

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
December 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.

OPENING COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that an executive session would take place immediately after the council meeting regarding a personnel and litigation matter and will not return. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that new committee assignments will be provided in the new year as council members have changed. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that there has also been a change to the website to reflect better communication with the minutes and agenda for council meetings.

Mr. Blumenthal would like to make a motion to accept the resignation of Jose Gonzalez as Agenda Item 1 in New Business.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 4-0

Mr. Blumenthal addressed the public regarding the recent turn around in council as members have moved out of the Borough and thanked those who committed their time and efforts to the community.

Kell Snizavich would like to make a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the funds being held with Truist.

Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 4-0

ROLL CALL

Stephen Blumenthal, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present arrived at 7:10pm
Jose Gonzalez	Absent
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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the Amended Consent Agenda

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Guy Davis, resident, wanted to comment about the location of stored agendas as it does not comply with the Americans with Disability Act.

INTERVIEWS TO FILL COUNCIL OPEN SEAT

Mr. Blumenthal discussed the procedure of interviews. Mr. Iannozzi provided further information on the voting process. Mr. Blumenthal asked the candidates if there were any questions, and no questions were presented. Candidates were called in alphabetical order starting with Maxine Denker who was not present but provided her resume. Dave Frankenfield was present and interviewed by Council. Walter Gleba, was present and interviewed by Council. Zachary Nelson was present and interviewed by Council.

Tara Gorney made a motion to open nominations and seconded by Jeff Ewing and the motion passes 5-0. Tori Conicello-Emery nominated Zachary Nelson for council seat, no other nominations were made. Tara Gorney made motion to close nominations and seconded by Kelly Snizavich. The motion to close nomination passes 5-0. A roll call vote was made to appoint Zachary Nelson and it was passed 5-0. Zachary Nelson was sworn in and took council seat.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the bills for this month were a total of \$697,024.14 and Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the bills.

Motioned by: Kelly Snizavich
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 6-0

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the grand total is \$14,849,718.18. There was an addition difference of \$40,330.64. The pension account balance of \$9,650,211.83. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the financial report.

Motioned by: Kelly Snizavich
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
All in favor: No – Zachary Nelson abstained
The motion passes: 5-1

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda and reports

Motioned by: Kelly Snizavich

Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery

All in favor: No- Tara Gorney and Zack Nelson abstained

The motion passes: 4-2

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

- A. Mr. English wanted to report that West Conshohocken Borough has a signed CBDG grant for 2023. Mike Estep has passed all tests for CDL and working on the driving portion. DHS has a grant for \$50,0000 and will notify when grant is approved. Mr. English indicated that the repaving of Matsonford Road will not be completed before the end of the year.
- B. John Iannozzi, Esq indicated that Act 52 which was signed by Governor Wolf on July 11, 2022 which is a waiver of penalties for new homeowners for real estate taxes. Mr. Iannozzi suggested that the Borough adopt resolution 2022-23. No questions were presented from Council. Mr. Blumenthal opened the floor for public comment and one member of the public asked if this would relate to school taxes. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that this would be for real estate only.

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing

Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 6-0

- C. Mr. Khal Hassan indicated that his report is in the packet. Mr. Hassan only had one update which was a follow up to a member of the public at last meeting regarding the truck breaking noise along Front Street. Mr. Hassan reached out to PennDOT and received a response that PennDOT would evaluate within two to three weeks. This resident also had a question regarding the double yellow line at the top of Merion Ave which is being investigated by Pennoni.

Mr. Hassan also wanted to update about the grant process for PIA small grant through the DCED \$106,250 for stormwater at the end of Church Street. Mr. Hassan provided resolution and commitment letter. Application is due by December 21, 2022

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to amend the Agenda to add Resolution 2022-26 for PA Small Water and Sewer Program

Motioned by: Tara Gorney

Seconded by: Zachary Nelson

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to adopt Jose Gonzalez resignation letter from West Conshohocken Borough Council into the record.

Motioned by: Kelly Snizavich
Seconded by: Jeff Ewing
All in favor: No- Zachary Nelson abstained
The motion passes: 5-1

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Jose Gonzalez.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
All in favor: No- Zachary Nelson abstained
The motion passes: 5-0-1

Mr. Iannozzi indicated that the Borough will publish a vacancy position in Borough Council and a new council member will be voted at the next meeting on January 10, 2023.

2. Kelly Snizavich motion to discuss financial matters.

Mrs. Snizavich discussed the funds being held in Truist and moving the funds from Truist to PLGIT. Kelly made a motion to transfer the funds to PLGIT. Tara Gorney asked for clarification of the interest range. Kelly Snizavich indicated that the interest will slightly change. Guy Davis, resident, wanted to remind the public and council about the inflation.

Motioned by: Kelly Snizavich
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in favor: Stephen Blumenthal (due to work related conflict), Tara Gorney and Zachary Nelson abstained leaving a tie for 3-0. Solicitor Iannozzi indicated that Mayor could vote in which Mayor Fournier voted in favor.
The motion passes: 4-0

3. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-27 reappointing Al Kleinschmidt to the West Conshohocken Borough Zoning Hearing Board.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Jeff Ewing
All in favor: no-1 abstained (Zachary Nelson abstained)
The motion passes: 5-0

4. Motion to adopt the 2023 Borough Budget as presented.

Mr. English went over Sections 403 relating to tax collector services, Section 404 relating to legal services, Section 408 relating to engineering services, Section 409 related to cleaning and building supplies, Section 411 related to Fire Company, Section 413 relating to UCC & Codes, 414 related to Planning & Zoning, 419 related to Crossing Guards, Section 426 Recycling and Section 427 relating to Solid Waste Disposal, 433 related to traffic control devices, Section 436 related to storm sewers and drains , Section 438 related to roads and bridges, Section 451 related to Recreation & culture, Section 454 related to Parks, Section 480 related to miscellaneous which includes, Holiday decorations, Section 487 which relates to employee benefits, Section 410 which relates to Police Department.

Tina Reese discussed the Fire Department Budget and replacement of Squad Truck 39. Kelly Snizavich had questions regarding fire gear and Tara Gorney asked for the priorities in their budget. Dennis Frankenfield also spoke about the new truck.

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to table Squad 39 and the annual apparatus to the finance committee.

Motioned by: Kelly Snizavich
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 6-0

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the budget which included Sections 403, 402, 408, 409, 410, 413, 414, 419, 426, 427, 433, 434, 436, 438, 459, 454, 480 and 487. Mr. Blumenthal asked the public for comments in which Mr. Davis wanted to provide a suggestion for the Fire Department Budget and breakdown of splits

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

Mr. Blumenthal wants to discuss the replacement of Marine 39 replacement was discussed along with timeline of finance committee on expenditures. A roll call vote was taken and carries 6-0 in favor. The second line item was the discussion of a second full time paid fire-driver and roll call vote was taken. Zachary Nelson, Kelly Snizavich, Jeff Ewing and Stephen Blumenthal voted against. Tori Conicello-Emery and Tara Gorney voted in favor. This will complete the capital expenditures for George Clay.

5. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-25 affixing the millage tax rate for 2023 State Aid and meeting the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligations. Mr. English indicated that there is no tax increase and the millage 1.07 mil for each dollar

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Zachary Nelson
All in favor: yes
The motion passes: 6-0

6. Motion to approve the Borough Meeting Schedule for 2023. Mr. English read aloud the meeting dates for Council Meetings, Planning Commission, Council Workshop (if needed) and Zoning Hearing Board (if needed)

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

David McFadden, owner of properties in West Conshohocken Borough had complaints about the Fire Marshal and his attempt to complete the renovations at 1075 New DeHaven. John Iannozzi indicated that due to potential litigation that Council does not comment on Mr. McFaddens concerns.

Martin Kimmel, partner of 1075 New Dehaven also addressed Mr. McFadden's complaints about the fire marshal and asking for the help of solicitor and manager for what the Fire Marshal is asking over what is required by the Fire Code.

Guy Davis, resident, wanted to further discuss the ADA compliance in Council Agendas and minutes.

Dave Frankenfield, wanted to thank council for the efforts in meeting their budget requests.

Mr. Blumenthal wanted to thank the Council and public for all their efforts in making the community better and wished everyone happy holidays. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that there will be an executive session and will not be returning.

ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 pm

Motioned by: Tori Conicello- Emery

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary