



MINUTES

Borough of Ambridge – Meeting of Borough Council
Executive Session 5:30 Contracts & legal
Council Chambers
Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 – 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Present: Mr. Cafarelli
Ms. DeVincent
Mr. Dunn
Mr. Gill
Ms. Gilliam
Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Tessaro
Mayor McCoy

Also Present: Borough Manager Leone, Chief DeLuca, Chief Gottschalk, Solicitor Chesney,
and Nira Engineer James Brunner

Absent: None.

II. Invocation – Mrs. Barb Costa, Trinity School for Ministry

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Presentations –

Proclamation to Ambridge Tire for over 50 Years in Service – Presented by Ms. DeVincent
Proclamation to Marilyn Sheleheda in recognition for her retirement – Presented by Mrs. Miller
Proclamation to Rob Gottschalk in recognition for his retirement – Presented by Mr. Cafarelli
Presentation by Kelly Coey and Chris Winslow of Lenz Court – Final Approval

- 42-unit senior (62+) housing development at corner of 21st Street and Lenz Avenue
- 3 story building with elevator
- 4 2-bedroom and 38 1-bedroom units
- 6 units will be handicapped accessible; 1 unit for hearing & vision impaired
- Many amenities
- Rents will be income based
- Plan to close on property in May/obtain financing in June/break ground in July
- Demolition of school should take 2-3 weeks
- Construction should take 12-14 months
- Applications will be available 6 months prior to occupancy
- Secure facility/key fob access for residents/cameras at all doors

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

Anne Bacher - 956 Beaver Rd.

Commended Council on new businesses in the Borough
 907 Merchant Street CBD store signage; is this up to Code
 909 Merchant Street has a hole in roof

Bobbi Boykins - 1004 11th street

1002 11th - fallen tree nearby; hazard; steps are in poor condition

Mr. Leone indicated the Borough/Public Works will look at this.

Parking on sidewalk on Duss Avenue

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- February 22nd Workshop Meeting

Motion to approve February 22, 2022, Workshop Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	7-0

- March 8th Regular Meeting

Motion to approve March 8, 2022, regular Meeting Minutes by Ms. DeVincent; seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	7-0

- March 22nd Workshop Meeting

Motion to approve March 22, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes by Ms. DeVincent; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	7-0

VII. Approval to ratify and pay the Bills and Expenses:(For the month of April)

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| 1. General Fund | Unpaid: \$115,025.08 | Paid: \$148,991.92 |
| 2. Grants / Special Project Fund | Unpaid: \$265.00 | |
| 3. Recreation Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | Paid: \$0.00 |
| 4. 2021 Capital Note | Unpaid: \$3,600.00 | |
| 5. Escrow Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |

- 6. Police Pension Fund Unpaid: \$0.00
- 7. Service Employees Pension Fund Unpaid: \$0.00
- 8. Firemen’s Pension Fund Unpaid: \$0.00
- 9. Drug Investigation Fund Unpaid: \$0.00
- 10. Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund Unpaid: \$0.00

Motion to approve list of bills and expenses by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Mr. Dunn

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	No			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-1

VIII. 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.

1. Borough Financial Report - acknowledge receipt of the Borough Treasurer’s Report for April 2022.
2. Authorize the American Legion permission to use P. J. Caul Park for Memorial Day Service May 30th at 11:00 am. Additionally, they are requesting assistance from Police & Public Works Departments.
3. Authorize the Recreation Committee to utilize P. J. Caul Park on September 24th for their Fall Festival (Fall Festival of Churches)

- **Motion to approve 3 Items listed on the Consent Agenda by Mr. Dunn; seconded by Ms. Jones-Gilliam**

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

Mrs. Miller states Ambridge Chamber of Commerce is not participating in Fall Festival of Churches so it would be the Borough (Recreation Committee) hosting this event. Mrs. Miller will collaborate with Kim Villella of the Chamber.

IX: New Business

1. Consider Action for the Approval of the Final Plans for the Lenz Court Land Development as recommend by the Borough Engineer and Planning Commission.

Motion to approve the final plans for the Lenz Court Land Development by Mr. Gill; seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

2. Consider Action for Approval of the Braun Lot Consolidation Plan as recommended by the Borough Engineer and Planning Commission.

Motion to approve the Braun Lot Consolidation Plan by Mr. Cafarelli; seconded by Mr. Gill.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

3. Consider Action to approve **Resolution 2022-2** authorizing an inter-governmental cooperation agreement with the Board of Directors of Ambridge School District and Economy Borough for School Resource Officer purposes.

Motion to authorize an inter-governmental cooperation agreement with the Board of Directors of Ambridge School District and Economy Borough for School Resource Officer purposes by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Ms. Jones-Gilliam. Mr. Gill is strongly opposed to providing a School Resource Officer for the Ambridge Middle School. Mr. Gill's objections are attached to these Minutes.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	No			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-1

4. Consider Action to appoint Attorney Frank Paganie as the Solicitor for the Civil Board as recommended by the Civil Service Board members.

Motion to appoint Attorney Frank Paganie as Solicitor for the Civil Service Board by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

5. Consider Action to award the 2022 Road Program to the Low Bidder, Youngblood Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$433,341.80 base bid as recommended by the Borough Engineer.

Mr. Cafarelli asked if they provided a starting date. Mr. Brunner states they have not.

Motion to award the 2022 Road Program to Youngblood Paving, Inc., for \$433,341.80 by Mr. Cafarelli; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

6. Consider Action to approve the District Attorney and the Beaver Housing Authority to install Cameras at the intersection of 14th Street and Duss Avenue. At no cost to the Borough for installation, in year 3 the Borough will be required to pay the bi-annual licensing fee.

Presentation by District Attorney David Lozier describing the determination for the location of the license plate reader cameras, scope of the use of the data collected, and answered questions asked by Council members and residents in attendance. DA Lozier spoke to public safety and thanks Ambridge for being the first town in the county to participate. There are 45 intersections in Beaver County. Cameras capture image of rear of car. DA's office chose the location of the camera in Ambridge. Mr. Gill states people were concerned about low-income areas. Ms. Gilliam asks if there was a traffic study done; DA Lozier stated no, those studies cost thousands and the DA's office will work with police to choose locations.

Motion to approve the District Attorney and the Beaver Housing Authority to install License Plate Reader Cameras at the intersection of 14th Street and Duss Avenue by Ms. Jones-Gilliam; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

7. Consider Action to award cleaning contract to Cleaner than Clean for the Administration offices common hallways, restrooms, & conference rooms at a cost of \$75.00 per cleaning (\$600 per month).

Motion to award cleaning contract to Cleaner than Clean at a cost of \$75.00 per cleaning (\$600 per month) by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Ms. DeVincent.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

8. Consider Action to authorize the Borough Solicitor, Borough Manager, and Police Chief to begin contract negotiations with Borough's Police Bargaining Unit, which is set to expire December 31, 2022, and consider retaining special legal counsel to assist with these contractual negotiations if needed.

Motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor, Borough Manager, and Police Chief to begin contract negotiations with the Borough's Police Bargaining Unit by Mr. Dunn; seconded by Mrs. Miller. Mr. Gill requested he be included in the negotiation sessions.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes

Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

Committee Reports

1. Public Safety Committee

MOTION to add Lieutenant testing to the agenda by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Mr. Dunn to add Lieutenant testing to the agenda.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	No			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-1

MOTION to authorize civil service testing for the Lieutenant position as described in the current Collective Bargaining Unit contract by Mr. Cafarelli; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	No			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-1

2. Mayor’s Report – Mayor McCoy commended the Police Department on the quick apprehension of the people breaking into vehicles in the Borough. Mayor requested to be included in the Police Department negotiations.
3. Code Committee – Ms. Jones-Gilliam advised that the Code Committee met on 4/6/22. Discussion items at that meeting were rental inspections; Housing Authority inspections scheduled for 4/25-26/22; high grass season is coming; youth coop program.
4. Public Works Committee – Mr. Cafarelli advised that the Public Works Committee met 3/21/22. Street sweeping has begun. Pothole patching has begun; used 15 tons of cold patch; with so much rain, it’s been difficult; patching ongoing. Mr. Gill spoke on police reinforcement stepping it up for litter control. Suggests coordinating with CCBA and Chamber to place more signage in Borough to prevent littering. Ted Eberhardt (Public Works) and Mr. Leone attended a patching event/demo at Rochester Borough; Mr. Leone stated the issue with concrete streets; may do experiment on some streets. Housing authority roads: Mr. Leone has looked for agreements; Mr. Chesney stated that due to longevity, we are responsible for maintaining. Tighten reigns on street openings. Mr. Cafarelli asked about spec sheet on proper compaction for contractors to abide by. Mr. Leone suggested Mr. Brunner review our ordinance to see if it should be adjusted. Mayor McCoy stated they are not doing curb to curb on concrete streets. Mr. Cafarelli stated we aren't policing the street openings and back filling properly. Mr. Brunner states municipalities vary on requirements; some insist on inspector on-site and some don’t want due to costs. Mr. Cafarelli suggested additional “No Littering” signs on main thoroughfares and entry points to Borough. Ms. DeVincent asked about street sweeping on Merchant Street; can this be reduced from daily.
5. Parks and Recreation Committee – no report this month.
6. Finance Committee -- no report this month. Mr. Gill stated he hasn't received reports, stated Council never adopted a budget. Mrs. Tessaro stated we certainly did.

7. Engineer's Report -- already discussed all items on report. Mr. Brunner mentions CDBG funding.
8. Manager's Report -- Keystone Library Grant and recycling grant approved; should be received soon. Mr. Leone stated the recycling grant number is low; more education and better numbers with residents will get us more for the recycling grant in the future. Attended snow conference in Pittsburgh – saw new equipment - brine system the Borough may want to consider in the future.

X. Official Reports - Motion to accept Official Reports by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

XI. Other Unfinished Business

Mr. Gill asked about radios for County radios for Police Department and Fire Department - asks why we aren't purchasing the cheaper radio (Kenwood) instead of Motorola. Mr. Leone stated that the County won't pay for the other brand. Mr. Leone recommended we accept the County grant funds to purchase the Motorola radios. If a radio breaks, then replace with Kenwood possibly down the road. Mr. Cafarelli asked if Motorola is better quality. Mr. Leone stated that you get what you pay for, similar to automobiles. Mr. Gill states it seems someone is getting a kickback by going with Motorola. County is offering to pay 80% of cost for Motorola which will include any technical support needed. Mr. Leone confirmed with Assistant Chief Larrick that the Fire Department currently uses all Motorola.

Mr. Cafarelli asked about fuel costs and how it's looking for the budget so far. Mr. Leone stated yes, we will likely see it effecting the budget.

Mr. Cafarelli stated Donnie Larrick Jr. is the youngest Fire Chief in the Borough history, and his grandfather was Fire Chief in the past as well as his father being an Ambridge Fire Fighter.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	7-0

NEXT MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Workshop Meeting: **April 26th, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

Announcements:

Borough Office will be closed on Friday, April 15 for of Good Friday/Easter Holiday