

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
August 9, 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

Stephen Blumenthal, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Stephen Blumenthal, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present via telephone
Jose Gonzalez	Absent
Richard Greenstein	Present
Jeff Ewing	Present
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Absent
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
John Iannozzi, Borough Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Borough Engineer	Present

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that Council will not be holding an executive session this evening. Mr. Blumenthal thanked the public for their attendance this evening and selecting him as president. Mr. Blumenthal looks forward to serving the community

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

None

INTERVIEWS FOR VACANCIES ON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Mr. Blumenthal spoke of the process and interview process. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that all council members have received all candidate resumes. Mr. Blumenthal called candidates in alphabetical order. Mr. Feinberg of 155 Front Street; Dave Frankenfield of 580 Ford Street, Walter Gleba of 225 Moir Ave; Kelly Snizavich of 19 Merion Ave presented in front of public and council. Candidates Kevin Flanigan was not in attendance at this evening's council meeting and Zachary Nelson withdrew himself from consideration.

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to open nominations. Tara Gorney made the motion and it was seconded by Richard Greenstein. The motion passes 5-0. Tara Gorney nominated Kelly Snizavich and no other nominations were presented. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to close nominations. Mr. Greenstein made a motion and it was seconded by Jeff Ewing. The motion passes 5-0. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to appoint Kelly Snizavich for the vacant Council position.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
Roll call vote was taken and the motion passes 5-0

Mr. English asked Mrs. Snizavich to come to the Borough Hall to get sworn in. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that Kelly Snizavich will sit in at the next Council meeting. Mr. Blumenthal thanked all applicants for their interest and attendance.

INTERVIEWS FOR THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Mr. Iannozzi indicated that the by-laws will have to be drafted and reviewed. John Iannozzi suggested that this be tabled until the next Council meeting. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to table.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 5-0

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2022 Council Meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the bills for this month as of August 9, 2022 were a total of \$367,358.82 and asked for a motion to approve the bills.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the current balance is \$14,734,312.18 as of August 3, 2022. No questions were presented.

BOROUGH MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. English indicated that his report is in the packet. Road program began August 8th and with milling and repaving. Mr. Hassan indicated that the paving should be completed next week. PennDOT will be repaving Matsonford Road in September/October. Mr. Greenstein commented on the work completed at Spring Mill Road and Conshohocken State Road.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Stephen Blumenthal indicated a new date will be assigned as a new chair is appointed. Mr. Blumenthal thanked all public safety teams for a successful National Night Out.

Mr. Hassan provided an update on Open Space Committee- Mr. Hassan indicated that one of the grants was secured out of the three grants that were applied for.

Tara Gorney indicates that the next Meeting is September 7th. All open action items will be discussed. Ms. Gorney indicated that the public should reach out with any concerns.

Sal Carfagno thanked all businesses that donated to National Night Out and all safety teams and public that came out and assisted in making it a successful night. August 20th will be Community Day at MacKenzie Park and the 9/11 Ceremony will take place at Borough Hall on September 11th at 7:00pm. Mr. Carfagno updated the public about the shooting that took place in the Borough. It was an isolated incident, and the victim is home recovering. The suspect is being held at Montgomery County Correctional Facility.

Dave Frankenfield indicated that George Clay will be at Community Day and Fire Company meeting is report is the first Tuesday of the month and commented on the successful National Night Out. Meet and Greet will be Sunday, August 28th from 11am to 2pm. No questions were presented

Guy Davis discussed the Planning Commission meeting and indicated that PC Members voted unanimously to obtain a professional planning service to address the Towne Center. Richard Greenstein indicated that the Towne Center was also discussed and happy that there is movement from the PC in moving forward. Tara Gorney asked Mr. Iannozzi what the process of the next steps would be. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that there is no need to go to bid. No other questions were presented

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

1. John Iannozzi, Esq indicated that there is a zoning advisory for 946 Matsonford Road. Applicant is asking for special use to use the property as a residence/dog boarding. Mr. Iannozzi suggests that Borough stay neutral and let the ZHB members decide.

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a roll call vote from right to left to either support/oppose/stay neutral on the zoning hearing. Tori Conicello-Emery, Richard Greenstein, Tara Gorney, Jeff Ewing and Stephen Blumenthal voted to stay neutral

Mr. Iannozzi indicated that there is an enforcement agreement for 24/26 Portland Road. The property is currently being used as a yoga/inquirer and bringing the building up to Borough Code. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the Enforcement Agreement.

Motioned by: Tori Conciello-Emery

Seconded by: Richard Greenstein

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 5-0

2. Khal Hassan indicated that his report is in the packet. Mr. Hassan spoke about the paving. Discovery Labs preliminary review has been completed which is approximately 200,000 square feet of research and development. A meeting took place on August 8th. Pennoni is waiting for traffic study. An extension was given until September 23rd.

Mr. Hassan updated Council and public about the traffic light concerns and continues to discuss traffic issues. No questions were presented

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-17 appointing Kelly Snizavich to fill an unexpired term on Borough Council until the First Monday in January 2024. Stephen Blumenthal read aloud the Resolution

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Walter Gleba, 225 Moir Ave, discussed the Budget and Borough Council Handbook and carrying balances forward such as borrowed and transferred funds. Mr. Gleba indicates that there is extensive tree work at MacKenzie Park and Mr. Gleba asked for the rental expense for the excavator. Mr. Gleba discussed the DEP report and Mr. Gleba asked for a breakdown of the bills/expenses and pensions. Mr. Hassan addressed Mr. Gleba's concerns regarding the removal of trees. Mr. Hassan discussed the Department of Agriculture and Montgomery County Conservation District which reported damaged trees at MacKenzie Park, Elizabeth Street and Balligomingo. Mr. Gleba requested more time to speak and Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to allow Mr. Gleba more time. No motion was made therefore Mr. Gleba's time has expired.

Guy Davis, 28 Balligomingo discussed a court case regarding issues about residents at public meetings stating their address and suggested the Borough Solicitor look into this. Mr. Davis would like to address concerns about the public works department completing tree removal and clean up and safety issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
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