

BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE

MINUTES

Council Meeting: July 10, 2018
Ambridge Borough Building



- **Executive Session – Personnel and Legal Matters**
- **The July 10, 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:
 - Mr. Cafarelli
 - Mrs. Caldarelli
 - Mr. Dunn
 - Mr. Flannery
 - Mr. McCoy
 - Mrs. Miller
 - Mr. Mikulich
 - Mayor Drewnowski
- Also Present: Borough Manager Kauer, Solicitor Start, Chief Gottschalk, Lt. Jameson and Engineer Suehr
- Absent: Chief Mann
- **Invocation** – the invocation was conducted by Rev. Brock Covington, Pastor of the Ambridge Alliance Church.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Presentations –**
 - i. President Bill Rossey, PA State Association of Boroughs, presented 10 Years of Service Awards to Councilwomen Caldarelli and Miller. He also presented Mr. Mikulich with the 2nd Place Award for our municipal website.
- **Citizen's Participation On/Off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)**
 1. **Rev. James Hamilton, 1134 Maplewood Avenue**, passed out a sample ordinance he recommended the Council consider that would strengthen regulations against drilling for shale gas within the Borough. He stated that he recently attended a seminar where other communities shared their legislative successes relative to Pennsylvania Act 13.
 2. **Mr. Bob Schmetzer, Citizens to Protect the Ambridge Reservoir**, passed out information relative to Shell's proposed pipeline construction near the reservoir. He stated that he believes Ambridge and the reservoir are protected from drilling and pipeline construction based on an interpretation of a federal law that prevents such construction in high consequence areas.
 3. **Mr. John Venn, 715 19th Street**, expressed an issue he has with the zoning regulations that would prevent him from constructing a shed in his backyard. Mr. Mikulich advised him to call the Borough office as they can assist him through the permitting process.
 4. **Mrs. Lorianne Burgess, 570 Merchant Street**, thanked the Public Works, Fire, and Police Departments, Council, Borough Manager and office staff for assisting with the preparation for the July 1st Independence Day parade and event within PJ Caul Park.

5. **Mr. Justin McQuard, 326 Duss Ave,** expressed concerns to Council about the poor conditions of the alley behind his residence. Mr. Mikulich informed him that Public Works will be up within the week to address the condition of the roadway.

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

June 12, 2018, 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	Yes	Mr. McCoy	Yes
Mrs. Caldarelli	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mr. Mikulich	Yes
Mr. Flannery	Yes	Mayor Drewnowski	
Motion carried.			

III. 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 6 listed on the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mrs. Miller; motion carried unanimously.**

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

Treasurer's Report

July 10, 2018

Marilyn Sheleheda - Treasurer
General Fund Analysis

\$1,086,757.88	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of:	-July 10, 2018 -3:00 pm
\$665.38	All Outstanding Checks as of:	-July 10, 2018 -3:00 pm
\$1,086,092.50	Available Balance as of:	-July 10, 2018 -3:00 pm

General Fund Summary:	<i>Totals are as follows:</i>	
	Deposits:	\$242,580.70
	Debits:	\$297,771.97
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	75 Checks	\$151,865.60
	2 Payroll (s)	\$145,906.37

Other Fund Balances as of July 10, 2018 3:00 pm	
\$5,132.63	Ambridge Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund
\$101,654.92	Grants/Special Funds
\$209,517.99	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$18,305.22	Escrow Disbursement Account
\$34,722.58	Recreation Fund
\$339,611.50	Sinking Fund
\$1,190,667.62	Ambridge Capital Project Fund 2016-PLGIT Account
\$38,266.83	Ambridge Borough Drug Investigation Fund
\$1,937,879.29	Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)

2. Approval to ratify and pay the Bills and Expenses:
 - i. General Fund Unpaid: \$136,823.33 Paid: \$17,063.12
 - ii. 2016 Capital Project Bond Fund Unpaid: 0.00
 - iii. Grants / Special Project Fund Unpaid: \$13,451.97
 - iv. Recreation Fund Unpaid: \$0.00 Paid: \$0.00
 - v. Police Pension Fund Unpaid: \$0.00
 - vi. Service Employees Pension Fund Unpaid: \$0.00
 - vii. Firemen's Pension Fund Unpaid: \$0.00

3. Approval of a dedicated on-street handicap parking space at 547 Glenwood Avenue as per the recommendation of the Ambridge Police Department.
4. Approval of the closure of Church Street between 11th and Vine Streets and closure of Central Lane on Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 10AM to 1PM as requested by the Ambridge Fire Department.
5. Approval to permit the Ambridge Rotary Club to conduct Summer Concerts in PJ Caul Park, Sunday afternoons at 2:00PM, starting July 8th through August 26th.
6. Approval of the road closure of Merchant Street between 5th and 6th Streets on Tuesday, July 24th for the filming of Mindhunter.

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

- A. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1308, an Ordinance of the Borough of Ambridge amending Chapter 290, Vehicles and Traffic, Article V, Section 290-46, Parking Meter Zones Established, by authorizing the removal of some parking meters and authorizing the establishment of other zones as two (2) hour parking areas. Motion by Mrs. Caldarelli, seconded by Mr. Dunn; a roll call vote was taken:

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

- B. Motion to approve the Molnar-Gradek Subdivision Plan subject to the applicant satisfactorily addressing any comments made by the Beaver County Planning Commission. Motion by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mikulich stated that the property is located at the northwest corner of Duss Avenue at 14th Street and has received recommendation for approval from the Ambridge Planning Commission. A roll call vote was taken:

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

- C. Motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for commercial signage at 317 14th Street based on the recommendation of the Historical Architectural Review Board. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

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

- D. Motion to exonerate the tax collectors from the collection of real estate taxes for year 2015 for 451 Merchant Street (parcel: 09-002-0425-000-01-1) contingent on the exoneraton on the same taxes by the Ambridge Area School District and the County of Beaver. Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mrs. Caldarelli; a roll call vote was taken:

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

- E. Motion to execute the 2019-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Local Union No. 248 – Ambridge Borough Employees Chapter. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. McCoy; a roll call vote was taken:

Council	VOTE	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	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 reported that residential rental property inspections are underway and that commercial fire safety inspections are ongoing. She also reported that since May, 225 notices have been sent out for high grass – of such 210 have been abated. Lastly, she stated that the code sweeps are working out very well. Mr. Mikulich commented that Assistant Chief Larrick's reports are excellent.
- **Public Safety:** Mrs. Miller questioned the hours of curfew during the summer months. She stated that it currently is 11:00PM, and suggested that the committee consider revising this so that the curfew is 10:00PM – year round. Lt. Jameson stated that there are other issues with the Borough's curfew law that should be reviewed at the same time. Mr. Mikulich deferred this matter to the Public Safety Committee to review and recommend amendments. Solicitor Start encouraged the Police Department to stop young children out past curfew without adult supervision.
- **Public Works:** Mr. Cafarelli reported that the committee met on July 10th, those present included: himself, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Flannery, Joe Kauer, and Ted Eberhardt. The following was discussed:
 - Street-sweeping of 11th Street from Beaver Road to the Borough Line – it was agreed to sweep the area as needed when the sweeper is in the area and when the street is free from parked cars. Concerns with parking was worked through, including what if motorists do not move their car and other do – the roadway would be completely blocked. It was also discussed other streets that are currently not swept.
 - Merchant St. Streetscape Project – DPW has cut down all of the trees in advance of construction and will be painting the remaining portions of tree stumps orange within the next day.
 - Catch basin at 6th and Duss – DPW will have this repaired within the week. They had to get the parks ready for Independence Day and the work on Merchant Street done by their respective deadlines.
- **Parks:** Mrs. Miller reported that letters seeking donations to offset the costs of children's activities for the fall festival will be going out shortly. She also stated that the Mayor is the one who suggested the lowering of curfew time within the Borough.

Mr. Mikulich requested the Manager to give an update regarding the streetscape project. Manager Kauer stated that the project should start construction within the next two weeks. Preconstruction meetings with the contractors were conducted last week. Work is to start on the corner of 8th and Merchant, working on the river-side of Merchant, towards 4th Street. Construction is estimated to last through December 27th and resume in early spring for planting and asphalt work.

Mr. Mikulich also expressed a desire for four more light poles along the ballfields within Panek Park so that night games could be played there.

- **Engineer's Report:** Engineer Suehr reported that contracts for the Outfall Repair and Park Projects have both been signed and that notices to proceed have been issued to both contractors.
- Solicitor Start commented that at the April 10, 2018 Meeting of Borough Council, the Council approved and authorized CSI Investigators to conduct an independent investigation of the Ambridge Police Department. He stated that the community has the right to know on the findings of this investigation; however these efforts are being hindered by an outside law enforcement agency that is preventing this investigation from moving forward until they complete their own investigations. The Solicitor stated that he is hopeful that the outside law enforcement investigation will be over soon so that the Borough's commissioned investigation can fully commence. He stated that upon his advice, no Borough official or employee will have any comment on this matter until the investigations are complete.

- **Official Reports**

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

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

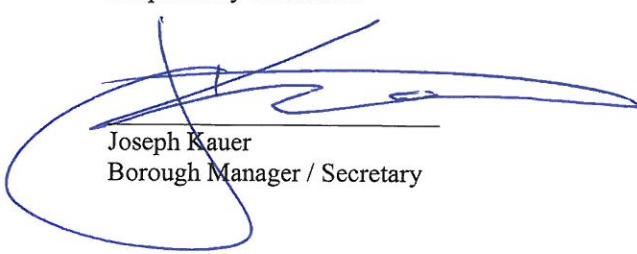
- **Other Unfinished Business**

Mayor Drewnowski recognized Lorianne Burgess and the Crime Watch Committee for their efforts and hard work to make the Movies in the Park possible on Thursday nights. He stated that all involved are working well together, including Officer Seng and Lt. Jameson. The Mayor stated that it is a great positive effort and all are doing a great job.

- **Adjournment –**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 7:57PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary