

BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE

MINUTES

Council Meeting: March 9, 2021

Live Meeting – Council Chambers



The March meeting of Ambridge Borough Council was called to order at 6:30PM within Council Chambers of the Ambridge Borough Building, 600 11 th Street. Mr. Mikulich announced that the Council met for an executive session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

- **Roll Call:**

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

Also Present: Borough Manager Leone, Chief Gottschalk, Chief DeLuca and Solicitor Start via phone.

Absent: Mr. Mikulich absent, Vice Pres. Mrs. Miller presided over the meeting.

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

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Public Comment on/off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)**

Stan Williamson – announced the First Baptist Church on 11th St across from the Library has given away \$1,000.00 of free food. Every Friday for the next 7 weeks.

Kathleen Sabol commended Council on the decision of the one day a week trash pickup. She visited Colorado and Dayton Ohio and they are the same – one day pick up – you don't see trash out 4 or 5 days a week.

Unknown speaker – 638 Maplewood – made comments about the drop off zone for T.V.s.

Tina Tessaro stated that Committee to Clean and Beautify Ambridge will hold its Clean Up Day on Saturday April 24th.

Eleanor Sweed – Beaver Rd – commented she has applied for Occupancy Permit in December and she still has not received it, she hired an architect to do the drawing and still waiting. Mr. Leone asked her to call the Borough office the next day and we will research what is taking so long.

Duke McCoy commented that anyone that needs food, he is willing to deliver it.

Trash pick up with Mathew Lind discussion – people were complaining that the company workers are breaking cans and dropping garbage on the streets and not picking it up. Also discussed was recycling not getting picked up @ 1501 Merchant St and Laughlin St. as well.

I. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

February 9th, 2021 and Special Meeting February 25th, 2021

Motion made by Tony Cafarelli seconded by Bob Dunn

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

Motion Carried.

II. Approval to ratify and pay the Bills and Expenses:

- 1. General Fund Unpaid: \$63,608.69 Paid: \$42,751.88
- 2. Grants / Special Project Fund Unpaid: \$827.84
- 3. Recreation Fund Unpaid: \$0.00
- 4. Escrow Fund Unpaid: \$0.00
- 5. Police Pension Fund Unpaid: \$0.00
- 6. Service Employees Pension Fund Unpaid: \$0.00
- 7. Firemen's Pension Fund Unpaid: \$0.00
- 8. Drug Investigation Fund Unpaid: \$0.00
- 9. Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund Unpaid: \$0.00

\$0.00 Motion to pay the bills made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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 accept items 1 through 4 listed on the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Treasurer's Report
March 9, 2021
Marilyn Sheleheda - Treasurer

General Fund Analysis	
\$467,444.43	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of: March 9, 2021
\$67,519.37	All (including today's checks) Outstanding Checks as of: March 9, 2021
\$399,925.06	Available Balance as of: March 9, 2021 -3:00 pm

<i>Totals that cleared the bank are as follows:</i>	
General Fund Bank Summary:	Deposits: \$429,243.75
	Debits: \$307,081.52
	-which include the following:
	<u>53 Checks</u> \$147,301.60 <u>2 Payroll (s)</u> \$159,779.92

Other Fund Balances as of March 9, 2021 3:00 pm	
210.00	Ambridge Bicentennial 2024 Fund.
\$332.87	Ambridge Borough Drug Investigation Fund
\$13,512.34	Ambridge Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund
\$174,715.69	Escrow Disbursement Account
	Grants/Special Funds
\$2,793.72	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$35,868.91	Recreation Fund
\$27,748.77	Sinking Fund
\$255,182.30	Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)

- 2 Approve the memberships to the Ambridge Regional Chamber of Commerce
- 3 Approve the membership of the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments COG.
- 4 Approve 2021 Borough calendar - Street Sweeping, Leaf Pick -up, Holiday Tree pick-up, and Holiday Cures.

IX: New Business

- A. Motion made to approve annual tree maintenance work to Graham's Tree Service in the amount of \$11,000 made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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

Motion Carried.

- B.** Motion to approve 5-year Copier Lease for the Police Department through AMCIN/US Bank in the amount of \$134.34 per month made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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

Motion Carried.

- C.** Motion to accept the resignation of Ross McCoy for the Shade Tree Commission with a term set to expire on December 31, 2023 made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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

Motion Carried.

- D.** Motion to appoint Sulli Towing as the service provider for Heavy Towing within the Borough of Ambridge made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

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

Motion Carried.

- E.** Motion to advertise a Borough Council Workshop Meeting for the 4th Tuesday of each month made by Mrs. Tessaro, and seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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

Committee Reports

1. Public Safety Committee – Mr. Flannery

Nothing to report.

2. Mayor's Report – Mr. Drewnowski

Nothing to report.

3. Code Committee – Mrs. Tessaro

She spoke about the Rental Registration program. The invoices will be going out this week.

4. Public Works Committee – Mr. Cafarelli

He spoke of the issues with Waste Management – the discussion on how to alleviate the problems with trash & recycling pick up. He also spoke of the Parking Enforcement Officer who will be issuing the violations for street sweeping.

5. Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Miller

She spoke of the Henning Park project, hopefully she will have more information soon. She also talked about the Easter Egg Hunt.

6. Engineer's Report – Mr. Suehr

He spoke of the issue on Merchant St @ 8th St. – bids are higher than estimated. Suggested to have it done with other projects.

He spoke of the sub-division review @ Kiln property.

7. Manager's Report -Mr. Leone

He spoke of the Route 65 Corridor Workshop

IV. Official Reports

Motion to accept Official Reports made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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

Motion Carried.

V. Other Unfinished Business

Motion for letter for Variance Support for Micro Brewery made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

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

Motion Carried.

VI. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment made by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mr. Flannery.

NEXT MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL: Regular Meeting: **April 13th, 2021 - 6:30PM**