

**BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
October 10, 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**

**ROLL CALL**

Stephen Blumenthal, President	Present
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
Jeff Ewing	Present
Zachary Nelson	Present
Amelia Gale	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
Doug Borgerson, Assistant Manager	Present
John Iannozzi, Borough Solicitor	Present
Ted Dmytryk, Borough Engineer	Present

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motioned by: Zach Nelson  
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Ayes: 5  
Nayes: 0  
The motion passes

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA ITEMS**

Walter Gleba, resident, asked for a moment of silence for the American that were killed in the recent attacks in Israel

## **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the bills for this month were a total of \$308,080.60 and asked for a motion to approve the bills.

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing  
Seconded by: Tara Gorney  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes

## **APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the grand total is \$15,742,749.31 with a positive difference of \$121,662.92; interest on all investment accounts of \$61,414.09. Pension accounts totaled \$9,609,842.22; non-uniform pension account \$1,141,199.04 and police pension account \$8,468,643.18. Pension accounts are not included in the total. Mr. Blumenthal and asked for a motion to approve the financial report.

Motioned by: Amelia Gale  
Seconded by: Jeff Ewing  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes

Mr. English indicated that there was an error on the bills list and the bills were \$640,101.49. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to amend the bills list.

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing  
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approval the bills list with the correct amount of \$640,101.49.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney  
Seconded by: Jeff Ewing  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes

## **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items.

Motioned by: Zach Nelson  
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes

## PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Mr. English indicated that his report is in the packet. Mr. English indicated that the proposed preliminary budget will be presented at the November council meeting and changes can be made. The budget will be available to public November 3, 2023. Mr. English met with PennDOT and Maintenance Forman regarding the trees of spring garden and the tree was removed.

Mr. John Iannozzi indicated that he had nothing to report this evening.

Mr. Khal Hassan indicated that three mold remediations proposals came in for Borough Hall. The lowest bidder was Plymouth Environmental for \$8,900.00. No questions were presented. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve.

Motioned by: Zach Nelson  
Seconded by: Tara Gorney  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes

Mr. Hassan indicated that approvals came in from DCNR regarding MacKenzie Park. Mr. Hassan would like to advertise for the bidding process and publish on October 16<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup> with a pre-bid meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> and open bids on November 9<sup>th</sup>. No questions from Council  
Motion

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Seconded by: Amelia Gale  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes

Mr. Hassan wanted to discuss the stop sign concerns at Merion Hill. Brian Keaveney from Pennoni has done some research and traffic volume evaluation the stop sign would not be warranted. A formal study would need to be completed. Tara Gorney asked for the cost of the study and Mr. Hassan indicated between 3,500 and 4,000. Mr. Hassan indicated that this study would backup the decisions of the Borough. Tara Gorney asked if the motion should be made from the public safety committee. Mr. Hassan indicated that a motion was made at the public safety meeting for this study. Ms. Gorney asked Mr. Hassan about the procedure and repercussions of installing the stop sign. Mr. Hassan indicated that the proper procedure would be to complete the study which could result in enforcement against the Borough. Ms. Gale also indicated that at the public safety committee meeting it was discussed that without this study the Borough could lose its liquid fuels. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to begin the study

Motioned by: Tara Gorney  
Seconded by: Zach Nelson  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes.

Mr. Gleba indicated that a stop sign would cost \$43.65 and he provided the mounting poles to the Borough. Mr. Gleba wanted to know why the Borough would want to pay that extreme amount of money. Mr. Gleba indicated that is not a PennDOT road.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Interviews for open Borough Council seat.

Mr. Blumenthal reviewed the procedure for the interviews for the open council seat. Two resumes were received, and council has reviewed them. The two applicants, Chris Cella and Walter Gleba made opening statements and were interviewed. Jeff Ewing made a motion to open nominations and it was seconded by Zach Nelson and the motion passed 6-0. Tori Conicello-Emery nominated Chris Cella. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed by Jeff Ewing and seconded by Zach Nelson and the motion passes 6-0. A roll call vote was taken where Mr. Nelson, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Conicello-Emery, Ms. Gorney and Mr. Blumenthal voted Aye. Ms. Gale abstained.

2. Resolution No. 2023-16 filing the open Borough Council seat. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to write in Chris Cella's name and pass resolution 2023-16

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing  
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Ayes: 5  
Abstained: 1- Amelia Gale  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes

Mr. Cella was sworn in and took seat

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Guy Davis, resident, wanted to know the Rec Schedule for 2024 and if there were any remnants of the jail cell at Borough Hall. Mr. Davis also asked if the traffic study taken for Discovery Labs be used for the stop sign at Merion Hill and Spruce. Mr. Davis also questioned why there are no seconds for nominations to which Mr. Iannozzi indicated there are no seconds needed.

Dave Frankenfield, resident, discussed Fire Prevention at George Clay and discussed the shortage of firefighters nationwide that he learned about in Harrisburg.

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that Amelia Gale will now chair the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a moment of silence for the attacks in Israel.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Seconded by: Tara Gorney  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cristina Meade". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C' and 'M'.

Cristina Meade  
Borough Secretary