

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2020
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

Douglas Borgerson, Council President, called the meeting to order at and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Please remain standing for a moment of silence for Francis Costello, the late Councilman Joe Costello's wife who recently passed.

ROLL CALL

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Douglas Borgerson, President | Present |
| Tara Gorney, Vice President | Present |
| Tori Conicello-Emery | Present |
| John Cooper | Present |
| Danelle Fournier | Present |
| Jose Gonzalez | Present |
| Richard Greenstein | Present |
| Gregory Wesley-Lynch, Mayor | Present (Arrived late) 7:25 |
| Michael F. English, Borough Manager | Present |
| Joseph J. McGrory, Solicitor | Present |
| Khal Hassan, Engineer | Present |

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Borgerson opened the floor for public comment on agenda items. No one came forward.

PRESENTATION ON 49 DEHAVEN STREET PRELIM/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT

Edward Hughes, attorney for the applicant, stated we have received the resolution from the Council's Solicitor and it is agreeable to applicant.

Ms. Tara Gorney stated that your intention in appearing before Council is to go forward with the resolution.

Mr. Hughes stated that that was their intention.

Mr. Borgerson thanked Mr. Hughes for his time. Mr. Borgerson stated that next on the agenda is a presentation on 400 Barr Harbor.

PRESENTATION ON 400 BARR HARBOR LAND DEVELOPMENT

Amee Farrell, Kaplin Stuart, Council has approved Conditional Use and we have Zoning approval . We have worked with Planning Commission and staff and received approval. We have been moving forward completing items on the review letters from the Borough Engineer and have received our final review letter. We are here tonight looking for final approval.

Mr. McGrory stated that there is a resolution for approval for this project.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the November 12, 2019 Council Meeting minutes.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez
All in Favor, Yes.
The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the December 10, 2019 Council Meeting minutes.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez
All in Favor, Yes.
The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the January 6, 2020 Council Meeting minutes.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Danelle Fournier
All in Favor, Yes.
The motion passed 6 to 0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Bogerson announced the bills total \$ 405,189.88 and asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr. Bogerson requested a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$405,189.88

Motioned by: Jack Cooper
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in Favor, Yes.
The motion passed 6 to 0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. English announced the current funds of the Borough as of \$14,008,414.10 are and asked if there were any questions. No questions were posed.

Earned interest on all investments is \$45.14.

Mr. Bogerson requested a motion to approve the financial report.

Motioned by: Jack Cooper

Seconded by: Richard Greenstein

All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 6 to 0.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. English stated my report is in your package. There are a couple items that I want to go over. There is a program by the Department of Agriculture to treat "host trees" of the spotted lantern fly. They have identified parcels around MacKenzie Park. I need the Borough Council to authorize me to sign the consent for treatment on any borough property. The process will begin in May and will continue until September. Property owners are responsible for their own properties. We will ask the forester when they come to the Borough to give us information for home owners and what can be done on their property. The information will be put on the Borough's website and facebook page.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT, AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Tara Gorney stated the traffic safety will be meeting on February 18, 2020 and will review the parking ordinance. Mr. English stated that John Iannozzi and Brian Keavney will be attending to answer any questions.

Chief Sinclair stated the police officers completed their firearms training. The Police Department has hired a new part time officer. The officer was sworn in on February 4, 2020. Chief Sinclair asked for any questions.

Mr. Greenstein stated he would like to thank the officers who assisted a medical emergency in his neighborhood.

Mr. Fink read his fire report to the Council. On February 19th there will be the Hazmat refresher course for the members. Mr. Fink asked who on Council will be the Fire Company liaison.

Mr. Borgerson stated the Fire Company's questions will be addressed in the Public Safety meeting. The meeting is scheduled be February 25th, 2020.

Mr. Fink stated that the fire company is having meeting to go over the criteria for the Losap program.

Mr. Greenstein stated that the company that is suppling the information and will administer it gave us names of several municipalities. I contacted them and they were all very happy with the results that they have had over the 25 to 30 years with this program. I went over several questions and most of everything I received were positive responses. The person that is running the programming stated that she will help us with any questions or problems.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Mr. McGrory stated last month I was not here. I understand that there was a question about The Foundation. The Foundation has been in place since March 2019. The Council needs to supply names for the Foundation Board.

Mr. Greenstein stated that there was only one person and the foundation needs three members to be appointed by Council. It cannot be any members from the Council.

Mr. Borgerson stated that Mr. McGrory can find out if the Mayor can be on the Foundation Board. The request for volunteers can be put on the Borough Website and facebook page.

Mr. Hassan stated that on 14 Union Hill Road there was a lot of dirt on the bottom of the slope and the retaining wall and I have meet with PennDot and the contractor. The extra dirt and has been removed. There is a team that is monitoring this but so far it is holding up. I have been looking for grants for sidewalk connectivity in the Borough. I will come to the Council with several ideas that as soon as I have the grant information. The vision plan is in place and we might be able to get some grants.

Ms. Tara Gorney asked if this should be something for the Traffic Safety committee. The Committee has been discussing this.

Mr. English stated that the CBDG meeting is on March 28th and I attend. There are grants through them.

Mr. Hassan stated that this is only for CBDG. The Borough has difficulty getting participation for some neighborhoods and there are other options that can be explored through grants.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bogerson asked if there was any old business. No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. English stated we meet with Conshohocken Borough officials to discuss applying for a TCDI grant. The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) that administers the TCDI grant looks favorable when joint municipalities apply for this grant. In the discussion we had with Traffic Engineer Brian Keavney, the application is just for money to do the study. The grant is 80% paid for by (DVRPC) and the 20% of the cost would be split equally between Conshohocken and West Conshohocken. The study is to look at installing a slip ramp off the Expressway and an major intersection modification for Crawford Ave, Front Street, Moorehead Avenue as a way to move traffic more effectively.

Mr. Borgerson requested a motion to authorize the Borough Administration to prepare a joint municipal application with Conshohocken Borough to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for a Transportation, Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
All in Favor: Yes
Motion Passed 7-0

Mr. Borgerson requested a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise an Ordinance to amend the provisions of the Police Pension Plan.

Motioned by: John Cooper
Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez
All in Favor: Yes
Motion Passed 7-0

Mr. Borgerson requested a motion to Adopt Resolution 2020-02, Preliminary/Final Land Development Resolution for 49 Dehaven Ave.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in Favor: No

Mr. Borgerson asked for Council to be polled.

Douglas Borgerson – Yes
Danelle Fournier – Abstained
Richard Greenstein - Yes
Tara Gorney – Yes
Jose Gonzalez – Yes
Jack Cooper – Yes
The motion passed 6-0 With one abstention.

Mr. Borgerson requested a motion to Adopt Resolution 2020-03, Final Land Development Resolution for 400 Barr Harbor Drive.

Motioned by: John Cooper
Seconded by: Jose Gonzlez
All in Favor: Yes

Mr. Borgerson asked for Council to be polled.
Douglas Borgerson – Yes
Danelle Fournier – yes
Richard Greenstein - Yes
Tara Gorney – No
Jose Gonzalez – Yes
Jack Cooper – Yes
The motion passed 6-1 Tara Gorney opposed.

Mr. Borgerson requested a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to sign, on behalf of the Borough, a Consent for Treatment with the PA Department of Agriculture, to allow the Department of Agriculture to treat “host trees” of the spotted lantern fly on Borough Property.

Motioned by: John Cooper
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in Favor: Yes
Motion Passed 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mike Beck, 397 Dehaven Avenue, asked about Mr. Hassan’s first review report of this project and the items that needed correction

Mr. Hassan stated since his first report the developer has complied with all the items. The final land development resolution is for recording purposes. As we will move forward with the construction we will make sure that all proper protections of your property are being provided. Mr. Hassan answered all of Mr. Beck’s questions regarding the property being developed. Mr. Hassan assured Mr. Beck that he can come in Borough Hall and review the plans and documentation.

Mr. Guy Davis, 18 Balligomingo Road, suggested that the Borough live stream the meetings so residents can listen from home.

Mr. Dick Kenna, 1095 New Dehaven Street, stated that he liked to thank Borough Council for approving 400 Barr Harbor Drive it was very selfish of them. Mr. Kenna stated that the valet sign on Ford was in the street. Mr. English stated that the Chief will ask the officers to check on the sign. There was a lengthy discussion of this development with Mr. Kenna and Council.

Mr. McGrory stated as long as 400 Barr Harbor are in compliance with all our ordinances not allowing them to build would be a civil rights violation. The damages from lawsuits for violations like this would be in the millions.

Mr. English stated that the Council will be going into executive session at 7:55pm.

Mr. Borgerson stated Council is back in regular session at 8:43.

Mr. Borgerson requested a motion to hire Indian Valley Appraisers to appraise a property in the Borough for a fee of not to exceed \$2,000.00

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in Favor: Yes
Motion Passed 6-1
Jack Cooper voted No

Mr. Bergerson requests a motion to increase Chief Sinclair's salary to \$119,00.00 plus longevity for years of service to the Borough.

Motioned by: John Cooper
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in Favor: Yes
Motion Passed 7-0

ADJOURN

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Motioned by: Jack Cooper
Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez
All in Favor, Yes.
The motion passed 7 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael English
Borough Manager

