

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
November 29, 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 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Douglas Borgerson, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present (arrived at 7:22pm)
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
John Cooper	Present
Stephen Blumenthal	Present
Jose Gonzalez	Present (arrived at 6:36pm)
Richard Greenstein	Present (arrived at 6:37pm)
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present (arrived at 7:00pm)
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
John Iannozi, Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Engineer	Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Mike Golden from Conshy Girls, LLC asked for support for their zoning hearing on December 9th. As a few employees of Gypsy came down with COVID and addressed that this pandemic is ongoing and outside dining would eliminate exposure in enclosed spaces. He has had numerous patrons ask for outdoor dining due to being immunocompromised.

Mr. Gleba discussed his concerns on the budget for Code Officer, Shade Tree, UCC fees and Mr. Borgerson indicated that all items will be addressed when they do the run down of the budget.

A resident indicated that a schedule

An Executive session took place at 6:40pm to discuss personnel matter and returned at 6:57pm.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

1. Mr. Iannozi discussed the zoning application for 128 Ford Street which is scheduled for zoning hearing on December 9, 2021. Mr. Borgerson asked for comments of council. Council indicated that they would stay neutral and recommend the following conditions to the zoning board:

The outdoor dining area will only consist of tables, chairs, umbrellas & heat lamps and not blocking any egress; no outdoor structures for example a bar; no food prep outside; outdoor seating will be non-smoking; no music; no outdoor lighting after 9:30pm; and to be in the outdoor dining area an entrée must be ordered

2. Mr. Iannozzi discussed the 300-400 Barr Harbor extension. Applicants were already granted an extension for permits and continue with the project. Council's discussion was to stay neutral.
3. Mr. Hassan indicated that the ADA Ramp compliance and paving projects are on hold until March of 2022 due to weather conditions and declining of temperatures.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of the 2022 Preliminary Proposed Borough Budget

Mr. Borgerson indicated that Fire and Police would not be presented at this meeting. Revenue items went line by line and no questions were presented. Discussions took place regarding real estate taxes and indicated that there will be no tax increases. There was discussion regarding the increase in litigation expenditure, internet charges, insurance benefits, recycling and storm water. There was discussion regarding Shade Tree Commission an additional funds will be added for projects that public works are unable to complete.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Walter Gleba questioned about the Community Development Grant and where is was listed in the budget. Mr. Gleba also questioned the difference in the medical benefits between codes and public works.

Mike Beck wanted to inquiry if the LCB was aware of serving alcohol outside, questioned the setbacks of the property. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that Mr. Beck would have to submit a Right to Know request to the LCB. Mr. Hassan addressed the set backs and applicants would have to provide a layout to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Beck questioned the extension for outdoor dining expiring on December 9th.

ADJOURN

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm

Motioned by: Steven Blumenthal

Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes:7-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristina Meade". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary