

**BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING**

June 9, 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

This meeting was held remotely using the Webex platform. Douglas Borgerson, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Douglas Borgerson, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present Joined at 7:13 PM
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
John Cooper	Present
Danelle Fournier	Present Joined at 7:05 PM
Jose Gonzalez	Present
Richard Greenstein	Present
Gregory Wesley-Lynch, Mayor	Absent
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. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Jack Cooper motioned and Jose Gonzalez seconded a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes for the January 14, 2020 Council meeting. There were 6 in favor and 0 opposed and the motion passed 6-0.

Richard Greenstein motioned and Jack Cooper seconded a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes for the February 11, 2020 Council meeting. There were 6 in favor and 0 opposed and the motion passed 6-0.

Tori Conicello- Emery motioned and Jose Gonzalez seconded a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes for the March 10, 2020 Council meeting. There were 4 in favor and 0 opposed with Jack Cooper and Danelle Fournier abstaining as they were absent at that meeting.

Richard Greenstein motioned and Jack Cooper seconded a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes for the April 14, 2020 Council meeting. There were 6 in favor and 0 opposed and the motion passed 6-0.

Jack Cooper motioned and Tori Conicello-Emery seconded a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes for the May 12, 2020 meeting. There were 6 in favor and 0 opposed and the motion passed 6-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Doug Borgerson announced the bills total \$344,608.91 and asked if anyone had any questions.

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$344,608.91.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by: Tori Conicello- Emery
All in Favor, Yes
The motion passed 6 to 0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Doug Borgerson announced the current funds of the Borough as of, June 8, 2020 was \$15,256,900.15 and asked if there were any questions. No questions were posed.

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to approve the Financial Report.

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. English stated my report is in the drop box. Mr. English stated that he and Mr. Hassan had a telephone conference meeting with DEP scheduled for June 10 to discuss Covanta's performance and possible contract specifications. Mr. English also announced that he and Pat Zapien will meeting to discuss possible options for the Summer Playground Program due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. English also stated that the Public Safety Committee was planning to meet on June 18 at the George Clay Fire House. Mr. English reported that the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) had notified the Borough that due to financial constraints, the Borough's TCDI grant was not selected for funding in 2020-2021 funding cycle. Mr. English stated that the borough staff was discussing with Montgomery County Planning Commission staff possible County Transportation grant funding that would be available in the next grant cycle.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT, AND MAYOR'S REPORT

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Chief Sinclair reported that there will be a demonstration march planned for June 10 starting at the West Conshohocken McDonald's Restaurant and marching into Conshohocken Borough then marching back to West Conshohocken. The Chief and his staff had been working with Conshohocken Police Department and Montgomery County EOC on this event. Chief Sinclair provided follow up information regarding the request for a handicapped parking spot for 226 Moorehead Avenue. The resident does comply with the Borough code and Police spoke to the neighbors they did not have any concerns as the resident that parked at the proposed location of the handicapped spot for many years.

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to approve the request for a Handicapped parking spot near 226 Moorehead Ave.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery
Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez
All in Favor, Yes
The motion passed 7 to 0.

Borough Solicitor McGrory had nothing to report this month.

Borough Engineer Mr. Hassan discussed the scheduled telephone conference call with DEP regarding curbside trash disposal options. Mr. Hassan reported that the Bid Specification package had been completed for the Municipal Parking Lot to be located on the 8 Merion Ave. Property and Mr. Hassan asked Council to authorize the advertisement of the Bid Specification package. Council members discussed the issue of automatic gates being part of the bid specification as the Traffic and Parking committee had not included the gate option in the discussions of the draft Parking Ordinance. Mr. Hassan stated that the gates could be listed as an "add alternate" on the specification and Council could decide after the Bids were received if Council wished to include the gates in the project.

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to authorize the Bid Specification Package for the 8 Merion Parking Lot.
Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez
All in Favor, Yes
Motion passed 7 to 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Doug Borgerson asked if there was any old business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Doug Borgerson requested a Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08 Designating the Borough Manager the authority to execute on behalf of the Borough required forms and Documents to obtain reimbursement for COVID-19 expenses from PEMA or FEMA.
Motioned by: Richard Greenstein
Seconded by: Jack Cooper
All in favor, Yes
Motion passed 7 to 0.

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09 to establish temporary requirements and guidelines for outdoor dining during the COVID-19 phased reopening plan. Mr. English and Mr. McGrory reviewed the reasoning and purpose of the resolution. Council discussed possible options to assist the Restaurants in the Borough during this crisis. Mr. English was asked to also reach out to Victorino's Pizza to provide any assistance.

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

Doug Borgerson stated that Borough Council had a draft of a Social Media Policy for Council to review and submit comments back by June 30 so Council could discuss at the July meeting

Doug Borgerson asked for Council members to volunteer to serve on a review committee regarding the Solid Waste Disposal Bid Specifications. Doug indicated that at the end of 2019 Council wanted to look at this issue. Tori Conicello-Emery volunteered, as did Jose Gonzalez, and Jack Cooper. Doug Borgerson named Tori Conicello- Emery chair of the review Committee. Tori Conicello-Emery could not take part in the June 10 conference call but Jose Gonzalez and Jack Cooper could participate.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT


Doug Borgerson asked for any general public comment and there were none. Doug Borgerson asked John Fink to give the Fire Company report. John Fink reported on the Fire Company activity in the month of May. John Fink asked about holding the Public Safety Committee meeting at the George Clay Fire House. Doug Borgerson announced that the meeting would be held on Thursday June 18 at 6:30 PM at George Clay Fire House. Dave Frankenfield also offered to host the July 14, 2020 Council Meeting at the Fire House. Solicitor McGrory asked about Handicapped Accessibility at the Fire House. Dave Frankenfield stated that the second floor meeting room was accessible. The Borough will take that offer under advisement.

ADJOURN

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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