



MINUTES

Borough of Ambridge – Meeting of Borough Council
 Executive Session 6:00 Personnel
 Council Chambers
Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 – 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Present: Mr. Dunn
 Mr. Gill
 Ms. Gilliam
 Mrs. Miller
 Mrs. Tessaro

Also Present: Mr. Leone, Chief Larrick, Chief DeLuca, James Brunner/NIRA, Solicitor Chesney

Absent: Mr. Cafarelli, Ms. DeVincent, Mayor McCoy

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Presentations – Certificate of Recognition – Ambridge Borough Fire Department

Presentation by Mrs. Tessaro of the Certificate of Recognition to the Ambridge Borough Fire Department for achieving their Pennsylvania Firefighter 2 Certification level.

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

Anne Bacher – 956 Beaver Road – Asked about the upcoming Conditional Use Hearing, what will be discussed, how long it may take, is it for one particular property. Solicitor Chesney stated that there is no set time limit for the hearing; a court reporter will be there so the proceedings will be on record; the applicant will state their case for the conditional use. Mr. Leone added that this is for the conditional use at the former Centria Steel Mill site, the applicant wants to use the site for other than manufacturing/industrial. Applicant’s intention is for an indoor, commercial storage facility; storage facilities are only approved as a conditional use.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes

August 23rd – Workshop

Motion by Mrs. Miller to accept the meeting minutes from the August 23, 2022, Workshop meeting; seconded by Ms. Gilliam.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	5-0

September 13th - Regular Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Miller to accept the meeting minutes from the September 13, 2022, Council meeting; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	5-0

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

1. General Fund	Unpaid: \$271,628.56	Paid: \$640,727.70
2. Grants / Special Project Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	Paid: \$3,742.81
3. Recreation Fund	Unpaid: \$0.00	Paid: \$5,663.73
4. 2021 Capital Note	Unpaid: \$0.00	Paid: \$332,959.63
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 Mr. Dunn to ratify and pay the bills and expenses for the month of September; seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Discussion: Mr. Gill questioned one of the bills regarding payment to Cheeseburger Tech for \$110.00. Chief Larrick explained that they get their uniforms from Pittsburgh Public Safety and in the back of the store there is a business that does screen printing for shirts; that company is Cheeseburger Tech at the same facility of Pittsburgh Public Safety. Mr. Gill also asked about Invoice 76729 9/13/22 J. Brunner Engineering service; Mr. Leone stated that is for NIRA’s services for various projects.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	5-0

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 October, 2022.

2. Consider action to Approve the Curb cuts for St Luke Church parking lot on the corner of Glenwood Avenue & 7th Street.
Motion by Mrs. Miller to approve two items listed on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	5-0

IX: New Business

1. Consider Action to Advertise for the hiring of Part Time Fighters.
Motion by Mr. Gill to advertise for the hiring of part-time fire fighters; seconded by Mrs. Miller.

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Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	5-0

2. Consider Action to accept the resignation of M. J. Flannery as the current EMA Coordinator.
Motion by Mrs. Miller to accept the resignation of M.J. Flannery as the current EMA Coordinator, seconded by Mr. Dunn.

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Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	5-0

3. Consider Action to Appoint Robert Charlovich as the New EMA Coordinator.
Motion by Mrs. Miller to appoint Robert Charlovich as the new EMA Coordinator; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Jones-Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	5-0

Comment: Mrs. Tessaro stated that she saw what Mr. Charlovich is capable of doing during the water situation earlier this year, he was very impressive and thank you!

4. Consider Action to Appoint M.J. Flannery as the Assistant EMA Coordinator.
Motion by Mr. Dunn to appoint M.J. Flannery as the Assistant EMA Coordinator; seconded by Ms. Gilliam.
Discussion: Mr. Gill asked about the email received about whether he would be able to do that. Mr. Leone indicated that Mr. Flannery stated in his resignation that he would be available to assist Mr. Charlovich in any capacity; Chief Larrick responded that during the transition stage and for any training or meetings.

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Ms. DeVincent			Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	5-0

5. Consider action to Approve 2nd (FINAL) payment request to Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$65,204.95 for the 2022 Road Paving Project as recommended by the Engineer.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to approve 2nd (final) payment to Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$65,204.95 for the 2022 Road Paving Project as recommended by the Engineer; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Comment: Mr. Leone stated we saved about \$100,000 from the original quote. Mr. Brunner stated they reworked some of the streets in a way that created a savings to the Borough. The Borough will have about \$100,000 that can be used towards next year's program.

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Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	5-0

Committee Reports

1. Public Safety Committee – The Committee met this month to discuss hiring part-time firefighter and discussed the police car for the K-9. Next week's meeting will be cancelled.
2. Mayor's Report – No report.
3. Code Committee – Ms. Gilliam provided overview of the Inspection Program, Code Sweeps/Ordinance Violations, Merchant Street Project, Abandoned Vehicles, and High Grass. A Code meeting will be set up to discuss a plan for the program moving forward into the next year. Topics to be discussed are Rental Inspection Program, property maintenance, snow and ice removal, and high grass.
4. Public Works Committee – No report.
5. Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Miller reported that the Ambridge Youth Football approached her to see if the Recreation Committee would participate with them in a Trunk or Treat event on October 20, 2022. The Borough can buy the candy. Chief Larrick heard that the band would participate and that kids could trick or treat in the parking lot. A fire truck will be set up for candy.
6. Finance Committee
7. Engineer's Report – Mr. Brunner stated that aside from the Road Program, NIRA has submitted annual MS4 Report to DEP, proposed new stormwater ordinance, developed new language for street opening ordinance, developed drawings for the Laughlin Library renovation projects, completed Site-Distance Study for the intersection of Ridge Road and Wilson Avenue and recommended installation of stop signs at that intersection.
8. Solicitor's Report – Mr. Chesney stated that his primary item was discussed on the conditional use hearing in two days. A couple of other things being worked on are fire properties finalizing the documents. Chief DeLuca asked about the ordinance on the stop signs. Mr. Chesney will begin to draft the amendment to the ordinance.
9. Manager's Report – Mr. Leone received health care insurance renewal; we are looking at 9% increase in the health care cost as an FYI for budget purposes and union negotiations. It's crunch time for some of our grant applications, the CFA multi-modal as well as RCAP grants. Those announcements are expected very soon. There are some conflicts with the Workshop meeting date

so we might be cancelling that meeting. There is a meeting the following week on November 1 on the budget. Discussion on November's meeting being on election day.

X. Official Reports - Motion to accept Official Reports.

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

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Ms. DeVincent			Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Mrs. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	5-0

XI. Other Unfinished Business

Mr. Gill asked about the streetlights on Duss Avenue. Mr. Leone advised that Duquesne Light will change all streetlights to LED. All burnt out lights will be switched to LED; there will be a phase where they will do the entire Borough, whether burnt out or not. There is no official schedule yet.

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Miller to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Gilliam; all in favor.

NEXT MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Conditional Use Hearing: **October 13th, 2022 at 6:00PM**

Workshop Meeting: **Tentative October 28th, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

Budget Meeting: **November 1st, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

Announcements: