

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2019
7:00 PM

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Public Meeting Agenda/Sunshine Act" public notice was provided to the Times Herald Newspaper and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall as required by law.

CALL TO ORDER

Tara Gorney, Council President, called the meeting to order at and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Richard Maccarone, President	Absent
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present
Douglas Borgerson	Present
John Cooper	Present
Danelle Fournier	Present
Jose Gonzalez	Absent
Richard Greenstein	Present
Gregory Wesley-Lynch, Mayor	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
Joseph J. McGrory, Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Engineer	Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Tara Gorney opened the floor for public comment on agenda items. No one came forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gorney stated the meeting minutes for the November 6th Workshop meeting, the November 12th Council meeting, and the December 4th Workshop meeting will be on the January 14th Council meeting agenda.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Ms. Gorney announced the bills total \$373,879.42 and asked if anyone had any questions.

Ms. Gorney requested a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$373,879.42

Motioned By: Richard Greenstein

Seconded By: Douglas Borgerson

All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Decker announced the current funds of the Borough as of December 4, 2019 are \$14,784,540.43. The interest earned on the investment accounts this month was \$1,917.19 for the month and asked if there were any questions. No questions were posed.

Ms. Gorney requested a motion to approve the financial report in the amount of \$14,784,540.43

Motioned By: John Cooper

Seconded By: Doug Borgerson

All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. English stated that Council has a copy of my report but I wanted to review some items with Council. The annual Tree Lighting will be held tomorrow night at 6:30 at Borough Hall. We will have a visit from Santa and refreshments. We hope that everyone will enjoy the new tree that was decorated by the Public Works Department.

Ms. Gorney stated that there will be a DJ at this year's tree lighting.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT, AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Douglas Borgerson reported that the meeting for the traffic safety has been re-scheduled to December 18th at 6:00 pm.

Tara Gorney stated that the traffic study committee met on November 14th. The grants that the Borough asked for were not granted. Ms. Gorney stated we will try again next year. We are waiting for the red line review of the parking ordinance. There will be no traffic meeting in December but we will meet in January.

Mr. English stated that PennDot had a lot more grant requests than there was money approved for. Parking Ordinance is being reviewed by John Iannozi and Chief Sinclair.

Chief Sinclair stated that the annual Christmas drive is underway. Carol Martin sent out letters for donations. Daniel Webster is attending CSI school and Benjamin Keliojor has resigned to take a full time position. Chief Sinclair requested a motion to hire two new part time officers.

Motioned by: John Cooper

Seconded by: Richard Greenstein

All in Favor: Yes

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Fire Chief Dennis Frankenfield stated that he wished all the council members congratulations on their reelection. The public safety committee meeting is re-scheduled. I am waiting for some text messages to see if everyone can make a December 18th meeting date. The Santa breakfast was well attended by roughly 300 people. Chief Frankenfield stated that he saw a lot new residents and he thanked everyone who turned out. Christmas Eve the Fire Truck will be going around the Borough around 5:00 p.m..

Mayor Gregory Lynch-Wesley stated that Mike English and the Chief had already reported on the events he was going mention. He had nothing else to report.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Mr. McGrory stated he would now open the hearing for Ordinance 2019-4 amending the Non-Uniformed Employee's Pension Plan. He introduced into the record exhibits one through three. Mr. McGrory asked Mr. English to explain the ordinance.

Mr. English stated that there was an actuarial study done by Joe Dud. It was based on a number of municipalities within the area and their non-uniform pension plans. The changes were brought to the pension committee for consideration and the committee is bringing this to council.

Mr. McGrory stated the hearing is closed and regular meeting is back in session. Mr. McGrory stated the ordinance is now open to consideration by Council.

Ms. Gorney asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-04 amending the Non-Uniformed Employee's Pension Plan.

Motioned by: John Cooper
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in Favor: Yes
Motion Passed 5-0

Mr. Khal Hassan stated the Council has my report. I have a few updates for Council. The demolition of 8 Merion Avenue has been completed and the site is secure. The manager and I have meet with Developer at Echo Ridge regarding some public improvements that he is working to complete.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Gorney asked if there was any old business.

Mr. Richard Greenstein asked about the Billboard. My neighbor is very unhappy about the light coming from the billboard.

Mr. English stated that company has lower the illumination by 33 percent. I have been in touch with the resident who said that the white on the billboard is still very bright. The company is working on some directional changes to see if that helps.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gorney asked for a motion to adopt the 2020 Borough Budget.

Mr. McGrory stated that the budget can be re-opened in January.

Motioned by: John Cooper
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in Favor: Yes
Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Ms. Gorney asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-15, affixing the 2020 tax levy.

Mr. Greenstein asked if the budget 2020 was re-opened in January would it change the tax levy.

Mr. English stated that the Borough would need to do another resolution if it decided to change the tax levy. The governor signed a law this year that municipalities no longer have to do an ordinance for a tax levy. It can be done by resolution now.

Motioned by: John Cooper
Seconded by: Douglas Bergerson
All in Favor: Yes
Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Wesley-Lynch stated the he has heard several complaints from residents regarding the siren at George Clay Fire Company. I was asked if there can be digital communication only from 10:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. One neighbor has a new baby asked me and I promised that I would bring it up to Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Frankenfield stated that if the electronic devices go out due to a power failure we need the siren. I raised kids in the borough and they become accustomed to the siren.

Mr. Cooper asked how many times a day does that go off.

Mr. Gorney asked if Mr. Frankenfield to find out how many times a day the siren goes off and give it to Mr. Wesley-Lynch.

Mr. Frankenfield stated that when we got the whole system we took into account not just fires but also weather events and we have some pre-recorded messages that can be broadcast. The county tested all the sirens in the county and our siren is a totally different tone. We will bring this information to the next public safety meeting.

Mr. Bergerson asked about the property at St. Gertrude's. He asked about the condition and availability of using the property.

Mr. English stated that he had spoken to the person that had asked Mr. Bergerson about using the property.

Ms. Gorney brought up the point that the purpose of the Vision Plan is making recommendations for what can be done with St. Gerts.

Mr. English stated that the Vision Plan steering meeting will be held on January 7th. The re organization meeting will be held January 6, 2020. He explained during that meeting Council members will be sworn in by Mayor Wesley-Lynch and the president and vice-president will be elected.

Mr. Guy Davis, 28 Balligomongo Road, stated he wanted to let everyone know that the PASBA has a training program that Council members might be interested in attending. Mr. Davis asked if the Borough submitted a remediation plan in regard to the Glaxosmithkline property.

Mr. Hassan stated that the Borough deferred to Upper Merion Township. The Borough does not have anything else to add that Upper Merion has not already covered. The majority of the property is in Upper Merion Township.

ADJOURN

Ms. Gorney asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Motioned By: John Cooper
Seconded By: Richard Greenstein
All in Favor, Yes.
The motion passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Decker
Bookkeeper/Secretary

