

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
Held Virtually
November 10, 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 Zoom platform. Douglas Borgerson, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Douglas Borgerson, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present
Stephan Blumenthal	Present
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
John Cooper	Absent
Jose Gonzalez	Present
Richard Greenstein	Present
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
John Iannozzi, Solicitor	Present
Ted Dmytrk, Engineer	Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Borgerson opened the floor for public comment on agenda items. There was no public comment.

PRESENTATION REGARDING A PROPERTY ON VALLEY ROAD

George Broseman, Attorney for 1280 Valley Road Property introduced Jon Ceci, Landscape Architect, Rob Lambert, Civil engineer, and Jeremey Wood, the property owner. Mr. Broseman indicated that this was an informal presentation, as the project will go through the Zoning Hearing Board seeking relief. John Iannozzi indicated that the applicant would have to go through the planning process as well as coming into Council for Conditional Use approval. Mr. Ceci reviewed the existing conditions as well the proposed development. Mr. Broseman, once again, discussed the zoning requirements that his client would need. Mr. Dmytrk indicated what additional zoning relief that the applicant would need to apply to the Zoning Hearing Board. Steep slope Rob Lambert then discussed the proposed development. A question was asked about the access road to the development. Rob stated that the roadway would be a privately owned roadway.

Ted Dmytrk, from Pennoni Associates reviewed the issue of steep slopes and based on the number of units in the plan would be problematic. There was only one access road. Mr. Dmtryk said that he could not see any front, rear or side yard set backs on the plan. There were no lot lines on the plans. Mr. Broseman indicted that the plans to that level but this project might end up as an Association.

Mr. Dmytrk also indicated the steep slopes might limit the number units that could be buildt. Mr. Broseman responded to Mr. Dmytrk's comment. Mr. Iananozzi thanked the Applicant for the presentation. Mr. Gonzalez asked a question regarding the use of soundproofing at the site. Mr. Ceci stated that they were not considering soundproofing. The Property Owner, Jeremy Wood said that they had looked into soundproofing.

Dave Frankenfield, George Clay Fire Company asked about the distance from the proposed development to Valley Road. There had been issues about the ownership of water mains along Valley Road. Dave had a concern about the number of fire hydrants and distance Rob Lambert said that it was 600 feet from Valley Road to proposed development. The Fire Company had concerns about the distances between the fire hydrants.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the regular Council Meeting of October 13, 2020.

Motioned by: Mr. Blumenthal

Seconded by: Mrs. Conicello-Emery

All in Favor: Aye

Motion Passed 5-0 Mr. Gonzalez abstained as he was absent at the October 13, 2020 meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Borgerson announced the bills total \$817,905.21 and asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr. Borgerson requested a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$ 817,905.21

Motioned by: Mr. Greenstein

Seconded by: Mr. Gonzalez

All in Favor: Aye

The motion passed 6-0

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Borgerson announced the current funds of the Borough as of, November 9, 2020 was \$14,445,918.23 and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Gonzalez discussed that a maturity will be coming due in December and the funds will be put into an Invesco money market account. Mr. Gonzalez stated, in January, the Borough will look into ladder investment options. Mr. Greenstein commented that he was concerned that Earned Income Tax revenues were down for October. Mr. English stated that October is traditionally a month with lower EIT revenue but in November, the Borough receives a large portion of 3rd quarter EIT revenues. No other questions were posed.

Mr. Borgerson requested a motion to approve the Financial Report.

Motioned by: Mr. Gonzalez

Seconded by: Mr. Greenstein

All in Favor, Aye

The motion passed 6-0

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BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. English announced that the two Budget Workshop meetings will be held on Tuesday November 17 and Tuesday, November 24 starting at 6:30 PM. Mr. English stated that JP Mascaro will be assigning more people to their recycling operations after mid- December. Mr. English recognized the efforts that the Public Works staff put into the St. Gert's Parish Hall project for Election Day.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT, AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fournier thanked the Police Department, George Clay Fire Company, and the Recreational Council for all of their hard work to make the Night before Halloween event such a success. The Mayor wanted alert everyone about the COVID-19 hospital numbers are as high as they have been. The Mayor reminded everyone about the CDC guidelines for the use of PPEs and use of Social Distancing as well as COVID-19 apps available. The Mayor spoke about the Meal Mates program that prepares meals for those in need in the community. This program has really increased recently K9 T shirts and other items are still available for purchase. The Mayor spoke about the Veteran's day event that took place on Saturday, November 7 in front of Borough Hall. The Mayor of Conshohocken participated as well as the VFW. The Mayor of Conshohocken and Mayor Fournier will be competing in the Battle of the Bridge to highlighting the restaurants in the two Boroughs.

Police Chief Sinclair reported on the activities during the past month including the National Drug Take Back Initiative that had fort seven pounds of expired prescription drugs turned in. The Chief also reported the parking and traffic patrols along Ford Street. Noise complaints from Baggataway's Tavern and Gypsy Salon were checked out by evening patrol units. Ms. Gorney asked a questions regarding his incident report.

John Fink reviewed the George Clay Fire Company monthly report. There were no questions on the Fire Company.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Solicitor John Iannozzi had nothing to report at this time.

Engineer Ted Dmytrk reported that the 8 Merion Parking Lot is waiting for the Lighting System to be installed and that a final punch list inspection will need to be completed. Ted also reported out that noise testing will take place at Gypsy Salon to confirm the noises levels that the Police Department were receiving. Ted stated the current conditions survey on MacKenzie Park was completed and will be finalizing the plan. Echo Ridge is being asked to completed. Ricard Greenstein asked about the Moorehead Ave. property. Mr. English will be meeting the Property Owner in the near future. Mrs. Conicello –Emery asked a question regarding the time limitations

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

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Mr. Borgerson asked Mr. English to explain the budget process. Mr. English explained the schedule process once the Proposed Preliminary Budget is passed. Mr. Greenstein asked a question regarding Mr. Cooper's request. Mr. English explained that Mr. Cooper's request would be discussed at the first Budget workshop.

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to adopt the 2021 Proposed Preliminary Budget.
Motioned by: Mr. Greenstein
Seconded by: Ms. Gorney
All in Favor: Aye
The motion passed 6 to 0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Conicello-Emery stated that she would be coordinating Office of Children and Youth (OCY) donations that will be held on Saturday, November 14 as ked anyone that had any questions to reach out to her.

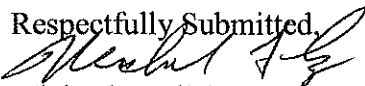
Mr. Gonzalez has about the status of the West Conshohocken Foundation. Tori Conicello-Emery reported on the progress of the Foundation. Mr. Borgerson asked that the Foundation make a report at the December meeting and make a report to Council on quarterly basis

Dottie Fink wanted to mention that Giant Foods had vouchers free turkeys that could be distributed to needy families.

ADJOURN

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Motioned by: Mr.
Seconded by: Mr. Blumenthal
All in Favor, Yes.
The motion passed 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael English
Borough Manager