

BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE
MINUTES
Council Meeting: September 13, 2016
Old Economy Village Visitor's Center



- **Executive Session – Personnel and Legal Matters**
- **The September 13, 2016 meeting of Ambridge Borough Council was called to order at 7:00PM within the Classroom of the Old Economy Visitor's Center, 270 16th Street.**
- **Roll Call:**
Present:
 - Mrs. Caldarelli
 - Mrs. Drewnowski
 - Mr. Dunn
 - Mr. McCoy
 - Mrs. Miller
 - Mr. Mikulich
 - Mayor D'Ambrosio
- Also Present: Borough Manager Kauer, Solicitor Start, Borough Engineer Suehr, Chief Mann, Chief Gottschalk
- Absent: Mr. Cafarelli
- **Invocation** given by Mrs. Barbara Costa of the Trinity School of Ministry.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- Mr. Mikulich thanked Mr. Michael Knecht, Site Administrator of Old Economy Village and his staff for allowing us to have the September Council Meeting at the Village.
- **Presentations –**
 - Mrs. Wendy Nickerson, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, presented Councilman Michael Mikulich with the *Carol Sambol Award* for 25 years of service as a member of Council. She also presented Manager Kauer with a plaque for the *2016 Borough News Municipal Newsletter Contest* (Population Category 5,001 to 7,500).
- **Citizen's Participation On/Off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)**
Ms. Melissa Gailey, 309 Boyleston Street, stated that motorists are routinely violating the parking restrictions on the south side of Boyleston Street. She stated that she has repeatedly called the Borough Office asking for the Borough to paint the curbs on that side of the street yellow and they have not honored her request. The Police Chief informed her that if the street is posted with no parking signs, the curbs do not need to be painted. The Mayor responded that the Police Department will monitor the area and will enforce the regulations.
- Mr. Michael Knecht, Site Administrator Old Economy Village and resident of 1641 Church Street**, thanked everyone for coming out to tonight's Council Meeting at Old Economy Village. He stated that as part of the Old Economy Centennial Celebration; he gave each participant at the meeting a book on the history of the village and a calendar of events for upcoming activities. Mr. Knecht also reminded everyone on the Ambridge Resident passes to the village and encouraged everyone to take advantage of it.
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

August 9, 2016 Council Meeting

Mrs. Miller 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	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. Dunn	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Carried			

- Treasurer's Report:**

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

Treasurer's Report

September 1, 2016

Marilyn Sheleheda - Treasurer

General Fund Analysis

\$988,489.94	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of: -(September 2016) -4:00 pm
\$61,643.31	All Outstanding Checks as of: -(September 2016) -4:00 pm
\$926,846.63	Available Balance as of: -(September 2016) -4:00 pm

<i>Totals are as follows:</i>				
General Fund Summary:	Deposits: \$261,825.30			
	Debits: \$368,637.61			
	-which include the following:			
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Other Fund Balances as of (September 2016) 4:00 pm	
\$5,166.27	Ambridge Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund
\$75,012.48	Grants/Special Funds
\$23,753.01	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$46,853.02	Escrow Disbursement Account
\$31,570.83	Recreation Fund
\$196,043.31	2015 Road Construction Fund
\$0.00	2015 PIB Note Sinking Fund
\$335,137.02	Sinking Fund
\$2,705,321.10	Ambridge Capital Project Fund 2016
\$7,525.04	Ambridge Borough Drug Investigation Fund
\$3,426,382.08	Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)

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

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

- Borough Bills and Expenses**

Motion to Pay the Bills (Unpaid: \$98,998.30 / Paid: \$65,720.31) was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. Dunn; - a roll call vote was taken:

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

- New Business - Items for Discussion:**

- Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1288, an Ordinance authorizing the Borough of Ambridge to join with other local government units as a settlor of the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust for the purpose of purchasing shares of the Trust. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mrs. Miller; the Borough Manager explained that this Ordinance will allow the Borough to participate in the PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) for the purposes of investing bond proceeds at higher interest rates; a roll call vote was taken:

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

- Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1289, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, County of Beaver and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Pension Plan applicable to certain firefighters of the Borough. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. Dunn; the Borough Manager explained that this Ordinance was recommended by the Plan's Actuary to bring the plan into IRS Tax Code Compliance and to include all of the recent amendments of the pension plan in one document. A roll call vote was taken:

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

- Motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1290, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge, relative to the establishment and maintenance of Borough Employees' Pension, Annuity, Insurance and Benefit Fund or Funds, to amend certain provisions of the Pension Plan or Program applicable to the Employees of said Borough and to restate in its entirety such Pension Plan or Program. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mrs. Miller; the Borough Manager explained that this Ordinance will do the same effort as to what was accomplished with the Police and Firefighter plans. A roll call vote was taken:

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

- Motion to enter into agreement by and between the Borough of Ambridge and the Detroit Salt Company for Winter Road Materials, as bid by the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments, at the lowest responsible bid received of \$58.39 per ton for Road Salt. Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mrs. Miller; Mr. Mikulich explained that this year's salt contract is

considerably less per ton than the prior year's contract. He stated that it potentially will save the Borough \$17,000 going into 2017. A roll call vote was taken:

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

5. Motion to authorize W.M. Aiken & Son to repair the storm-water inlet at the corner of 8th Street and Maplewood Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$4,180. 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	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. Dunn	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Carried			

6. Motion to hire Ms. Marianne Chambers as an alternate School Crossing Guard. Motion was made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mrs. Miller; a roll call vote was taken:

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

7. Motion to appoint Mr. Tom Klinsky to the Ambridge Water Authority Board, filling the vacancy that has a term that will expire December 31, 2016. Motion was made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

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

8. Motion to approve the lot consolidation plan of two lots, number 58 and 59 of the Beaver County Land Company – Plan 1 of lots, identified as 833 and 835 Glenwood Avenue. (Note: The consolidation plan has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Engineer, Beaver County Planning Commission and the Ambridge Borough Planning Commission.) Motion was made by Mr. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. Dunn; the Borough Manager explained that the applicant intends to make his side yard larger to facilitate the construction of a parking pad. A roll call vote was taken:

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

9. Motion to authorize a curb cut at 833 / 835 Glenwood Avenue as recommended by the Chief of Police and Borough Engineer. 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	Y
Mrs. Caldarelli	Y	Mrs. Miller	Y
Mrs. Drewnowski	Y	Mr. Mikulich	Y
Mr. Dunn	Y	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Carried			

10. Motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance that would amend Section 82-6 of the Ambridge Code of Ordinances that would allow for the keeping of chickens and bees within the Borough of Ambridge. 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	No
Mrs. Caldarelli	No	Mrs. Miller	No
Mrs. Drewnowski	No	Mr. Mikulich	No
Mr. Dunn	No	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion Failed to Carry			

Mrs. Drewnowski stated that the Ordinance used by the City of Pittsburgh for regulating urban agriculture would not be a good fit for Ambridge. She sees many issues including its permitting of goats and lot sizes for the keeping of bees.

Mrs. Caldarelli stated that houses in Ambridge are too close to another to permit residents to have urban agriculture. She stated that she doesn't believe that people would obey the regulations should keeping of chickens be permitted in Ambridge. She also questioned who could enforce the policies, the duties of the Code Officer are already stretched she stated.

11. Motion to authorize Head Start of Beaver County to hang an event sign on the fence of 8th Street Park for no more than three weeks starting September 14, 2016. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mr. McCoy; motion carried unanimously. Mayor D'Ambrosio stated that he has been in contact with the Ambridge Head Start office; he reported that their enrollment is currently down. He reported that the Head Start Program helps the entire family not just children and that they do great things for the community.
12. Motion to authorize the distribution of a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking professional services including design, construction drawings, bidding, and construction administration for the Merchant Street – Streetscape Improvement Project. Motion was made by Mr. Dunn, 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.			

13. Motion to have special 2017 budget meetings on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 and Tuesday, November 1, 2016, both at 6:00PM at the Borough Building. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mr. Dunn; motion carried unanimously.
14. Motion to ratify the payment of \$85,310.73 to JCB, Inc., from the 2016 Capital Project Fund (Bond Proceeds) for the 2016 JCB Backhoe. 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
Mrs. Drewnowski	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion carried.			

15. Motion to enter into agreement with the Housing Authority of Beaver County for additional police protection services of Housing Authority properties located within the Borough of Ambridge in 2017 in exchange for \$42,500. 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	Yes
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mrs. Drewnowski	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion carried.			

16. Motion to accept the lowest responsible bid received and award contract to TRS Roofing, Inc., in the amount of \$109,400 for the Borough Building Roof Replacement Project. *(Note: Project is to be paid from the 2016 Capital Project Fund.)* Motion was made by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. Dunn; Mr. McCoy questioned if there is a warranty on the new roof. The Engineer reported that the roof will have a 20 year warranty and that the credentials and references of the contractor have all checked out to be positive. 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.			

17. Motion to authorize the disbursement of \$520,000 from the 2016 Capital Project Fund to the Ambridge Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of a Pierce Velocity Ladder Truck and Pierce Dash Custom Pumper, both units to be owned, registered and maintained by the Borough of Ambridge. Motion was made by Mrs. Drewnowski, seconded by Mr. Dunn; Mrs. Drewnowski thanked everyone who made this purchase possible including the Borough Manager for negotiating this deal, and the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief for going out to Missouri and Alabama to check out the trucks. She questioned the Solicitor if this disbursement to the Volunteer Fire Department is legal. He responded by saying, yes. 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 also thanked the Ambridge Volunteer Fire Department for coordinating this purchase of the new apparatus. He stated that through this purchase the Fire Department will now have two ladder trucks, three pumpers and possibly a new squad with \$35,000 to equip the new trucks. He stated that this effort will sustain our ISO 3 classification and thanked everyone for their hard work to make this upgrade possible.

18. Motion to authorize payment of \$195,397.52, from the 2015 Road Construction Fund to A. Folino Construction, Inc., for Payment Request No. 3 of the 2016 PIB Road Program. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Dunn; the Engineer explained that 0.50% of the contract is still being retained for one additional month, 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.			

19. Discussion: Ambridge Water Authority Economic Development Incentive Program for larger multi-unit structures that are under construction / renovations. The Borough Manager explained that a proposal has been received from the Chairman of the Water Authority (Mr. David Bell) regarding this concept. He stated that the proposal will give a break on the number of units being charged for water sewer and trash usage on a multi-unit building should it be under construction or renovations for one year. He stated that the proposal will give an incentive to the owner to renovate the property within one year to help bring about redevelopment in the community. Mr. Bell was present and attested to the proposal. The Council was in agreement with the Authority's proposal and Mr. Bell was to take it back to the Water Authority Board for consideration to proceed. Mr. Mikulich stated that this effort is a good step showing that the community is pro-business.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Code Enforcement Committee:** Mrs. Caldarelli reported the county contract for Town Center Associates ended on August 31st and the Commissioners renewed the partnership for the Main Street Network through December 31, 2016.

Mrs. Drewnowski reported to the Code Officer that the parking lot of the CVS Pharmacy on Merchant Street is unsightly, full of litter and debris. Mr. Clark advised her that he will go down tomorrow and advise them to clean up the property. Mrs. Miller questioned the Code Officer about the conditions of the interior of the Dollar General on Merchant Street. She stated that the isles are full of merchandise and it is hard to navigate through. Chief Gottschalk reported that he will go down this week and perform a fire safety inspection.

Mrs. Drewnowski questioned the Code Officer on the status of the property maintenance complaint of 719 22nd Street. She stated that the yard is still filled with debris covered by tarps and is an eyesore. The Code Officer reported that he had this property in District Court earlier this year and little was done with it. Mrs. Caldarelli stated that when the Code Officer has an upcoming hearing to let her know as she would like to attend.

Mayor D'Ambrosio stated that he doesn't feel it's appropriate for members of Council to call our employees out on complaints such as Mrs. Drewnowski's during the meetings. He stated that this should be done during officer hours and we should be treating our employees with respect. The Mayor also commented that he doesn't see the need to have the Code Officer present at Council Meetings. Mrs. Drewnowski stated that she wasn't calling out the performance of the Code Officer with her complaints; she stated that having him present at the meetings is a convenience for the public.

- **Public Safety:** Mrs. Drewnowski reported that the Committee met on September 8th; in attendance was herself, Chief Gottschalk, Manager Kauer, Asst. Chief Larrick, Councilman Dunn, Mayor D'Ambrosio and Chief Mann.

Mrs. Drewnowski stated that in regards to the Police Department we may be losing three part-time officers due to them getting full-time jobs elsewhere. She expressed a need to test for part-time police officers. She also reported that the Borough Manager applied for a \$1,000 grant that would purchase youth Say No to Drug handouts. Mrs. Drewnowski also reported that Trick or Treat will be conducted in the County on October 31st from 6PM to 8PM. Lastly, she reported that the Manager has been working with the Humane Society to negotiate an Animal Control service contract that would start in 2017.

In regards to the Fire Department, Mrs. Drewnowski reported that the AFD was recently awarded two grants that will enable the Department to give out free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. She also reported that the AFD will be having an Open House on Saturday, October 15th from 11AM to 4PM. Mrs. Drewnowski also reported on the fire truck purchases that were approved tonight and that once the new trucks are in-service the old Snorkel Truck will be auctioned off on Municibid. She stated that the Committee discussed that if we keep the purchase and equipping of the new trucks in budget, we could afford to replace the squad unit this year as well with the bond proceeds. Lastly, it was reported that the Fire Department will be applying for a FEMA grant this year to replace 30 SCBAs with spare air bottles.

Mrs. Miller stated that a stop sign needs to be erected at the intersection of Central Lane and Church Street.

- **Public Works:** No report.
- **Parks:** Mrs. Miller reported on the upcoming Ambridge Fall Festival of Churches on September 23 and 24 in PJ Caul Park. She stated that a Tour of Churches will be held on September 23 and on the 24th a festival will be held in PJ Caul Park with Ambridge Churches having food booths and promoting their cultures on stage. The Parks and Recreation Committee will coordinate and offer all of the children’s activities. She stated that they are looking for volunteers to help out that day. Mrs. Miller thanked the Public Works Department and staff for the event’s preparations.
- **Engineer’s Report:** The Engineer reported he submitted a written report to Council. He stated that the action taken tonight by Council will fix the collapsed inlet at 8th Street and Maplewood, finish off the 2016 Road Program and start the project to replace the Borough Building Roof.

Mr. Mikulich questioned the correspondence from the Engineer to the Water Authority about a needed road repair on Merchant Street near 13th Street. The Engineer reported that there was a water break in front of Javy’s Banquet Hall and that the AWA has already repaired the street and repaved it curb to curb, 30’ wide in front of this facility, closing out this matter.

• **Official Reports**

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

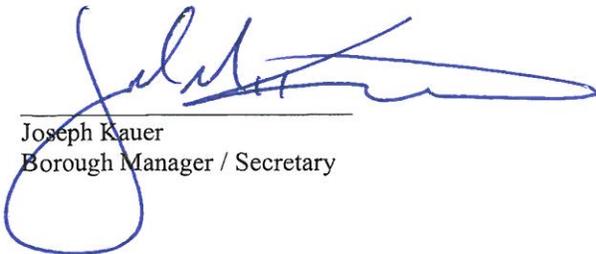
Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Absent	Mr. McCoy	Yes
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mrs. Drewnowski	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mayor D'Ambrosio	
Motion carried.			

- **Other Unfinished Business**
None.

• **Adjournment –**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dunn; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM

Respectfully submitted:



Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary