

**BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
Held at MacKenzie Park Pavilion  
AUGUST 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**

Doug Borgerson, Council President, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Doug Borgerson, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present
John Cooper	Present
Danelle Fournier	Present
Jose Gonzalez	Present
Richard Greenstein	Present
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
Joseph J. McGrory, Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Engineer	Present

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA**

Doug Borgerson opened the floor for public comment on agenda items. No one came forward. Doug Borgerson thanked George Clay Fire Company for offering the use of the Fire House hall for the August 11 Council meeting.

**INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR VACANCY AS MAYOR**

Doug Borgerson announced that there were two persons that had sent resumes and letters of Interest for the vacancy as Mayor. Doug Borgerson asked Solicitor McGrory to detail how long this appointment would last. Joe McGrory stated that the appointment would be until the first Monday in January of 2022. The Mayor's seat will be on the November 2022 municipal election. Doug Borgerson asked Joseph Pignoli to come forward and make a statement. Mr. Pignoli reviewed his accomplishments when he had served as Mayor. Mr. Pignoli also outlined what felt were the pressing issues that would be facing in the coming months and how he would plan to address these issues. Mr. Pignoli thanked Council for the opportunity to come before Council. Doug Borgerson asked there were any questions for Mr. Pignoli. There were no questions.

Doug Borgerson asked Danelle Fournier to come forward to be interviewed. Danelle Fournier outlined how she will strive to be sure that all residents, new and old, would be informed of the activities in the Borough. She plans to increase the number of activities and level of communication for all residents. COVID-19 has resulted in many programs have been forced to be cancelled. There is need create a community that every resident will be proud of.

Doug Borgerson asked the Solicitor to review the appropriate manner to proceed. The Solicitor indicated that since there were two applicants that both names should be placed in nomination.

John Cooper nominated Joe Pignoli. Tori Conicello-Emery Nominated Danelle Fournier.

Danelle Fournier received 5 votes: Tori Conicello-Emery, Tara Gorney, Jose Gonzalez, Tara Gorney, Richard Greenstein, Doug Borgerson.

Joseph Pignoli received 1 vote from John Cooper

Danelle was elected to fill the vacancy as Mayor until January 2, 2022. Danelle Fournier orally submitted her resignation as a member of Council effective immediately

Jose Gonzalez motioned to accept the resignation of Danelle Fournier as a member of Council seconded by Doug Borgerson.

Doug Borgerson introduced Judge Wendy Rothstein, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, to swear in Danelle Fournier as Mayor.

Mike English explained the process to filling the newly created vacancy on Council. The Council would be able to fill the vacancy at the September 8, 2020 Council meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Doug Borgerson asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020

Motioned by: Tara Gorney

Seconded by: Richard Greenstein

All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5- 0-1. Jack Cooper abstained as he was absent at the July 14 meeting

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Doug Borgerson announced the bills total is \$193,009.62 and asked if anyone had any questions. There was none.

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to approve the bills for \$193,009.62.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery

Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez

All in Favor: Yes.

The motion passed 6 to 0.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Doug Bogerson announced the current funds of the Borough as of August 11 are \$14,769,779.39, and asked if there were any questions. Jose Gonzalez said that he would have comments during the discussion of the 8 Merion Parking Lot. Doug Borgerson asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report.

Motioned by: John Cooper  
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein  
All in Favor: Yes  
The motion passed 6-0

## **COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT, AND MAYOR'S REPORT**

Police Chief reported on the August 4th rain event and thanked the Public Works and Fire Company for their hard work during that event. Chief Sinclair updated Council on the PEMA/FEMA reimbursement process for COVID-19 related expenses. Jose Gonzalez asked if these expenses were Police related only. The Chief responded that the expenses were for all Borough expenses.

## **BOROUGH MANGER'S REPORT**

Mike English stated that his report was in the packet and he wanted to thank the Fire Company, Police Department, and Public Works for their efforts during the August 4 rain event. The Borough received 7.5 inches of rain.

George Clay Fire Company report was given by Dave Frankenfield , who said that their report was in the dropbox. He then reviewed their activities on August 4th and asked that the Borough to reach out to residents the urge them to clean out their rain gutters in an effort to prevent basement flooding during storms. He also discussed persons that drove through the road-closed signage that resulted in the need for water rescues.

Tori Conicello-Emery spoke about efforts to get volunteers to assist residents in various tasks around the home such as Dave had mentioned.

Tara Gorney asked about notifications for street blockages.

Mike English will be looking into options and will report back to Council.

## **PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

Solicitor's topic was covered earlier in the meeting.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Khal Hassan reviewed a number of topics including the rain event of August 4, Balligomingo Road, the bathrooms at St.Gert's Parish Hall. Khal Hassan was asked about the 509 Apple Street Property by Tori Conicello-Emery. Khal reviewed the recent activity at the property. Tori Conicello-Emery raised issues that the property owner at 505 Apple had raised regarding 509 Apple property.

Council discussed how the Borough staff could monitor and how to address locations that were property maintenance violations moving forward.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Doug Borgerson asked for a Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-10 appointing Danelle Fournier to serve as Mayor until January 2, 2022

Motioned by: Tara Gorney  
Seconded by: John Cooper  
All in Favor: Yes  
Motion Passed 6-0

Doug Borgerson opened discussion on the 8 Merion Parking lot. He asked Jose Gonzalez to comment and he discussed his concern that based on his analysis on the borough revenue for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020 he felt that the deficit could be down between \$550,000-750,000.

He was of the opinion was to wait until next year to act on this project. John Cooper asked Khal Hassan to comment on the bid numbers that were received. Khal felt the bid numbers would be higher if the project was re-bid. Doug Borgerson agreed with Mr. Hassan that if we wait and rebid the prices would be higher.

Council discussed possible budgeting options as well as waiting until next year.

Doug Borgerson asked for a motion to award a contract for the construction of a parking lot at 8 Merion Ave. in the amount of \$174,805.00 base bid to Premier Concrete, Inc. of Broomall, PA.

Motioned by: John Cooper  
Seconded by: Tara Gorney

In Favor: John Cooper, Tara Gorney, Tori Conicello-Emery, Dick Greenstein

Opposed: Jose Gonzalez, Doug Borgerson

Motion Passed 4-2

Doug Borgerson asked for a motion to adopt the Social Media Policy

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez  
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery

All in Favor: Yes  
Motion Passed 6-0

## **ADJOURN**

Doug Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Motioned by: John Cooper

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

All in Favor, Yes.

The motion Passed 6 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael English, Borough Manager

