



MINUTES

Borough of Ambridge – Meeting of Borough Council

Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 14th, 2022 – 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

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

Also present: Mr. Leone, Chief DeLuca, Chief Larrick, Solicitor Chesney, Engineer Brunner/NIRA

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Presentations

Proclamation/Special Recognition of Mike Lucci, former Ambridge resident, who played and coached in the NFL, presented by Mr. Cafarelli and Mayor McCoy to Mr. Lucci's cousin, Bill Corso

Presentation by Sean Garrigan of SGA Streetscape Consultant to explain process.

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

Bill Galvin – Valley Road – Questioning who funds the Streetscape Project and asked why we aren't fixing Duss Avenue. Mr. Leone answered that we financed a bond and allocated some money for the Streetscape; also looking into grants; stated that Duss Avenue is a PennDot road. Mr. Galvin asked about parking on the sidewalk; Mr. Leone advised it is something that is on our radar.

John Venn – 716 19th Street – No issues until today with Dollar General on Duss. 6:14 a.m. start on Sunday. A truck in the alley and is parked there all day and evening. Mr. Leone to look into the noise ordinance and Chief DeLuca to site the truck in the alley.

Steve Roberts – 193 12th Street – On behalf of the Historic District, can Council consider appointing someone from Council or elsewhere for their Board. Mr. Roberts provided a handout with upcoming events and happenings. He would like to start talking about reviewing suggested changes for the books.

Raquel Branchik -- 281 Wagner Avenue – Ms. Branchik picks litter on every walk-through town and is embarrassed by the litter all over the place and on her street. 283 12th Street, 284 Wagner Avenue, 193 12th Street (provided pictures). Stated that someone needs to step up as the "bad guy". Would like an ordinance by 2024 that every resident needs to have a secured lid on their trash can. She would help to fundraise or find grants to provide those cans to families in town. Mayor McCoy stated he cleans up litter also. Mr. Leone is looking into grants that can help with providing cans to residents in town.

Anne Bacher – 956 Beaver Road – Regarding Streetscape Project, wants to make sure there will be public hearings and wants to make sure Council is following the Comprehensive Plan. Regarding grant consultant, does not want to keep paying and not getting grants; don't sign off on matching grants unless we know we have the funds to match. Would like to know if we do anything about the brick streets; Mr. Cafarelli stated we cap them and go with asphalt over the bricks. Ms. Bacher stated there are intersections missing a lot of brick with openings. Mr. Leone and Mr. Brunner will look into preserving the existing brick roads.

Amy Walters – 291 13th Street – Ms. Walters complained about noise, trash, marijuana smells all day and night, a drunk woman urinating on the street; would like to see more patrols on 13th Street.

Rob Cermack – 1209 Church Street – Asked about alleys getting paved; Mr. Brunner stated that there is a contract, and the contractor is busy. Mr. Cermack is also upset about people blowing through stop signs; would like us to look into a new bridge from Route 65 to Route 51 to take truck traffic off Church Street. Asked if schedule for street sweeping on Wagner has been made; Mr. Leone stated it is being discussed in the Road Department.

Stan Williamson – 78? 15th Street – Stated that everyone should do for themselves and others. First Baptist Church from noon to 3:00 p.m. on Friday's has free meals for anyone in need.

Elnore Sweed – 1322 Beaver Road – 1511 Duss Avenue is abandoned, and her neighbor noticed people in the building; said there is equipment behind the property piled up; trash getting thrown in front of her business and requested a garbage can be placed on the sidewalk.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- Previous minutes will be available at the next Workshop Meeting.

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

1. General Fund	Unpaid: \$199,419.80	Paid: \$589,295.37
2. Grants / Special Project Fund	Unpaid: \$114.81	
3. Recreation Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	
4. 2021 Capital Note	Unpaid: \$4,300.00	
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 by Mrs. Miller to ratify and approve payment of bills; seconded by Ms. Gilliam.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes	Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	6-0

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.

- **Motion to approve 2 Items listed on the Consent Agenda.**

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

June 2022.

Motion by Mr. Dunn to acknowledge receipt of the Borough Treasurer's Report for June 2022; seconded by Ms. Gilliam.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent			Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

2. Approve the Merchant Street Road Closure request from Merchant Coffee, Fermata Brewing, and Bridgetown Taphouse to hold and Arts & Music Festival (from 10th Street to the CVS Parking Lot entrance from 6:00 a.m. until midnight on September 24th, 2022).

Discussion: Mrs. Miller would like to remove this item as it is a conflict with a Borough event. Mr. Cafarelli and Mrs. Miller concerned with date conflict. Mr. Cafarelli asked for representatives.

Motion by Mr. Cafarelli to table Item 2; seconded by Ms. Gilliam.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent			Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

IX: New Business

1. Consider Action for the Approval of the 2-lot subdivision for the Well Built property (former Sukkup site) as recommended by the Borough Engineer and Planning Commission.

Motion by Mr. Cafarelli to approve the 2-lot subdivision for the Well Built property as recommended by the Borough Engineer and Planning Commission; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent			Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

2. Consider Action for Approval of the Beaver County Emergency Center Lot Consolidation Plan as recommended by the Borough Engineer and Planning Commission.

Discussion: Mr. Gill asked why they are consolidating; Mr. Leone stated the 911 Center will be expanding to facilitate their proposed development.

Motion by Mr. Dunn to approve the Beaver County Emergency Center Lot Consolidation Plan as recommended by the Borough Engineer and Planning Commission; seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent			Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

3. Consider Action to Approve the Streetscape Contract between Stormberg Garrigan & Associates and the Borough of Ambridge as recommended by the Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager.
Discussion: Solicitor Chesney thanked Sean Garrigan for cooperating with contract adjustments.
 Motion by Mr. Gill to approve the Streetscape Contract between Stormberg Garrigan & Associates and the Borough of Ambridge as recommended by the Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent			Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

4. Consider Action to Approve the Grant Consultant Contract between KSA and the Borough of Ambridge.

Discussion: Mrs. Miller asked if they have a pay scale or if you can pay them a percentage. Mr. Leone strongly recommends a grant consultant. Mrs. Tessaro reminded that we could terminate our contract at any point as it is month-to-month. Mr. Leone stated that they have already submitted a grant on our behalf for a Senior Center after the Workshop Meeting. Mayor McCoy stated that if we want to move forward, we have to take a chance. Mr. Gill stated that we hired Mr. Leone based on knowing he was good at getting grants and doesn't think we need to hire a grant consultant; stated that KSA said nothing is guaranteed. Mrs. Tessaro explained that anybody can write and submit a grant, but it is important to have the right people talking to and knowing the right people to get in front of. Mr. Leone can write a grant and submit it, but it would likely end up in a "B" pile where the changes are higher of making the "A" pile with a grant consultant.

Motion by Ms. Gilliam to approve the Grant Consultant Contract between KSA and the Borough of Ambridge; seconded by Mrs. Tessaro.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent			Mrs. Miller	No
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	No			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	4-2

5. Consider Action to Approve the Advertising for the Storm Sewer Catch Basin Improvement Project as submitted and recommended by the Borough Engineer and Borough Manager.

Motion by Mr. Gill to approve the advertising for the Storm Sewer Catch Basin Improvement Project as submitted and recommended by the Borough Engineer and Borough Manager; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent			Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

6. Consider Action to Approve proposal from Albert's Heating and Air Conditioning to replace ductless heating and cooling system in the Fire Training Room in the amount of \$13,993.00.

Discussion: Mr. Gill asked if that is the only bid; Mr. Leone stated that it was the only one we received after trying for others.

Motion by Mr. Cafarelli to approve proposal from Albert’s Heating and Air Conditioning to replace the ductless heating and cooling sys in the Fire Training Room in the amount of \$13,993.00; seconded by Mr. Gill.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent			Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

7. Motion by Mr. Dunn to consider action to add the hiring of Mr. Fishinger to the Agenda; seconded by Ms. Gilliam.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent			Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

8. Motion by Mr. Cafarelli to hire Mr. William Fishinger at a rate of \$17.00/hour with a start date of July 5, 2022; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli	Yes		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent			Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

9. Presentation by Ambridge Youth Football to have a car cruise as a community event to raise funds for Ambridge Youth Football; Rotary Club is not having a car cruise this year. Soliciting participation of other non-profit organizations for their own fund raising efforts.

Discussion: Mrs. Tessaro summarized that Ambridge Youth Football is asking to close Merchant Street from 8th to 14th Streets on July 23 from noon to 5 p.m. (through 6:00 p.m. to clean up). Chief DeLuca asked for further information for discussion and clarification. Ambridge Youth Football will reach out to Mr. Leone and Chief DeLuca for those discussions.

Committee Reports

1. Public Safety Committee

Discussed Duss Avenue from 14th to 19th about the curb parking, talk to PennDot, see about changing grass into concrete. Mr. Dunn asked for suggestions. Mr. Cafarelli suggested asking PennDot to drop the curb down. Mr. Leone stated that the Borough owns the curb. Mrs. Miller stated that we need to re-paint the yellow lines before we think about enforcing the no parking on curbs. Mr. Cafarelli stated that we took an oath to enforce the ordinance. Mr. Chesney states that it is up to the Magistrate for the resident to take it up with them if they receive a ticket. Mr. Gill stated that forcing it into the courts is not the answer; stated it is a privilege in this town to park on the street. Yellow lines – Mr. Leone stated that paint has come in. Mr. Dunn would like to see the ordinance checked and revamped. Mrs. Tessaro commends both chiefs on their recent good doings in the town. States that Chief Larrick’s report is very informative and attractive to read. Impressed that they had 17 fire fighters attending trainings, Fire Department assisting the Committee to Clean and Beautify Ambridge, and attending a child’s birthday party in the Walter Panek Park. Also

thanked Chief Deluca for a job well done in handling the recent fight in a timely fashion and for getting the SRO program up and running.

2. Mayor's Report

Mayor McCoy stated there is testing in July for full-time officers for the Police Department. Mayor McCoy is upset that nobody comes to the meetings to commend the Police Department. They had a drug bust and it was quite a bit.

3. Code Committee

Ms. Gilliam stated there was a meeting on June 8th and provided updates regarding high grass, updating ordinances and a housing update.

4. Public Works Committee

Mr. Cafarelli stated there was no meeting.

5. Parks and Recreation Committee

Mrs. Miller stated is no report.

6. Finance Committee

No meeting.

7. Engineer's Report

Topics already discussed.

8. Manager's Report

Topics already discussed.

X. Official Report

Motion by Mrs. Miller to accept Official Reports; seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

XI. Other Unfinished Business

1. Mr. Gill thanked Mr. Leone and the Public Works crew for handling the 823 Pine Street issue; it's now cleaned up and the grass cut, and the resident is very happy.
2. Mr. Gill questioned the status of the awning over the Mexican food shop, La Poblanita; Mr. Leone will circle back with the owner to see if the back-ordered awning was expected soon.
3. Mr. Cafarelli stated that the Glenwood Avenue properties will be demo'd starting Monday.

XII. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

NEXT MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Workshop Meeting: **June 28th, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

Regular Meeting: **July 12th, 2022 at 6:30 PM**