

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Walter Gleba, 225 Moir Ave had questions regarding the motions for the parking restrictions at Bullock and Powers, the Motion regarding Merion Ave Parking Lot and Motion for the Block Grant. Mr. Gleba also wanted suggested a left turn signal on Bullock and Front. Mr. Hassan responded accordingly for the information requested for the Block Grant.

Guy Davis, 28 Balligomingo, questioned why the Civil Service and Shade Tree committee and not being on the agenda. Mr. Borgerson indicated that two council members were absent and expressed he wished to have a full council present.

PRESENTATION ON 1075 NEW DEHAVEN STREET PROJECT

David McFadden, owner of 1075 New Dehaven, presented council and public with his proposed plan for a doggy daycare. His potential tenant, Stefanie was present and discussed the concerns of traffic, noise and smell. Stephanie indicated that this will primarily pick up and drop off by the company. Staff will not be utilizing use of the parking as they will be taking public transportation. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that this application would need a Use Variance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022 Council Meeting.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 4-0

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Douglas Borgerson indicated that the bills for this month as of March 8, 2022 were a total of \$254,552.69.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 5-0

BOROUGH MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. English indicated that his report is in the packet. Beginning in April, State Senator will begin coming in the second Thursday of the month from approximately 9am to 12pm. The Home Towners have begun meeting at St. Gerts the second Tuesday of every month.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Stephen Blumenthal indicated that the next public safety meeting will be held on March 16th at 6:3pm and will discuss the fire company's progress on data collection for Peer Review. Public Safety will be getting presentations on policy management for DCED Study

Jose Gonzalez indicated that the real estate taxes are strong and Mr. English indicated that they are at 2/3rds the budgeted amount.

Tara Gorney indicated that the Traffic and Safety meeting will take place quarterly on the first Wednesday of the last month of the quarter. A meeting will be held with PennDOT regarding the traffic at Crawford. Ms. Gorney spoke about the pilot program for the Merion Ave parking lot and will remain at no charge but applications will need to be filled out for 2022. It will be revisited in 2023. Discussions took place between Council members for suggestions.

Mr. Carfagno provided an update and made Council and public aware that the GPS systems and Body Cameras have been installed. The Officers will have to be trained on using the cameras.

Fire Company working on collecting data for DCED study. Certifications are up to date

Doug Borgerson read off the Mayor's report which indicated Home Towners meetings, Battle of the Bridges Pizza's on March 19th, the Red Cross Blood Drive on March 28th from 1-4pm, Spring Clean Up Day on April 23rd and Coffee with a Cop at Borough Hall on April 9th

Guy Davis indicated that the Planning Committee did not hold a meeting in March and the next meeting is scheduled for April 7th

Interviews for West Conshohocken Borough Foundation was tabled.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

1. John Iannozzi had nothing to report.
2. Khal Hassan indicated that his report was in the packet. The three items that are listed will be discussed in New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-04 Authorizing submitting an application to DCNR for a grant for the MacKenzie Park improvements.

Mr. Hassan indicated that a resolution has to be passed before Council prior to any application being submitted. There was no public comment.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal

Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 5-0

2. Motion to adopt resolution 2022-05 authorizing applying for MONTCO 2040 Implementation Grant to be used for the MacKenzie Park improvements.

Mr. Hassan indicated that a resolution has to be passed before Council prior to any application. Mr. Hassan indicated that the DCED grant will be discussed at the next meeting. There was no public comment.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal

Seconded by: Richard Greenstein

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 5-0

3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-06 authorizing submitting an application to Montgomery County for year 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program. No public comment

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez

Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 5-0

4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-07 Outlining the Use of the Merion Ave Parking Lot for the balance of 2022.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes:5-0

5. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-08 establishing a ninety-day trial period on certain parking restrictions on the north bound land of Bullock Ave between Powers Ave and Front Street

Tara Gorney indicated that due to the traffic concerns at the corner of Front Street and Bullock Ave, Council would like to do a no parking between the hours of 6am to 10am Monday through Friday. Mr. Carfagno provided some data over the last few days which was discussed and discussion took place between Council.

Council indicated that they will collect more data and discuss at the next council meeting. Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to table.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Steven Blumenthal
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes:5-0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Guy Davis, 28 Balligomingo Road, thanked Council for asking for public comment during the motions. Mr. Davis also suggested measuring parking spots along Bullock Ave.

Chet Gleba, discussed the light and Bullock and Front. Mr. Gleba indicated that a lot of revenue could come into the Borough with the Valley Road Project. Mr. Iannozzi responded to Mr. Gleba's suggestion.

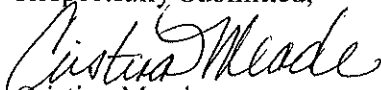
Dave Frankenfield, 580 Ford, spoke of the St Patty's parade scheduled this week in Conshohocken, George Clay will be hosting the Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny which will be held on Palm Sunday.

ADJOURN

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,


Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary