

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
March 14, 2023
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 there will be an executive session regarding personnel and Council will be returning for action. Mr. Blumenthal indicates that the financial report is more transparent, and efforts will continue to make the Borough better. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that Simone Collins is present to discuss the Vision Plan and Mr. Blumenthal summarized some Ordinances and actions that will be taken this evening

ROLL CALL

Stephen Blumenthal, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
Jeff Ewing	Present
Kelly Snizavich	Present
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present
Zachary Nelson	Present
Amelia Gale	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
John Iannozzi, Borough Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Borough Engineer	Present

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

Motioned by: Zachary Nelson
Seconded by: Amelia Gale
Ayes: 7
Nays:0
The motion passes:7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

Walter Gleba, resident, spoke in support of the brake retarder and supports Nicole Zapata's reappointment to the Foundation Board. Mr. Gleba is against the Unity Flag flown on Borough property. Mr. Gleba cited several municipalities that will not fly the Unity Flag.

**CONDITIONAL USE DECISION FOR INNOVATION 411 FEE OWNER, LLC-
DISCOVERY LABS**

Solicitor John Iannozzi presented the Opinion and Order to Council and asked for questions from Council and public to which there were none. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that this was ready for motion and Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the Opinion and Order

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
Ayes:7
Nays:0
The Motion passes: 7-0

**PRELIMINARY PLAN REVIEW FOR INNOVATION 411 FEE OWNER, LLC-
DISCOVERY LABS.**

Mr. Iannozzi indicated that Mr. Campbell was present to review the Preliminary Land Development review. Mr. Campbell and Kyle Thompson went into lengthy discussion regarding the proposing warehouse and laboratory space along River Road and phasing process. Discussions took place regarding access to the building, engineers reviews letter, storm water management, and the waivers that applicant was asking relief for.

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to authorize John Iannozzi to prepare the resolution for Preliminary Land Approval.

Motioned By: Kelly Snizavich
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
Ayes: 7
Nay: 0
The motion passes: Yes

VISION PLAN PRESENTATION BY SIMONE COLLINS

Mr. Simone was present at the Council meeting to discuss the Vision Plan. Tara Gorney also discussed the presentation and talk about the background of the Vision Plan. Mr. Simone, council members and Borough Engineer spoke in length about the future development, open space, pedestrian bridge, overlay district in West Conshohocken Borough, adopting the official map, adopting the vision map.

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to allow John Iannozzi to begin the process of preparing and moving forward with the following:

Vision Plan
Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
Ayes: 7
Nay: 0

Official Map
Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

Zoning map to include vision plan
Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Zachary Nelson
Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Abstain: 4

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the bills for this month were a total of \$619,893.27 and asked for a motion to approve the bills.

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
The motion passes: 7-0

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the grand total is \$14,977,107.46 with a positive difference of \$361,225.51; interest on all investment accounts of \$22,053.71; pension account balance of \$9,608,472.23; non-uniform pension account \$1,147,996.94 and police pension account \$8,460,475.29. Pension accounts are not included in the final. Mr. Blumenthal and asked for a motion to approve the financial report.

Motioned by: Amelia Gale
Seconded by: Jeff Ewing
Ayes 7
Nays 0
The motion passes: 7-0

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motioned by: Kelly Snizavich
Seconded by: Amelia Gale
Ayes 7
Nays 0
The motion passes: 7-0

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

- A. Mr. English indicated that his report is in the packet. Mr. English wanted to highlight that two members from the Fire Company will be travelling to Texas for the EOS software training.
- B. John Iannozzi, Esq suspended the public meeting to a public hearing and presented Exhibits; email to Times Herald, Proof of Publication; letter to Planning Commission; and Khal Hassan provided a summary of the Brake Retarder Ordinance. Once approved the Borough will post signage and be responsible for maintenance. Mr. Iannozzi asked

for questions from Council, and none were present. Mr. Iannozzi asked questions from the public and Mr. Frankenfield asked for clarifications as to why this just applied to Bullock and not further down River Road to the railroad. Mr. Frankenfield was told that PennDOT followed the original complaint. There were no other questions presented to which Mr. Iannozzi closed the public hearing and proceeded back to the public meeting for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-01 regarding Brake Retarders

Motioned by: Amelia Gale

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

Ayes 7

Nays 0

The motion passes 7-0

- C. Mr. Khal Hassan indicated that a copy of his report is in the packet. Mr. Hassan and Mr. English met with DCNR regarding Phase I and financing. Grant obtained was received \$227,500.00 Montgomery County Grant in the amount of \$100,000 PECO 10,000-Borough balance approximately 100,000 after grants. Pennoni will update Council and public with grant and bid process along with dates.

Mr. Hassan wanted to update Council and public with Aqua project along Front Street with replacing the existing water main 100 block of Front Street to Woodmont. The project will take approximately 3 to 5 months and Pennoni suggested the work take place during the day from 9am to 3pm, except for the intersection of Matsonford and 23 due to the size would have to take place during the overnight hours which Council members have agreed to.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Motion to reappoint Nicole Zapata to a three-year term to the West Conshohocken Borough Foundation Board.** No questions were presented from Council or the public.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery

Seconded by: Jeff Ewing

Ayes 7

Nays 0

The motion passes: 7-0

- 2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-05 authorizing the West Conshohocken Borough to submit an application to Montgomery County for year 2023 Community Development Block Grant Program.** Mr. Hassan indicated that this was required as part of the application process a

Motioned by: Nelson

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

Ayes 7

Nays 0

The motion passes:7-0

- 3. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-06 authorizing flying the Unity Flag at Borough Hall during the month of June 2023.** There were no questions or comments from the Council or the public. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to adopt resolution 2023-06

Motioned by: Amelia Gale
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
A Roll call vote was taken, Amelia Gail, Zachary Nelson, Kelly Snizavich, Tori Conicello-Emery, Tara Gorney and Stephen Blumenthal voted in favor
Ayes 7
Nays 0
The motion passes:7-0

- 4. Motion to approve the reimbursement of police-related college tuition courses, starting in 2016 to current academic year, to Officer Webster under the Collection Bargaining Agreement, Section II “Educational Refund Program”.** Interim Police Chief Sal Carfagno indicated that Webster mistakenly did not request the reimbursement for police educational expenses

Motioned by: Zachary Nelson
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
Ayes 7
Nays 0
The motion passes: 7-0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Guy Davis, resident, wanted to discuss previous work on Front Street and speeding. Mr. Davis wanted an update on the Matsonford repaving project to which Mr. English responded that no date has been given yet.

David Frankenfield, resident, wanted to advise that when the water main replacement is done that it is considered for more hydrants. Mr. Hassan indicated that he would discuss hydrant options with Aqua

Walter Gleba, resident, wanted to say that painting needs to be redone on Bullock. Mr. Gleba wanted to suggest a 55 + or community center at St. Gert's in the Vision Plan

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session will take place for personnel matter and Council will be returning for action. Council arrived back in session at 9:13pm.

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to terminate Mike Estep for cause.

Motioned by: Amelia Gale
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
A roll call vote was taken; Amelia Gale, Kelly Snizavich Tara Gorney and Stephen Blumenthal voted to terminate. Zackary Nelson, Jeff Ewing and Tori Conicello-Emery voted not to terminate.
The motion passes 4-3
There was no questions or comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
The motion passes:7-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cristina Meade".

Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary