

# Borough of Ambridge

## MINUTES

Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Live Meeting – Council Chambers

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- **Call to Order / Roll Call**

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

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

Absent: Mr. Cafarelli.

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

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Item added to Agenda.**

Motion to add Berkheimer on Agenda as item F.

Motion made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Tessaro.

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

Motion Passes.

- Motion to agree to consent to the terms of the settlement regarding case made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gill.

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

Motion Passes.

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

**Raquel Branchik** – 281 Wagner Ave – Spoke of the sidewalks that Columbia Gas performed work on this year – they left gravel not concrete and the workers told her this would not be concrete until next spring. Her comments were its hard enough to maintain sidewalks in the winter with snow and ice when it’s concrete, but gravel would be impossible.

- **Presentations**

- Open letter read by Attorney Ashley Rogers representing Ambridge Borough’s Insurance carrier.
- Chief Deluca - Recognition of the Retirements of Sargent Brian Jameson and Scott Kleber
- Proclamation in recognition of the retirement of Karen Ivancik from the Ambridge Municipal Authority.

- **Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes**

- August 24th Workshop meeting

Motion to Accept the Minutes from the Workshop meeting made by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mr. Flannery.

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

Motion Passes.

- September 14<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting

Motion to Accept the Minutes from the Regular meeting made by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mrs. Tessaro.

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

Motion Passes.

- **Approval to ratify and pay the Bills and Expenses: (For the month of October)**

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

1. General Fund Unpaid: \$103,364.33 Paid: \$57,420.10
2. Grants / Special Project Fund Unpaid: \$
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

• **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 listed on the Consent Agenda.**

1. Borough Financial Report - acknowledge receipt of the Borough Treasurer’s Report for September 2021.
2. Approve Halloween – Trick or Treat for Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm
3. Approve Curb Cut application for 400 Duss Avenue (Ambridge Legion) per Engineer’s review & recommendation.
4. Approve Handicap Parking Space for 715 Tenth Street.

Motion made by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mrs. Miller.  
 All were in Favor.  
 Motion Passed.

• **New Business**

- A. Consider action to adopt ORDINANCE NO. **1322**, Regulating the Placement of Wireless Telecommunications Devices.

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

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

Motion Passes.

- B. Consider action to accept the 2022 Minimum Obligation to the Borough’s Pension Plans:  
 Defined Benefits Plan: Police - \$244,443.00, Fire - \$33,640.00, Service Employees \$84,637  
 Defined Contributions: Fire - \$10,713.00, Service \$16,551.00.

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

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

Motion Passes.

- C. Consider action to purchase 2 new police SUV vehicles in the amount of \$68,092.00 from McCandless Ford thru Acceptance Leasing & Financing Services, Inc. with a 3-year lease with annual payments of approximately \$24,061.26.

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

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

Motion Passes.

- D. Consider action to exonerate Delinquent Taxes for property located at 330 Maplewood Avenue, and owned by Jasmire Owens.

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

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

Motion Passes.

- E. Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-4 Authorizing the submission of a Keystone Grant for the Laughlin Library renovations and building upgrades.

Motion made by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mrs. Tessaro.

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

Motion Passes.

- F. Motion to authorize signing settlement agreement between Harmony Twp vs. Berkheimer and Ambridge Borough related to LST tax disbut.

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

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

Motion Passes.

- G. Motion to send a letter to the Ambridge Water Authority, Beaver County Commissioners and PennDOT every six months concerning the condition of the bridge and our water supply.  
Motion made by Mr. Gill and seconded by Mrs. Tessaro

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

Motion Passes.

- H. Motion to permit the Netflix series “A League of Their Own” film on the bridge next week.  
Motion made by Mr. Flannery, seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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

Motion Passes.

Both “no” votes were because it causes too much inconvenience for our residents.

- **Committee Reports**

1. Public Safety Committee – Mr. Flannery – nothing to report.
2. Mayor’s Report – Mr. Drewnowski  
Stated he went to the re-opening of Tenaris Steel – formally Koppel Steel on Duss Ave
3. Code Committee – Mrs. Tessaro  
Mrs. Tessaro asked the Police Chief to explain Excessive Force Policies and Ride Along Program.
4. Public Works Committee -No report
5. Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Miller – nothing to report – Mrs. Miller will schedule a meeting within the next couple of weeks.
6. Engineer’s Report- James Brunner

- **Official Reports**

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

- **Other Unfinished Business**

- **Adjournment**

Motion made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Tessaro.  
All were in favor – Motion passed.

**NEXT MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL:**

Workshop Meeting: **October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 4:30 PM**

Regular Meeting: **November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 6:30 PM**

**Announcements:**

1. Ambridge Track & Field Monster Mile – Parade on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm
2. Trick or Treat will be held Thursday October 28, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.