



MINUTES

Borough of Ambridge – Meeting of Borough Council
Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 8th, 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 the Orbit Inn for over 50 Years in Service – Presented by Mr. Gill.

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

1. Stan Williamson 70 15th Street – First Baptist Church every Friday free dinners 12 till whenever. Comment by Mayor McCoy: Stan is 81 years old; still going strong.
2. Rob Cermack 1209 Church Street -- 12th and 13th by church alleys in the back - alley becoming unusable. Comment by Council: This is part of the roads program. Address the trash in yards/maintenance. Comment by Code: Something in the lease for maintenance on properties. Potholes and Garbage on the street.
3. Patrick Krupa 287 Wagner Avenue – Concerned with trash/weeds/requesting letters sent to homes. Reports sinking hole by garage; it was patched and now the whole slab is sinking. No street sweeping on Wagner? Old cleaners. Comment by Mayor: Clean and beautify Ambridge...pick up paper when you see it.
4. Anne Bacher 956 Beaver Road -- Thanking for support of Planning Commission. Would like a current map. Comprehensive plan.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- February 8th Meeting
Motion by Mr. Dunn; 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

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

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| 1. General Fund | Unpaid: \$58,653.48 | Paid: \$163,692.60 |
| 2. Grants / Special Project Fund | Unpaid: \$0.00 | |
| 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 by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Mr. Dunn. Mr. Gill wants a copy of the check detail showing. Gas split three ways.

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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 1 Items listed on the Consent Agenda. Motion by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Ms. DeVincent.

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Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
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1. Borough Financial Report - acknowledge receipt of the Borough Treasurer’s Report for March 2022.

IX: New Business

1. Consider Action to authorize signing the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Recipient Agreement. Motion by Mr. Dunn; seconded by Ms. DeVincent.

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2. Consider action to Appoint Deitre Maximillion Elliot to the Planning Commission for a term to expire on December 31st, 2023. Motion by Mr. Cafarelli; seconded by Mrs. Miller.

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3. Consider Action to pay Cook Brothers Contracting in the amount of \$4,200.00 for the emergency storm sewer/ sink hole repair on Duss Avenue. Motion by Ms. DeVincent; seconded by Mr. Gill. Mr. Gill requests we go after whose fault it is for sink hole. Mr. Leone and Mr. Brunner/NIRA states that those types of legal issues can become money pits and don't end in our favor. Mrs. Miller reminds of curb-to-curb paving and asks if Public Works can do these types of repairs. Mr. Cafarelli states Ted Eberhart should come out before repairs are completed to check work.

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4. Consider Action to authorize the Borough Engineer and Borough Manager to advertise for the 2022 Road Program. Motion by Mr. Gill; seconded by Mrs. Miller. \$387,000 advertise next week with opening bids next month to approve for April meeting. Catch basins needing repairs will be done before paving. Mayor McCoy asks if we can contact the gas company before we do any paving to see if they have any upcoming planned repairs on streets that are planned for this year. Mr. Brunner states he provided this plan to the water and municipal authorities. Mrs. Tessaro asks where the money is allocated for the road program - \$1 million from bond for road repaving and catch basins. ARPA money also can be used for catch basins. Mr. Cafarelli asks about notifying the utility companies. Also asks if we can “camera” the sewer lines before paving. States it should be done so we don't have sink holes on those roads afterwards. Mr. Brunner states it would be a good idea and would probably cost a few thousand

dollars. Mr. Brunner states most of the roads we are putting out to bid are alleys and don't have much utilities underneath. Mrs. Miller complimented Mr. Cafarelli on his good idea.

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5. Consider Action to select the Merchant Street (8th- 12th) Streetscape Consultant. Motion by Ms. DeVincent to hire SGA as street scape consultant; seconded by Mrs. Miller. Ms. DeVincent points out electrical concerns from SGA but states she is not interested in working with MACKIN based on their electric. Mr. Leone provided input on both proposals and states we need to go above and beyond to have our town look the best in Western Pennsylvania.

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6. Consider Action to approve the HARB recommendation for commercial use, ADA Ramp, and Sign located at 273 14th Street to be operated by Katie Cheddar. Motion by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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Committee Reports

1. Public Safety Committee -- Meeting Tuesday March 15 at 9am. Fire Chief Gottschalk states January and February had 3 full-time and 1 volunteer attend 16-hr class, both nationally recognized through USA. Commend them for 32 hours of training. Some have 50-60 hours since January 1. Paid and volunteer both awarded \$15,000 grants for 2021. States grant applications for 2022. Water emergency – Chief Gottschalk thanks both volunteer and paid departments, as well as council and the residents, for their patience.
2. Mayor’s Report – Police Chief DeLuca is in need of 2 part-time officers - will test and would like to send officer to training for hostage intervention; \$400/year per officer. Chief DeLuca pays this through training budget. Illegal parking on Merchant Street. Chief DeLuca states crosswalks on Merchant (4th to 8th Streets) people are parking on those. Hooks on each side of the lines when the weather breaks to have those installed. Will paint/stencil “No Parking”/yellow lines. Chief DeLuca spoke about Team Leader/Beaver County SWAT Leader, Officer Phan; \$400 fee for liability.
3. Code Committee -- Met in February, provided update on commercial and fire inspections. Code sweeps ongoing in all four zones. Next meeting late March/early April to discuss Merchant Street project/building. Mr. Dunn would like to have District Judge invited.

4. Public Works Committee – This committee will meet this month. Mr. Cafarelli states they will discuss the streets that don't get swept. Mrs. Tessaro asked if the streetsweeper was back from repair; Mr. Leone advised not yet. Mrs. Miller states she would like Mr. Cafarelli to join her and Public Works to check the parks. Merchant Street is 5 days a week, can we lessen the number of days.
5. Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Miller announced final grant money awarded (\$700,000 plus \$917,000) for Henning Park. States that we will be finding a new representative for the playground portion. Ms. DeVincent asks about an ice rink at the splash pad; there are structures in the way.
6. Finance Committee -- No meeting, still collecting information.
7. Engineer's Report -- No report, items already discussed.
8. Manager's Report – Mr. Leone announced that the Laughlin Library was awarded a grant for \$227,336.14 for new roof and cleaning outside limestone and LED lighting.
9. Solicitor's Report -- No report. Mr. Gill asks if Mr. Chesney looked into the profanity on people's personal property. Mr. Chesney states nothing can be done, first amendment right.

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

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XI. Other Unfinished Business – Mr. Gill asks about recording machine: Mr. Leone states he will check into getting a simple handheld recorder. Mr. Gill asks about harassment training; Mr. Leone states he is still looking into the process for how to hold accountable. Mr. Gill asks about FD heater/AC; Mr. Leone states one bid so far for \$13,000 and will need to get 2 other bids because over \$10,000. Mayor McCoy asks about plaque for Mike Lucci, former NFL player who was from Ambridge and passed away in October 2021; Mr. Leone states it will be on next meeting.

XII. Adjournment – Motion by Mrs. Miller; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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NEXT MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Workshop Meeting: **March 22nd, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

Announcements:

“A Man Called Otto” starring Tom Hanks tentatively planning to film on March 17th & 18th along Merchant St between 4th & 6th / 7th Street. Most Filming to occur at the Stangl’s Bakery, and some driving scenes along Merchant Street and the intersection of 4th and Merchant Street.