

BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE
MINUTES
Council Meeting: January 11, 2022
Live Meeting – Council Chambers



**Note: No recording from our electronic device. Minutes typed from secretary’s notes.*

- **Roll Call:**

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

Also Present: Chief DeLuca, Chief Gottschalk and Solicitor Chesney, Nira Engineer James Brunner, Borough Manager Mario Leone via phone, Marilyn Sheleheda filled in for Borough Manager.

Absent: None.

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

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Citizen’s Participation On/Off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)**

- 1) **Mr. Bell – Ambridge Water Authority Chairman.**
 Spoke about the reappointment of Mr. Tom Klinsky to the Water Authority. He was an employee of the AWA for many years, and he has done a wonderful job for the board of the Water Authority and he suggests that Council reappoint him.
- 2) **Mr. Stan. First Baptist Church on 11th Street – across from the Laughlin Library.**
 Wanted to let everyone know about the free hot lunch on Friday.

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

December 14, 2021

Mrs. Miller made the motion to accept the minutes of December 14th, 2021, Mr. Cafarelli second motion.

Mr. Gill had a correction about the minutes from December 14th. The correction was concerning Chief Mark Romutis plaque to be placed in the Council Chambers. He wants those comments added to the minutes.

Roll Call was taken:

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

- **Borough Bills and Expenses**

Motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded Mr. Dunn

1.	General Fund	Unpaid: \$192,928.50	Paid: \$87,256.48
2.	Grants / Special Project Fund	Unpaid: \$170.00	
3.	Recreation Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	Paid: \$0.00
4.	Escrow Fund	Unpaid: \$.00	
5.	Police Pension Fund	Unpaid: \$.00	
6.	Service Employees Pension Fund	Unpaid: \$.00	
7.	Firemen's Pension Fund	Unpaid: \$.00	
8.	Drug Investigation Fund	Unpaid: \$.00	
9.	Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	

Questions on the bills:

Roll Call was taken:

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

- **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 item 1 listed on the Consent Agenda; all were in favor.

1. Borough Financial Report - acknowledge receipt of the Borough Treasurer's Report.
2. . Approval \$1,000.00 to reimburse Kristy Bitler for dumpster.

All were in favor.

New Business - Items for Discussion:

- A- Consider action to re appoint Rudolph J Hlista to the position of vacancy board chairman
Mr. Chesney the solicitor explained the purpose of the vacancy board to the audience
Motion to appoint Mr Hlista made by Mr Cafarelli and second by Mr Dunn

Roll Call was taken

	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

B. Consider action to reappoint Tom Klinsky to the Ambridge Water Authority board of directors with a term that would expire December 31st 2026

Motion was made by Mr Dunn seconded by Mr Cafarelli

Roll call vote was taken:

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

C. Consider action to appoint Ryan Cecil to the amperage Planning Commission with a four year term that would expire December 31st 2025

Motion made by Mr Dunn second by Ms. DeVincent.

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 – 0

D. Consider action to reappoint Barb Costa to the ambridge zoning board code of appeals member with a 3 year term that would expire December 31st 2024

Motion made by Mrs. Miller second by Mr Dunn

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

E. Consider action to appoint Robert Green to the Board of Code Appeal with a 3 year term that is to expire December 31st 2024

This appointment was tabled until the next meeting -there was no vote

F. Confirm action to reappoint timke to the disruptive property appeals board to a three year term to expire December 31st 2024

Motion made by Mr Gill second by Mr Dunn

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

G. Consider action to reappoint Donald burkhardt to the Disruptive Property Appeals Board to a two year term to expire December 31st 2023

Motion was made by Mr Gill second by Mr Dunn

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

H. Consider action to appoint one of the two candidates that expressed interest to the Ambridge Municipal board of directors for a term that would expire December 31st 2022-replacing Jaysen Roth who resigned.

Motion made by Mr Cafarelli for John Ivancik second by Ms. DeVincent

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	No
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	No
Mr. Dunn	No		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	No		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Failed. 4 - 3

Motion made by Mr Gill to nominate Mr Michael Mikulich for the Ambridge Municipal Board, second by Mr Dunn

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	no		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	no		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	no
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 4 - 3

- I. **Consider action to appoint one of the two candidates that expressed interest to the Ambridge Police And Fire Civil Service board for a term of two years to expire December 31st 2024 replacing Joe Pucci who resigned**

Motion for Raquel Branchik made by Mrs. Miller second by Mrs Tessaro

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	No
Ms. DeVincent	No		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	No		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 4 - 3

Consider action to appoint Carol Dingfelder as the alternate on the Ambridge Police and Fire Civil Service Board

Motion made by Mr Gill second by Ms. DeVincent

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

J. Consider action to appoint Raquel Branchik to the (Harb) Board of Historical Architectural Review for a term of five years to expire December 31st 2026. There are three vacancies.

Motion was made by Mrs. Miller second by Mr Dunn

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

k. Consider action to appoint Carol Dingfelder to the Ambridge Shade Tree Commission for an unexpired term that is to expire December 31st 2024

Motion made by Mr cafarelli second by Ms, Vincent

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

l. Item I for add being disruptive property appeals board for the one year term will be tabled until next meeting. No motion or vote was taken

B. Consider action to approve contract with the Beaver County Humane Society in the amount of \$500 for a door key access for after hours

Motion made by Mr Gill second by Mrs. Miller

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 – 0

c. Consider action to advertise for the Streetscape Project RFP

Motion made by Mrs. Miller second by Mr cafarelli

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

c. Consider action to approve resolution 2022-1 establishing the Fee Schedule for the 2022

Motion made by Mrs. Miller second by Mr Dunn

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

Motion added to the agenda to purchase a new hot water tank for the Municipal Building - heavy duty 75 gallon for \$2800.00

Motion made by Mr Gill second by Ms. Gilliam

Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

Engineers Report was given.

- **Official Reports**
Motion to accept official reports made by Mrs. Miller second by Mr. Cafarelli
Roll call was taken

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		Mayor McCoy	

Motion Carried. 7 - 0

- **Other Unfinished Business:**

- **Adjournment –**
 Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Ms. DeVincent; motion carried unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.