as of: -January 8, 2019 -3:00 pm

Totals are as follows:	
Deposits:	\$253,539.19
Debits:	\$262,905.01
-which include the following:	
65 Checks & Misc. Debits	\$105,490.36
2 Payroll (s)	\$157,414.65
General Fund Summary:	

Other Fund Balances as of January 8, 2019 3:00 pm	
\$47,434.71	Ambridge Borough Drug Investigation Fund
\$1,042,853.69	Ambridge Capital Project Fund 2016-PLGIT Account
\$7,254.54	Ambridge Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund
\$9,379.17	Escrow Disbursement Account
\$12,904.50	Grants/Special Funds
\$15,065.74	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$34,389.60	Recreation Fund
\$315,105.28	Sinking Fund
\$1,484,387.23	Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)

- Authorize the Ambridge Fireworks Committee to have the 2019 Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Display in Walter Panek Park on Saturday, June 29, 2019.

3. Grant a Curb Cut Permit on New Economy Drive for the Harmony Storage development as approved by the Borough Engineer and Police Chief.
4. Grant a Curb Cut Permit at 644 Duss Avenue on Beaver Road as approved by the Borough Engineer and Police Chief.

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

- A. Motion to authorize the early payoff of the 2017 Police Ford SUV to KS State Bank in the amount of \$19,531.39 from the Drug Forfeiture Fund per the written authorization of District Attorney David Lozier, dated October 18, 2018. Motion was made by Mr. Flannery, 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	Absent
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- B. Motion to ratify Change Order No. 5 for the Streetscape Project in the amount of \$20,757 that decked and sealed off multiple sidewalk voids in the Phase 2 project area. 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	Absent
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- C. Motion to authorize execution of Amendment II to the Architectural Service Agreement by and between the Borough of Ambridge and Hancock Architecture that will provide on-site inspection services through June 2019 for the Streetscape Project. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. Dunn; Manager Kauer explained that this agreement will extend construction inspection services through June as the project is approximately eight weeks behind schedule, a roll call vote was taken:

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

• **Committee Reports**

1. **Code Enforcement Committee:** Mrs. Caldarelli reported that all code activities and programs are ongoing.
2. **Public Safety:** Mr. Flannery reported that the committee will be meeting this Thursday, report to follow.
3. **Public Works:** Mr. Flannery stated that if any residents need leaves picked up, they need to be bagged and please call the Borough office to schedule a pickup. The Manager also reported that Christmas Trees are also being collected and recycled through February 1st.
4. **Parks:** No report.

5. **Engineer's Report:** Engineer Suehr reported that the park project is complete, only minor punch list items remain. He stated that he is working on plans and specifications for the Merchant Street paving project and that he will be meeting with Hancock Architecture next week to coordinate the project. The Engineer reported that the permit to repair the outfalls under the A-A Bridge has been closed out with DEP. Lastly, he reported that Engineer Jovanovich has recently retired and that a replacement has been assigned to handle the Borough's MS4 program.

Mr. Mikulich stated that the streetscape project has concluded for the winter, work will resume in the spring. The goal is to have the project complete by July.

- **Official Reports**

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

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Mr. Cafarelli	Absent	Mr. McCoy	Yes
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Absent
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

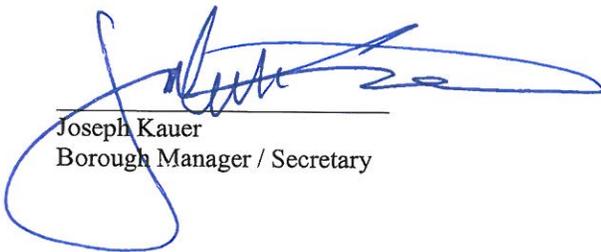
- **Other Unfinished Business**

Mayor Drewnowski reported that the District Attorney would like to attend our next Council Meeting to discuss the Borough's participation in the High Intensity Drug Task Force. Solicitor Start asked the Mayor to ask the District Attorney to send the Borough Council his information before the meeting to be prepared.

- **Adjournment –**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 730PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary