

# BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE

## MINUTES

Council Meeting: January 14, 2020

Ambridge Borough Building



- The January 14, 2019 meeting of Ambridge Borough Council was called to order at 6:30PM within Council Chambers of the Ambridge Borough Building, 600 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Mikulich announced that the Council met for an executive session prior to this meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

- **Roll Call:**

Present: Mr. Cafarelli  
Mr. Dunn  
Mr. Flannery  
Mr. Gill  
Mrs. Miller  
Mr. Mikulich  
Mrs. Tessaro  
Mayor Drewnowski

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

Absent: None.

- **Invocation** – the invocation was conducted by Mrs. Barbara Costa, Trinity School for Ministry.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Presentations** - None

- **Citizen's Participation On/Off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)**

1. **Mrs. Bobbie Boykins, 1004 11<sup>th</sup> Street**, questioned the road work currently underway on 11<sup>th</sup> Street, up from Beaver Road. The Borough Manager explained that contractors working for Columbia Gas Company are starting restoration work of their new gas line projects. They are currently excavating out the cold-patch, cutting back one foot and filling in those areas with asphalt base. They will be back in the spring to mill and pave the surface coat of asphalt. The Manager also suggested to Council that the Borough consider partnering with the Gas Company to finish paving the remaining sections within this block so its fully completed and paved.

2. **Ms. Cathy Holler, 824 11<sup>th</sup> Street**, questioned why she was not notified about the Columbia Gas Company work on upper 11<sup>th</sup> Street. The Manager explained that he too was only notified the day prior to the work starting by the contractor. He stated that properties in the affected areas were notified, they were not working in Mrs. Holler's block, only parking equipment there.

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2019, Council Meeting**

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

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Abstain
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Abstain	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried. Gill and Tessaro abstained as they were not members of Council then.

- Borough Bills and Expenses**

Motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

1.	General Fund	Unpaid: \$180,994.15	Paid: \$57,989.41
2.	Grants / Special Project Fund	Unpaid: \$60.00	
3.	Recreation Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	Paid: \$0.00
4.	Escrow Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	
5.	Police Pension Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	
6.	Service Employees Pension Fund	Unpaid: \$186.51	
7.	Firemen's Pension Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	
8.	Drug Investigation Fund	Unpaid: \$10,776.61	
9.	Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	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 accept items 1 through 2 listed on the Consent Agenda; all were in favor.**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

January 14, 2020

Marilyn Sheleheda - Treasurer

**General Fund Analysis**

\$582,942.76	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of:	-January 14, 2020 -3:00 pm
\$237,942.37	All (including today's checks) Outstanding Checks as of:	-January 14, 2020 -3:00 pm
<b>\$345,000.39</b>	<b>Available Balance as of:</b>	<b>-January 14, 2020 -3:00 pm</b>

General Fund Bank Summary:	<b>Totals that cleared the bank are as follows:</b>	
	Deposits: (as appears on our on-line bank today)	\$675,554.03
	*Includes Sinking Fund Transfer*	
	Debits: (as appears on our on-line bank today)	\$604,542.08
	-which include the following:	
	66 Checks	\$353,576.19
	3 Payroll (s)	\$250,121.22
	2 NSF checks	\$844.67

Other Fund Balances as of January 14, 2020 3:00 pm	
250.00	Ambridge Bicentennial 2024 Fund.
\$16,546.74	Ambridge Borough Drug Investigation Fund
\$24.52	Ambridge Capital Project Fund 2016-PLGIT Account
\$0.00	Ambridge Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund
\$24,414.75	Escrow Disbursement Account
\$5,587.71	Grants/Special Funds
\$11,764.69	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$35,827.24	Recreation Fund
\$3,967.76	Sinking Fund
<b>\$98,383.41</b>	<b>Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)</b>

2. Accept the 2020 Street-sweeping Schedule to run every other week starting April 6, 2020 through October 2, 2020.

**New Business - Items for Discussion:**

- A. Motion to execute an agreement with Allegheny Valley Fire Apparatus to refurbish Engine No. 1 at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion carried.

• **Committee Reports**

- **Code Enforcement Committee:** Mr. Mikulich welcomed both Mr. Gill and Mrs. Tessaro to Borough Council.

Mrs. Tessaro reported that the Committee will be meeting on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- **Public Safety:** Mr. Flannery reported that the Committee will also be meeting this month.

Mr. Mikulich asked the Committee to review and plan for traffic issues on 11<sup>th</sup> Street and over on Rt. 51 with the City of Aliquippa regarding the upcoming closure and detours posted for the Sewickley Bridge construction work. Chief Gottschalk stated that he talked recently with the Sewickley Chief of Police and was informed that the work will take place in late March / early April consisting of a two-week full closure of the Sewickley Bridge followed by alternating traffic restrictions of four to six weeks. Mayor Drewnowski stated that the issue is over in Aliquippa and we need them to cooperate with us on this issue.

- **Public Works:** Mr. Cafarelli reported the following:
  - Christmas Tree Recycling is underway starting December 26th through January 31, 2020. Citizens can also drop off their trees at the DPW Garage, directional signs are posted.
  - Snow removal work underway for the season – all trucks ready and have been out multiple times treating roads.
  - Crew took down Christmas decorations at Borough Building, PJ Caul Park and Merchant Street.
  - Cleaned catch basins and swales throughout town on rainy days.
  - Equipment Maintenance:
    - Tk 7 (Chevy pickup truck) – inspected and oil changed.
  - Sign maintenance is on-going, replacing missing signs and repairing damaged locations.
    - Historic District signs were refaced on Merchant Street.
  - Ongoing maintenance has been dedicated to filling pot-holes and repairs to multiple alleys.
  - Foreman responded, marked and reported multiple PA-One Call requests.
- **Parks:** Mrs. Miller reported that the Committee will be meeting soon.
- **Engineer's Report:** Engineer Suehr reported that the 5% retainage is still being held from the 2019 Road Program as punch list items still need to be addressed. He also reported that he prepared a MS4 program binder for the Borough Office, and recently met with the Borough Manager and a property owner about a possible development of a commissary on Melrose Avenue.

Mr. Mikulich stated that Mr. Gill and himself were recently talking about a concern they have about the Ambridge Water Authority main service line that brings water into the community over the Ambridge-Aliquippa Bridge. They have concerns as what would happen to the

Borough's water supply if something were to happen to the bridge. He stated that a couple of years back the Council sent a letter to the Authority asking them to study and prepare a plan to move the line or have a contingency in place. Engineer Suehr stated that he will consult with the Authority's Engineer to see what their plans are and report back to Council.

- **Official Reports**

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

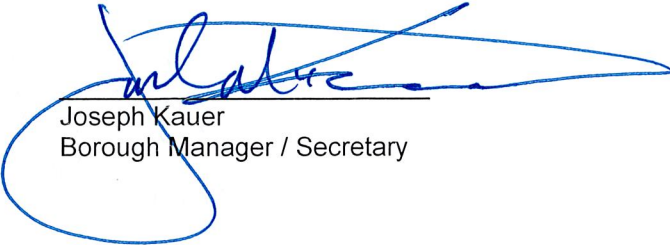
Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

- **Other Unfinished Business – None.**

- **Adjournment –**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dunn; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Joseph Kauer  
Borough Manager / Secretary