



MINUTES

Borough of Ambridge – Workshop Meeting of Borough Council

Tuesday, March 22nd, 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

Also Present: Borough Manager Leone, Chief DeLuca, Assistant Chief Larrick

II. Invocation – Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

V. New Business

1. Discuss/Motion the following Police/Public Safety Matters –

a. 14th St LPR Cameras

Install cameras leading up 14th Street into housing. District Attorney got Housing to pay installation fees (\$10,127 install and cost of cameras). District Attorney paying \$5,000 towards the Borough. Money towards the license fees to the project (for years 2022/2023). Borough would then pay license and fee in the third year. District Attorney would like every municipality to have camera coverage at the start and end of town. \$5,200 every other year.

b. SRO Inter-Governmental Agreement (School District Signed)

Mr. Gill expressed concerns about future, long-term liability of program and how it may cost the Borough money if future School Board doesn't want to work with Ambridge Borough anymore. Mr. Gill doesn't see a benefit. Chief DeLuca explained the program

and how it came into place. Mrs. Miller provided her input that it is a trickle-down effect that will benefit our School District; when the Middle School kids get to the High School and will already understand there is a no tolerance. Also, there are Ambridge students attending the Middle School in Economy. Mr. Leone provided input that we will be setting a trend for other municipalities and feels this is a no-brainer and easy to support. Ms. Gilliam stated how bad the Middle School is and the need for School Resource Officer; stated that the Ambridge School District is who gets the back lash.

MOTION BY Mrs. Miller; seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve entering into an inter-governmental cooperation agreement for school resource officer with Ambridge School District and Economy Borough.

| Council | Vote | | Council | Vote |
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| 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 |

Mr. Gill voted no; does not think it is a good idea.

c. Housing Authority Contracted Services

Chief DeLuca stated it would be paid at time-and-a-half and would need to have a contract made up with the Housing Authority. Housing Authority would pay 700 hours for \$30,000. Mr. Gill asked if the Chief could get cost together for us with a contracted price. Mr. Leone and Chief DeLuca to get some numbers together for the Council to look over.

d. Part Time K-9 Dog/officer,

Officer Garrett Kimmell has the dog already. Cost of \$200/month is for vet and food. Chief DeLuca states it's another tool in the toolbox. Could call out when needed but will not be full-time with dog. Police cruiser will need cage installed. Mr. Leone will see what the increase in insurance will be.

e. ESU – Task Force

One officer currently on ESU. Requesting Officer Phan go to ESU hostage training. Only cost would be \$400/year.

MOTION BY Mrs. Miller; seconded by Ms. DeVincent to authorize Officer Phan to participate in the ESU task force with reimbursement to the county of \$400/ year.

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

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

2. Discuss starting an Employee of the month recognition program.

Mrs. Tessaro to send Council and Manager Leone the compiled list of questions for the Borough employees to answer. Ms. Gilliam stated she would like to see the businesses involved in town as well by possibly providing a gift card to be given to the Employee of the Month. Council will choose employee at April's Workshop Meeting.

VI. Other Unfinished Business

1. Cleaning Service Contract - (3 bids received)

Mr. Leone to reach out to Cleaner than Clean to see about price being less. Mr. Leone to talk to Chief DeLuca about the possibility of the Police Department doing their own cleaning as the Fire Department does.

2. Motion to authorize the Solicitor to perform the necessary legal work for the demolition of five Row Homes on Glenwood Avenue.

MOTION BY Mr. Cafarelli; seconded by Mrs. Miller. Mr. Cafarelli asks if it will be done by this summer. Mr. Leone stated hopefully, but it's a complex situation.

| 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. Adjournment

MOTION BY Mrs. Miller; Seconded by Mr. Cafarelli.

NEXT MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL: Regular Meeting: 4/12/2022 – 6:30PM

Reminder!!! Complete Conflict of Interest Forms for CDBG Grant.

Road Paving Bids were advertised on Friday and will be opened on Thursday, April 7th.