

BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE

MINUTES

Council Meeting: November 9, 2021

Live Meeting – Council Chambers



I. Call to Order 6:30pm November 9, 2021

Roll Call:

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

Also Present: Borough Manager Leone, Chief Gottschalk, Chief DeLuca and Solicitor Chesney and Mr. Start via phone call, Nira Engineer James Brunner.

Absent: None.

II. Invocation – Rick Thornhill, Pastor of New Hope Community Church

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Public Comment on/off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)

Ann Bacher- 956 Beaver Rd – Ambridge

Comments concerning the new laundromat on Merchant St. – wondering about it being a historic district now but are they going to follow historic façade rules. Mr. Leone stated that nothing will change on the façade other than painting. It will pretty much look the same but cleaner.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- October 12th meeting

Motion made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Flannery.

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

Motion Passes. 7-0

VI. Approval to ratify and pay the Bills and Expenses:(For the month of October)

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| 1. General Fund | Unpaid: \$\$407,995.69 | Paid: \$155,411.67 |
| 2. Grants / Special Project Fund | Unpaid: \$20.00 | |
| 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: \$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 | |

Motion made to pay the bills made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mrs. Miller.

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

Motion Passes. 7-0

VII. 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 3 Items listed on the Consent Agenda.**

1. Borough Financial Report - acknowledge receipt of the Borough Treasurer’s Report for October 2021.
2. Approve Old Economy Village’s – Christmas at the Village on Saturday December 4th, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, December 5th 2021 from noon to 8:00 p.m. for a Street Closure along Church Street between 14th Street and 15th Street during these times.
3. Approve the Ambridge Regional Chamber of Commerce to conduct a drive-thru Hometown Christmas Parade on Friday, December 3rd and requesting the closure of Merchant Street from 4th to 14th Street from 5:30 p.m. till the conclusion of the drive by parade similar to last year’s event.

All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

November 9, 2021

Marilyn Sheleheda - Treasurer

General Fund Analysis

\$1,041,014.72	General Fund Bank Account Balance as of:	-11/9/2021 -3:00 pm
\$575,436.93	All (including today's checks) Outstanding Checks as of:	-11/9/2021 -3:00 pm
\$465,577.79	Available Balance as of:	-11/9/2021 -3:00 pm
General Fund Bank Summary:	<i>Totals that cleared the bank are as follows:</i>	
	Deposits:	\$191,447.19
	Debits:	\$305,251.87
	-which include the following:	
	<u>74 Checks</u>	\$120,104.03
	<u>2 Payroll (s)</u>	\$178,791.62
<u>3 Debits</u>	\$6,356.22	

Other Fund Balances as of 11/9/2021 3:00 pm	
\$901.02	Ambridge Bicentennial 2024 Fund.
\$2,466.50	Ambridge Borough Drug Investigation Fund
\$22,499.86	Ambridge Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund
\$345,460.73	American Rescue Plan Act 2021
\$82,578.99	Escrow Disbursement Account
\$38,869.70	Grants/Special Funds
\$3,904.27	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$35,893.01	Recreation Fund
\$327,853.60	Sinking Fund
\$5,001,489.63	2021 Notes Capital Program
\$5,861,917.31	Total Other Funds Balances (Restricted Use)

Questions were asked by Mrs. Tessaro concerning street closures, could we have some form that requests these closures because people don't understand what is involved. Mrs. Miller commented that the costs involved include police and barricades that the Public Works put up for the closures. Mr. Mikulich agreed and that possibly we need to charge the participant for street closures because in some cases it costs the Borough a lot of money. Public Works and Public Safety can work on a form.

IX: New Business

- A. Consider action to appoint Patrick McGuire as a sub-contracted employee to perform the duties of the Borough Health Inspection Officer.
 Motion made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Flannery. Mr. Cafarelli commented that he felt Mr. McGuire was pretty thorough. Mrs. Miller asked if no one in house was interested in this position. Mr. Leone commented that it was discussed. One party was interested but the individual would have to get educated and certified. If we opt out of an in-house Health Dept. the state would have to take over. Mr. Gill asked if we advertised. Mr. Leone stated that it was advertised on our website but not in the newspaper because of the costs of the newspaper. Mr. Leone commented that the state Dept of Agriculture for our area recommended Mr. McGuire.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Y		Mrs. Miller	N
Mr. Dunn	Y		Mrs. Tessaro	Y
Mr. Flannery	Y		Mr. Mikulich	N
Mr. Gill	N		Mayor Drewnowski	

Motion Passes 4-3.

- B. Consider action to advertise ORDINANCE NO. **1323**, Safeguarding the public health and ensure that consumers are provided food that is safe, unadulterated, and honestly presented.
 Motion made by Mrs. Tessaro, seconded by Mr. Flannery.

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

Motion Passes. 7-0

- C. Consider action to exonerate Delinquent Borough Taxes prior to 2021 for tax parcel ID 12-005-0327.000 located at 1633 Church Street owned by Michael & Barbara Knecht. *All 2021 Taxes have been Paid*
 Motion made by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mr. Mikulich.
 Question by Mrs. Miller if that was an empty lot, Mr. Mikulich stated yes.

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

Motion Passes.7-0

- D. Consider action to Advertise the 2022 Proposed Budget
 Motion made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mrs. Tessaro.

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

Motion Passes. 7-0

Committee Reports

1. Public Safety Committee – Mr. Flannery.

Commented they did not have a meeting this morning because it's difficult on the day of a Council meeting or a workshop. Mr. Flannery commented that they are not going to have a meeting unless there is something to discuss. If you have anything let Mr. Leone know and he'll schedule a meeting. Mr. Mikulich asked the police and fire chief since the bridge is out do we have a contingency plan for going to the Aliquippa side. Chief Gottschalk commented the modified mutual aid response plan that we have with the communities across the river. Chief DeLuca also commented on his mutual aid responses from the other communities.

2. Mayor's Report – Mr. Drewnowski.

No report

3. Code Committee – Mrs. Tessaro

Discussed the Crestview and Economy Village rental inspections have been completed in October. Chief Gottschalk commented that it took 3 days of 192 inspections. They found over 45 natural gas leaks and no smoke or heat detectors in any of the bedrooms and will be installed by the Housing Authority. Capt. Gorecki received a donation from the Ryerson Corp. for 2 Apple iPads and it made the inspections paperwork easier. They were able to print out and directly send the reports to the Housing Authority without re-writing everything. Mr. Mikulich commented that Capt. Gorecki applied for another grant for 2 more iPads and a \$600,000.00 for another fire truck from FEMA.

4. Public Works Committee – Mr. Cafarelli

No meeting. Mr. Mikulich asked if they were finished picking up leaves. Mr. Leone commented no that they pick up until the end of the month. Mr. Cafarelli asked about the bucket truck. Mr. Leone commented that he has not done any further investigation for a bucket truck but it's still on his list. Mr. Leone commented about the leaf vac process and if vehicles park on the leaves its difficult to pick up. We have to discuss this challenge for next year. Mr. Leone commented about taking the banners down. Mr. Mikulich commented the reason for taking the Veterans Banners down, so they don't get damaged over the winter months to preserve them longer.

5. Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Miller

No meeting, she took some pictures of the parks and in the spring she can give information to Mr. Cafarelli to spruce up the parks a bit. She also talked about the grant for the Henning St. Park. Mr. Leone commented that he was doubtful about the location at first but now he is all on board and it's the perfect place. Mr. Leone also commented about Mrs. Miller's comments that if you see something wrong in the Borough, call the Borough office don't post it on Facebook. We are in the process of revamping our reporting system but in the near future you will be able to text the right person to take care of an issue.

Engineer's Report - James Brunner

1. 2022 Road Program {# 02-245-83}

Developing list of roads and mapping for the Borough's 2022 Road Program

2. 2022 Storm Sewer Improvements {# 02-246-83}

Developed a preliminary budget for catch basin replacements and restoration; submitted an application to secure funding from Beaver County's ARP Infrastructure Grant program.

X. Official Reports –

Motion to accept Official Reports made by Mrs. Miller, seconded made by Mrs. Tessaro.

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

Motion Passes. 7-0

XI. Other Unfinished Business

Mr. Mikulich wished all the veterans who served a Happy Veterans Day and God Bless us all. And and he also wished a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

No other business.

XII. Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

All were in Favor.