

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 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.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR JOSEPH MCGRORY

Mr. Blumenthal asked Council and Public to remain standing. John Iannozzi spoke about the passing and honor of Joseph McGrory and a moment of silence took place.

ROLL CALL

Stephen Blumenthal, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present arrived at 7:04pm
Jose Gonzalez	Present
Richard Greenstein	Present
Jeff Ewing	Present
Kelly Snizavich	Present
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
John Iannozzi, Borough Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Borough Engineer	Present

MR. BLUMENTHAL INDICATED THAT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION SCHEDULED FOR LAST COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF COUNCIL MEETING THIS EVENING AND COUNCIL WILL NOT RETURN

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Guy Davis, resident, asked about new Committee members and Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the new committee members will be discussed later this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2022 Council Meeting.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery

Seconded by: Richard Greenstein

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 5-0 (2 Abstained) Mr. Gonzalez did not attend last meeting and Mrs. Snizavich was not appointed to council.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the bills for this month were a total of \$574,518.96 and asked for a motion to approve the bills.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 7-0

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Gonzalez had nothing to report. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the current balance is \$15,048,221.13 with a difference of \$313,917.02, no interest earned in investments accounts and the pension of \$9,419,814.59. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to adopt the financial report.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein

Seconded by: Jeff Ewing

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 7-0

BOROUGH MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. English indicated that the Aqua main replacement is almost completed on Matsonford Road. PennDOT is considering repaving during the evening hours and Mr. English will keep Council and public up to date with information. Mr. English thanked George Clay for allowing the use of the Fire Hall for the Public Safety Meeting while a zoning hearing took place at Borough Hall. Mr. English also honored Joe McGrory.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Blumenthal spoke about the Committee appointments and announced the Committee members: Traffic & Parking Committee: Tara Gorney as Chair, Tori Conicello-Emery as Vice Chair and Jeff Ewing. Public Safety Committee: Kelly Snizavich as Chair, Richard Greenstein as Vice Chair as well as Mr. Blumenthal; Finance Committee: Jose Gonzalez, Tara Gorney and Kelly Snizavich; Personnel Committee: Jeff Ewing as Chair, Stephen Blumenthal as Vice Chair and Kelly Snizavich; Ordinance Committee: Richard Greenstein as Chair, Stephen Blumenthal as Vice Chair and Jose Gonzalez. Open Space Committee: Tara Gorney as Chair

Mr. Blumenthal discussed adopting a Consent Agenda and outlined the rules and procedure of Consent Agenda. The consent agenda is a tool used to streamline meeting procedures by collecting routine, non-controversial items into a group whereby all are passed with a single motion and vote. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that committee reports will be available at Borough Hall the Friday before each meeting. This will make the Council meetings move a little faster as written reports will be provided to council before the meeting. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda and to begin in October.

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing

Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez

All in favor: Yes

The Motion passes: 7-0

Kelly Snizavich indicated that the Public Safety meeting took place on September 8th at George Clay. Discussions took place regarding a fireworks ordinance as well as DCED study and budget items.

Mr. Gonzalez had nothing to report.

Tara Gorney had nothing to report for the Open Space Committee. A discussion with other members for the schedule will take place.

Tara Gorney discussed the issues of adaptive signaling, clean up as well as Don't Block the Box and will again approach PennDOT as well as local representatives in pushing this along. Ms. Gorney also discussed the Apple Street parking situation at which time Mr. Hassan provided several options to alleviate parking issues. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that Item #4 of New Business will be discussed now and this will be a change of agenda order. Mr. Hassan suggested having (7) 45-degree parking spots which has appropriate set backs and allows enough room for the Fire Trucks to pass without issues. Mr. Davis, a resident of West Conshohocken suggested that this new parking would be for residents only and not businesses. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to authorize Solicitor to draft a parking ordinance.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney

Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 7-0

Ms. Gorney also spoke regarding the one parking on Moorehead by the McDonalds which is not lined as well as evaluating the number of parking spots between the 500-600 Block of Ford.

Mayor Danelle Fournier spoke of National Night Out, Community Day, Movie Night, George Clay Fire Banquet as well as the 9/11 Ceremony. Mayor thanked all the time and effort put into the DCED study and process moving forward. Future Borough events consist of Blood Drive, Movie Night on October 7th, Fall Fest on October 22nd, Halloween Parade and the 5K run on October 1st.

Sal Carfagno stated that his report is in the drop box. discussed the fast response for the fire that took place on Bullock. Mr. Carfagno discussed the Public Safety DCED report. Policy and Procedure manuals are being revised. Employee evaluations will be completed this month. No questions were presented.

Dave Frankenfield indicated that George Clay report is in the dropbox. Mr. Frankenfield discussed the fire on Bullock Ave. Mr. Frankenfield thanked the attendees of the banquet. Mr. Frankenfield also discussed the blood drive that will take place at George Clay.

Guy Davis asked for an update on hiring a professional planning and Mr. Blumenthal directed further conversations with Tara Gorney

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

1. John Iannozzi, Esq had nothing to report and no questions were presented
2. Khal Hassan discussed the zoning application for Discovery Labs and highlighted the issues of steep slopes, loading spaces and parking reserved spaces. Mr. Iannozzi suggested the Borough stay neutral and let zoning take action. Discussion took place with Council.

Mr. Blumenthal proceeded with a roll call vote and asked for a motion to remain neutral.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes 7-0

Mr. Hassan also provided some updates for the MacKenzie Park Grant applications. One grant was received. DCNR approved the grant for \$227,000 and the DCED will make a decision this month. Application will be submitted for the Green Region Grant and the max grant would be 10,000 from Green Region. The Borough has received a total of \$327,500.00.

Mr. Hassan asked for a motion for final release of \$199,428.00 issued to Mor Construction

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein

Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 7-0

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-18 Authorizing emergency storm sewer work for Nob Hill on Cedar Ave. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that there was storm sewer work not to exceed \$10,850.00. The funds would be from rescue funds.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez

Seconded by: Richard Greenstein

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 7-0

2. Motion to Authorize Borough Administration to advertise an Ordinance creating a Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that a draft of shade tree ordinance. A member of the public, name not given, asked why a shade tree ordinance is advertised. Mr. English and Mrs. Tori Conicello-Emery responded accordingly. Pat Zapien, a resident, indicated that the Borough already has a shade tree commission. Mr. Iannozzi indicates that Borough wasn't able to find and need to clarify and adopt accordingly. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to advertise the Shade Tree Ordinance for a Shade Tree Committee.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez

Seconded by: Tori Conciello- Emery

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 7-0

3. Discussions regarding the addition of Juneteenth as a Borough Holiday. Mr. Blumenthal was in review of calendar and would like to recognize Juneteenth as a borough holiday and be in line with acknowledging Juneteenth. Comments from Kelly Snizavich were inaudible. Mr. Greenstein questioned about impacts on union contract. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve

Motioned by: Toi Conicello-Emery

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 7-0

4. Parking options on Apple Street from Simon Street to the dead end.

Mr. Hassan discussed this during his professional report

5. Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2023. Mr. English indicated that this done yearly and compiled and review by the Borough Auditor. Police Department is \$57,841 and for non-uniform \$56,508. Mr. Greenstein added that police and non-uniform are entitled to refund for medical reimbursements. The state will reimburse the Borough in the third week of September. No motion is needed.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Zapien, a resident, thanked the public for the Community Events and discussed the park program, different trips that the kids took as well as Scholarships given.

Dave Frankenfield, resident, received a report on the truck today which was sent to Mr. English. Fire Prevention week will be in October. Mr. Frankenfield also wanted to note that there were no smoke detectors in the home at the time of the fire at Bullock.

Walter Gleba, Borough Resident, thanked Mr. Blumenthal for the financial report. Mr. Gleba supports the consent agenda and thanked the park program. Mr. Gleba wanted to present and submit a petition that he obtained that the dog park should be at Elizabeth Park. Mr. Gleba suggested a dog park committee.

Guy Davis, a resident, wanted to thank Council President for asking for public comment before motions and votes are taken. Mr. Davis also suggested to have a dog park committee. Mr. Davis wanted clarification on Personnel Committee as well as Ordinance Committee which Mr. English explained in detail.

Dennis Frankenfield, a non-resident indicates that George Clay will be entering 125th year and wanted to host an event in commemoration. Mr. Frankenfield was in discussion with the Mayor and wanted to begin coordination of celebration.

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that there is no further public comment. As said at the beginning of the Council Meeting there will be an executive session which will now take place and Council will not be returning. He asked that the public clear out the room.

ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm

Motioned by: Tara Gorney

Seconded by: Richard Greenstein

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristina Meade".

Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary