

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 14, 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	Present arrived at 7:20pm
John Cooper	Present
Stephen Blumenthal	Present
Jose Gonzalez	Absent
Richard Greenstein	Present
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
John Iannozzi, Jr, Borough Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Borough Engineer	Present

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA**

Guy Davis, 28 Balligomingo Road, requests that the ARP funds be held for future budget items. Mr. Davis commented on the itemized resolution to be as descriptive as possible on the Agenda. Mr. Iannozzi addressed Mr. Davis' comments regarding the usage of funds.

**PRESENTATION BY STRAINCERT COMPANY, 12 UNION HILL ROAD, REQUESTING A LAND DEVELOPMENT WAIVER**

Mr. Hassan provided a summary of 12 Union Hill, occupant is proposing a 64 x12 ft modular structure compliant with ADA sidewalk. Mr. Hassan indicates that there is no issues for a land development waiver contingent that applicant submits a drainage application.

Tim Foley from Strainsert was present and discussed the project. Mr. Cooper asked if there were footers and plans were shown to Council and public with descriptive information. The building would be used for offices not manufacturing. Applicant has an agreement for ample parking at 9 Union Hill. No questions were presented from public

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the Land Development Waiver with contingencies.

Motioned by: Steve Blumenthal

Seconded by: John Cooper

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 5-0

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022 Council Meeting.

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

## **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Mr. Borgerson indicated that the bills for this month as of June 14, 2022 were a total of \$518,375.22 and asked for a motion to approve the bills.

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

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Borgerson indicated that the current balance total for June 14, 2022 is \$15, 271,417.06

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

## **BOROUGH MANAGERS REPORT**

Mr. English indicated that his report is in the packet. Aqua has begun water main replacement on Matsonford Road. Project was accelerated because of paving schedule. Work will begin this week and will be taking place during the day at Dehaven and New Dehaven.

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

Stephen Blumenthal thanked Fire Company and Police Department with the Memorial Day event at Borough Hall. There is improvement made at the Police Department with the suggestions from the Peer Report. Fire Department resolution will be discussed later this evening for workers compensation and working on apparatus and water.

John Cooper indicated that the Borough was able to secure a \$100,000 grant and Mr. Hassan is working on the other grants. DCNR and DCED are expected in the fall.

Tara Gorney provided an update for the Parking and Safety Committee meeting. Adaptive signaling will be turned on at the end of June, timing of lights on Bullock and Front, waiting for a Don't Block the Box sign from PennDOT, reminding residents that you are allowed to turn right on

Matsonford and Front and tree trimming will take place in the next few weeks, Tara discussed the parking at Apple Street, and concerns of parking on Moorehead. Mr. Borgerson asked for an update on federal money and will be provide an update at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Danelle Fournier thanked Mr. Blumenthal for his presence at the Memorial Day Ceremony. 100+ volunteers placed flags at the Cemetery. Pride Flag ceremony was very positive. Spring Fling at MacKenzie Park and registration for the summer park program will take place on June 17th.

Sal Carfagno discussed purchasing tag readers, benefits, costs and timing of installation and maintenance.

Dave Frankenfield indicated that the Chief's report is in the dropbox. Numbers were down because staff down to COVID. Boat has been repaired and working on training schedule. Mr. Blumenthal would like to address the resolution at which time Mr. John Iannozzi read off. would like to 2022-12- ACT 180 for workers compensation . Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion for Resolution 2022-12.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal  
Seconded by: John Cooper  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes:6-0

Guy Davis indicated that there was no meeting held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Davis had some concerns about the trees that are on the plans and having the Shade Tree Commission review and the list of approved.

## **PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

1. John Iannozzi discussed resolutions 2022-13 and 2022-14, authorize expenditure for emergency water repairs for Passerini Construction in the amount not to exceed \$18,000 for Elizabeth Street, 2022-13 Josephine & Bullock. Tori Conicello- Emery asked about the construction schedule which Mr. Hassan responded. Tara Gorney questioned the use of the funds under ARP which Mr. Iannozzi responded. Mr. Greenstein questioned the amount that has been received. Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to use ARP for 2022-13 and 2022-14 resolutions.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein  
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes 6-0

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2022-13 to \$13,000 to Passarini for emergency repairs on Josephine and Bullock

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein  
Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 6-0

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2022-14 authorizing release of \$18,000 to Passarini Construction for repairs on Elizabeth

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

2. Khal Hassan indicated that his report is in the packet. Mr. Hassan indicated that his reports have been previously discussed in the meeting this evening. Mr. Hassan asked Council and public if there were any questions and there was none.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion to appoint Joseph Catagnus as Deputy Fire Marshal.

Motioned by: Steven Blumenthal  
Seconded by: John Cooper  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 6-0

2. Council member John Cooper spoke and indicated that as of June 14, 2022, Mr. Cooper will be resigning from the West Conshohocken Borough Council. Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to accept Mr. Cooper's resignation and incorporate Mr. Coopers letter to the minutes.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal  
Seconded by: Tara Gorney  
All in favor: No- Tori Conicello-Emery opposed  
The motion passes: 5-1

Mr. Iannozzi indicated that a new appointment will take place 30 days of this evening's council meeting and the new appointment will service for the remainder of Mr. Coopers term. Mailings will be sent out and on Borough sites.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Guy Davis, commented on the County Flag hanging outside of the Borough Hall. Mr. Davis asked about the posting of the new fee schedule. Mr. Davis also indicated that there were many comments

Dave Frankenfield, 580 Ford Street, thanked Councilman John Cooper for his services and indicated that he will be submitting his resume for Councilman.

Dick Kenna, 1095 New Dehaven, thanked Councilman Cooper for his years of service and questioned the status of Police Chief. He questioned the amount of Police officers at the Police Department. Mr. Kenna asked for camera placed at Ford and Elizabeth and also spoke of the overgrown bushes and maintenance in the Borough

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL WILL BE TAKING PLACE AND COUNCIL WILL NOT RETURN.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Cristina Meade  
Borough Secretary

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To Borough Counsel, Mayor Danelle Fournier, Borough Manager Michael English, Borough Solicitor's Joseph McGrory and John Iannozzi, Borough Engineer Kai Hassan, Administrative Assistant: Meg Decker, Code Department Assistant: Cristina Meade and The Residents of the Borough of West Conshohocken:

Please accept this as my formal resignation from West Conshohocken's Borough Counsel. My last day will be Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at the close of tonight's meeting. I am extremely grateful for your loyal support during my many years here and deeply appreciate the valuable lessons and experiences I have gained. It has been a great honor and privilege working with all of you and a genuine pleasure serving the residents of West Conshohocken.

If there is anything that I can do to ease the transition for my replacement, please let me know. I wish you all the very best.

Best wishes and thanks for everything.

Sincerely,

John "Jack" Cooper

ACCEPTED BY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AT THE JUNE 14, 2022  
COUNCIL MEETING