

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
June 11, 2024
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 & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Blumenthal asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence to recognize Richard "Dickie" Kenna.

ROLL CALL

Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present
Stephen Blumenthal, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
Jeff Ewing	Present
Amelia Gale	Present
Chris Cella	Present
Richard Marr	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
Douglas Borgerson, Asst Borough Manager	Present
John Iannozzi, Borough Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Borough Engineer	Present

Mr. Blumenthal honored Dickie Kenna, who served George Clay and the Community for many years. Mr. Blumenthal acknowledged and thanked everyone surrounding the Memorial Day and 150th Event, and also recognized Mr. Rockett on the number of responses to fire calls this past month. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the Borough continues to grow and also indicated that a new officer, Officer Rucker, was sworn in and hope he will be available at the July meeting. Mr. Blumenthal also acknowledged interim Chief Carfagno for his leadership as well as the Mayor and all committee members for their continued attention.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were no Council objections therefore the approval of the agenda passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

Walter Gleba, resident, congratulated Dr. Borgerson on his one-year anniversary of being hired with the Borough as Assistant Manager. Mr. Gleba asked that the MacKenzie Park plans be clarified and put on the website for everyone to see. Mr. Hassan addressed Mr. Gleba and indicated that the plans will be updated as Grant Process is approved. Councilmember Conicello- Emery also indicated that the plans are on the website and also indicated its color coded and phases are listed.

Guy Davis, resident, welcomed Mr. Marr and also thanked Mr. Curran for all of his hard work on the Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the bills for this month were a total of \$611,050.20 and asked for a motion to approve the bills.

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
The motion passes

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the grand total is \$15,361,327.49 with a positive difference of \$529,492.09, interest earned on investments accounts was \$29,313.19, and pension accounts total \$10,615,934.77. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the financial report.

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the Consent Agenda includes committee reports and without objections, the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Mr. English indicated that the report is in the packet and Mr. English wanted to update members of the community that the Borough is looking to replace the rubber surface at St. Gert's tot lot that is around the playground equipment. A quote was received at \$6,847.60 from Surface Pros and work would begin in a few weeks. Many quotes were received as high as 9,000. To replace the entire concrete surface would be \$54,000. Councilmember Gale questioned if repair is okay or would need to be replaced. Mr. Hassan discussed further information on the work to be done for the surface. Councilmember Gorney asked about lifespan/warranty of this repair and Mr. Hassan indicated that the previous work was done 15 years ago. This material has a non-shrink bond.

Mr. John Iannozzi had nothing to report

Mr. Khal Hassan had two requests this evening for Council for bidding.

Church Street drainage. The design has been completed and the next step is putting this project out for bid. Mr. Hassan indicated that the bid results will be discussed at next Council meeting. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to bid this project.

Motion: Amelia Gale
Seconded: Chris Cella
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
The motion passes

Mr. Hassan is asking for a motion for bidding of the MacKenzie Park project, Phase 2A which is a very small project behind the concession stand. Danelle Fournier asked if the bids go out now when would the work start. Mr. Hassan indicated that this will be begin at the end of the summer program.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Chris Cella
Ayes: 7
Nays:0
The motion passes

Mr. Hassan wanted to also provide an update that a draft Ordinance has been prepared and will be discussed with the public safety committee regarding EV stations for commercial and residential.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of Steve Curran's resignation from the Planning Commission due to relocation.

Mr. Curran will be relocating out of the Borough and Mr. Blumenthal indicated that there is an alternate that will be able to fill in and advertisement will begin for a new alternate member.

Motioned by: Chris Cella
Seconded by: Amelia Gale
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
The motion passes

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Walter Gleba, resident, wanted to recognize the George Clay Fire Company especially the information regarding the EV charging stations and protecting our community. Mr. Gleba indicated that Community Day is scheduled for August 17th and is asking that Bullock Ave be paved. Mr. Gleba indicated that the meeting from last month that Engineers and DCR reviewed and approved the walkway at MacKenzie Park and then steepness by the woods and indicates that this in violation of our slope ordinance. Mr. Gleba wanted to know if anyone has gone to visit that location and cleaning up vegetation in that area and wanted to know if DCNR went to visit that site. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that staff is taking notes and will address them accordingly.

Jim Goggin, wanted to address the traffic on Moorehead and painting the box. Mr. Goggin wanted to follow up on the water issue that was published and asked if anyone contacted Aqua. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the item that Mr. Goggin was addressing was a paid advertisement article and Mr. Blumenthal did investigate this matter.

Denise Malecki, resident, asked about the status of her neighbors Right to Know request and would like to request this to be public. Ms. Malecki requested a poll of the votes for Richard Marr and would like to know who spoke to Mr. Marr prior to the last Council meeting. Ms. Malecki thanked the Police Department and wanted to address the conditions of Bullock Ave with paving and safety issues with stop signs, and wanted to address the traffic on Moorehead.

Mr. Blumenthal called on solicitor John Iannozzi regarding the Right to Know. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that the Right to Know will be processed on what the law requires. Mr Iannozzi indicated that the response date to the Right to Know request Ms. Malecki was referring to is the 14th and the response will be going to the Requestor. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that she could ask for a copy from the Requestor or submit a Right to Know for the Right to Know response. Ms. Malecki wanted to clarify that she should either ask the requestor for the documentation or submit another Right to Know request. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that the best policy is to submit a Right to Know with any public entity. Ms. Malecki asked if there was any limitation to posting the documents publicly. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that he is not allowed to provide legal advice on what she is allowed or not allowed to do with the documents, and she is to ask her legal counsel. Mr. Blumenthal asked Tara Gorney to discuss the issues with the light on Moorehead Ave. Councilmember Gorney stated that this light has been discussed at many meetings and the Borough does not control the timing of the lights.

Guy Davis, resident, indicated that there was excessive regulations on the plastic ban ordinance and governing of the Borough and suggests that this be re-evaluated for a business decision. Mr. Davis also suggested there be another committee to evaluate the Borough Codes. Mr. Davis also wanted to know why the plastic bag ordinance was not brought before the Planning Commission.

Joe Williams wanted to know the process on vacancies on Council and committees. Mr. Williams also wanted to address the traffic on Moorehead and recommendations on a stop sign. Mr. Blumenthal explained the openings for Council and Committees with news and notices in the mail and the website. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that Council members do have the right to talk to other members in the community about an opening on Council however there is no discussion between Council for election votes prior to the council meetings. Amelia Gale made a comment that this was the first time she has even met Mr. Marr and Mr. Blumenthal indicated that this is also the first time he has met Mr. Marr. Mr. Blumenthal also wanted to indicate that members of the community do send their letters of interest to the Borough prior. Ms. Gorney also indicated that at every council meeting when there is an opening, there is a series of questions that is asked and the same questions are asked with each applicant. Mr. Marr spoke to advise the public that he was made aware of the opening through the website he submitted his resume, answered questions at the last meeting and was selected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that members of Council will move into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and will not be returning as there is no action being taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Blumenthal asked Council for a motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
The motion passes

Respectfully Submitted



Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary