

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN  
COUNCIL MEETING  
January 11, 2022  
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.

**NEWLY RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT ARE SWORN IN**

Jose Gonzalez was sworn in for a four-year term as council member.

**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
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
John Cooper	Present
Stephen Blumenthal	Present
Jose Gonzalez	Present
Richard Greenstein	Present
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
John Iannozzi, Borough Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Borough Engineer	Present

Stephen Blumenthal respectfully declined the motion for Vice President of Council and thanked members of council for their support however Mr. Blumenthal would like to concentrate on the areas of Public Safety. Mr. Borgerson asked for a nomination of Council Vice President. Stephen Blumenthal nominated Tara Gorney and it was seconded by Tori Conicello-Emery. There were no other no other nominations and nominations were closed. Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion for Tara Gorney.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal  
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 7-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA**

Walter Gleba indicated that there are two seats on the Conshohocken Sewer Authority and Council should push to get on the Board. Mr. Gleba also indicated that he would like TCA to come and get a second opinion for MacKenzie Park. TCA is coming on January 19<sup>th</sup> and he wanted to thank Council for arranging it.

An individual who did not provide his name or address wanted to know if the budget was going to be opened again this evening as it was not on the Agenda. He questioned the elimination of the full-time fire driver for a code enforcement officer and suggested that it should be revisited.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2021 Council Meeting.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez  
Seconded by: Tara Gorney  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 7-0

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 3, 2022. Reorganization Meeting

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein  
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
All in favor: yes  
The motion passes: 4-0

#### **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Douglas Borgerson indicated that the bills for this month as of January 11, 2022 were a total of \$432,027.25 which includes two payrolls.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez  
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 7-0

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The balance as of January 11, 2022 were \$14,330,497.44

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez  
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 7-0

#### **BOROUGH MANAGERS REPORT**

Mr. English indicated that his report is in the packet. The Open Space Recreation Committee meeting will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and the Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. James Donohue and Edward McKeon, members of the Planning Commission, requested to be reappointed, Mike Snivach of the Zoning Hearing Board requested to be reappointed for the Zoning Hearing Board with an unexpired term for the Planning Commission and alternate position opening for Zoning Hearing Board.

## **COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT AND MAYOR'S REPORT**

Stephen Blumenthal indicated that there is nothing to report for public safety and as Mr. English pointed out there is a public safety meeting which will be held on January 25, 2022.

Jose Gonzalez indicated that there is nothing to report

John Cooper indicated that there will be an Open Space meeting being held on January 19, 2022

Tara Gorney indicated that there is nothing to report for Parking & Traffic

Danelle Fournier will be sending out a newsletter.

Detective Sal Carfagno INAUDIBLE- Jose Gonzalez asked for an update on the grant. Mr. Carfagno indicated that the application has been completed and he is just waiting on the response.

Dave Frankenfield indicated that the year end report has been submitted. They continue to work with Matt Markland on training. Mr. Frankenfield brought up the fire in Philadelphia and non-working smoke detectors. The fire company would like to remind the public to continue to check smoke detectors and George Clay continues to work on Community Safety.

## **PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

1. John Iannozi had nothing to report
2. Khal Hassan indicated that his report is in the packet. Mr. Hassan wanted to update Council regarding the application for 1280 Valley Road. The Applicant submitted another plan which provides 3 units plus 1 which shows less disturbance to the steep slope. Mr. Hassan indicated that Pennoni has no oppositions to the new plan under certain conditions. Mr. Iannozi indicated that depending on Council position they would address the conditions to Applicants attorney. Council members John Cooper, Richard Greenstein, Tori Conicello-Emery, Stephen Blumenthal voted to oppose the updated plan. Douglas Borgerson, Jose Gonzalez and Tara Gorney voted to stay neutral. No motion is needed at this time since there is already a motion to oppose.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Douglas Borgerson makes Council Committee Appointments for 2022

1. Mr. English indicated that Mike Snizavich expressed that he wish to be re-appointed for the three year term on the Zoning Hearing Board

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-01 appointing Mike Snizavich to serve a three- year term on the Zoning Hearing Board that expires on December 21, 2024.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein  
Seconded by: John Cooper  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 7-0

2. Mr. English indicated that Dr. Kary Kochenour and Walter Gleba expressed interest on the Zoning Hearing Board for alternate at which time Council interview both candidates. After interviews Mr. Gleba indicated that he preferred a full-time seat and not an alternate.

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion for nominations. John Cooper nominated Walter Gleba and was seconded by Richard Greenstein. Stephen Blumenthal nominated Kary Kochenour and it was seconded by Jose Gonzalez. After no other nominations were presented, Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to close nominations. Tara Gorney motioned and it was seconded by Steven Blumenthal. The vote was 4-3 for Dr. Kochenour

Mr. Borgerson asked for a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-02 appointing Dr. Kary Kochenour to serve a three- year term as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board that expires on December 31, 2024.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal  
Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 7-0

3. Motion to Consider appointing James Donohue to a four-year term to the Planning Commission that expires on December 31, 2025

Mr. English indicated that James Donohue asked for reappointment for the Planning Commission. Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to reappoint James Donohue.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Seconded by: John Cooper  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes:7-0

4. Motion to consider appointing Edward McKeon to a four year term on the Planning Commission that expires on December 31, 2025.

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to reappoint Edward McKeon to a four year term of the Planning Commission.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 7-0

5. Motion to consider appointing Guy Davis to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Commission that will expire on December 31, 2024.

Guy Davis and Kevin Flanigan expressed interest. Mr. Davis was interviewed, and Mr. Flanigan's resume was provided. Mr. Borgerson asked if there were any other nominations. Tara Gorney nominated Mr. Flanigan and was seconded by Tori Conicello-Emery. After no other nominations, Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to close nominations. Nominations were closed.

Council voted 4-1 in favor of Guy Davis. Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to appoint Guy Davis to fill the unexpired term on the planning commission

Motioned by: John Cooper  
Seconded by:  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 7-0

6. Motion to appoint Harry Griffiths as Chair of the Vacancy Board

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to appoint Harry Griffiths as Chair of the Vacancy Board

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez  
Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 7-0

#### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Guy Davis, 28 Balligomingo wanted to address the minutes on the website and indicated that all sub committees should be posted on the Borough website.

Walter Davis wanted to address parking on Ford and the traffic study of the intersection at Moorehead and Crawford.

A member of the public who did not provide his name questioned committee reports and the full time fire driver and indicates that taxpayers were not aware eliminating the full time fire driver. Council members addressed committee reports and the various meetings with the public and fire company regarding the position of full-time fire driver/code enforcement officer.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Borgerson indicated that Council will go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and will not be returning.

#### **ADJOURN**

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm

Motioned by: John Cooper  
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cristina Meade".

Cristina Meade  
Borough Secretary