

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2021
6:30 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

Douglas Borgerson, Council President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Douglas Borgerson, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present
Tori Conicello-Emery	Absent
John Cooper	Present
Stephen Blumenthal	Present
Jose Gonzalez	Absent
Richard Greenstein	Absent
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
Joseph J. McGrory, Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Engineer	Present
Michael Sinclair, Police Chief	Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Borgerson opened the floor for public comment on agenda items.

Al DeGennaro of JP Mascaro commented on the increase of the price of recycling contract and his opposition on having the Borough handle the recycling.

Daniel Rowley of Kaplin Stewart discussed the Valley Ridge zoning application which consists of 5 homes which is scheduled for June 10, 2021 asking council not to oppose the zoning application

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the regular Council Meeting of April 13, 2021.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal
All in Favor: Yes
Motion Passed 3-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to approve the bills for last month for the total amount of \$360,730.58

Motion to approve: Stephen Blumenthal
Seconded by: John Cooper
All in Favor: Yes
The motion passed 4-0

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of May 7, 2021 the total balance is \$14,418,489.40

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal
Seconded by: John Cooper
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes 4-0

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. English stated that his report is in the packet. Mr. English indicated that the Merion Ave parking lot ribbon was cut and the parking lot is free parking until May 31, 2021. As of June 1st applications will be available at the Police Department and the pilot program will begin. Mr. English is reviewing the JP Mascaro bid and he is reviewing the analysis for public works to take over the recycling and will be on the June agenda.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT, AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Steve Blumenthal discussed the radio purchase request for George Clay Fire Department in the amount of \$27,138.31, also discussed the communication between the Police Chief and DCED, paperwork is in review. A motion was requested for the upgrade of the radios.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal
Seconded by: John Cooper
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes 4-0

Tara Gorney discussed the Merion Ave parking lot opening. Discussions took place about the parking on Apple Street and cleaning up of the parking lot by May 25, 2021. The traffic signal transfer of ownership is scheduled for August. Tara Gorney asked for a motion to approve the right hand turn signal at Matsonford and Ford for \$3,700 to install the right hand turn and asked for a motion to approve.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal
All in favor: 4-0
The motion passes 4-0

Mayor Danelle Fournier discussed Memorial Day, West Conshohocken Clean Up event, and hosting a movie night at Mackenzie Park in the Borough, Officer Lolli and t-shirt sales

Chief Sinclair discussed his communication with the DCED and the paperwork is in review. Chief Sinclair discussed Code Red and the system launch out to the residents. There were no noise complaints and Chief Sinclair complimented the efforts by the police officers.

Steven Curran, Chair of Planning Commission spoke of vision plan, sketch plan for Mackenzie Park and a vacancy of the planning commission and how the planning commission can be more involved with the community.

Mr. David Frankenfield continues to work on LOSAP, discussed a fire company member who is ill, the purchase of radios, reiterate concerns of complaints in the Borough and how to work together as a community, concerns regarding Echo Ridge (inaudible)

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Joseph McGrory discussed the zoning application which consists of 5 new homes on steep slopes and applicant was present at the Council meeting. There was extensive discussion with applicant for disturbance to steep slopes with Borough Engineer, Khal Hassan and council members. Applicant appeared before Council to ask not to oppose the application. Discussion took place and it was recommended that Applicant ask for a continuance of the June 10th zoning hearing date. Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to continue this application to the July 8th zoning hearing date

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal

Seconded by: Doug Borgerson

All in favor: Yes

The motion passed 3-0

Khal Hassan discussed the 2021 road repaving for Riverview Lane, Powers Ave and Veterans Avenue. The cost is just over \$165,000 and this will be covered by Liquid Fuel. A plan will be put together and then will go out to bid. The engineering, inspection and bidding process cost would be approximately \$25,000. A motion was requested to move forward with the project.

Motioned by: Douglas Borgerson

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

All in favor: Yes

The motion passed 4-0

Mr. Hassan discussed the CBDG handicap ramp updated, will be submitted to the County this week and it will go out to bid.

Mr. Hassan indicated Echo Ridge submitted a escrow release that Certificate #5 is released to the developer. Waiting for conservation district on their report of storm water system to begin the approval process. Mr. Hassan asked for a motion to release the escrow.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal

Seconded by: John Cooper

All in favor: Yes

The motion passed: 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve the sale of the 1995 GMC 3500 to the highest bidder on Municibid for \$3,800.00.

Motioned By: John Cooper

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 4-0

2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-04 Temporary Requirements and Guidelines for Outdoor dining beginning May 17, 2021 for 30 days.

Motioned by: John Cooper

Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 4-0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Zapien spoke of Election Day and activities in the Borough.

Walter Gleba, 225 Moir Ave, questioned the COVID government funding allocation, the status of body cameras, and discussed concerns of the traffic at the intersection of Moorehead and Crawford.

ADJOURN

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal

Seconded by: John Cooper

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary