

**BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
Held Virtually
December 8, 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 7:01 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Douglas Borgerson, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present
Stephen Blumenthal	Present
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
John Cooper	Present
Jose Gonzalez	Present
Richard Greenstein	Present
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
Joseph 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.

PRESENTATION BY WEST CONSHOHOCKEN FOUNDATION

Nicole Zapata and Joe Pignoli reviewed the Foundation's work during 2020. She thanked Council and the members of the Foundation for their support and work during the year. She reported that there were two rounds of awards. The Foundation is looking to be able to connect with residents that are not connected electronically. Mr. Gonzalez asked about the status of the 501 3 (c) application. Joe Pignoli stated that the Solicitor for the Foundation would be able to answer that question. Mr. McGrory indicated Andrew Grau. Mr. Gonzalez asked if the Foundation had looked into funding opportunities. Ms. Zapata stated that fundraising had not been a major focus during the first year. There was discussion on possible avenues to explore on this matter. Mr. Gonzalez asked if there were a pipeline of applications. Ms. Zapata stated that all applicants were served in 2020. Ms. Conicello-Emery asked if there was need for assistance by the Foundation members.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS (Borough Manager, Mayor, Police and Fire)

Mr. Borgerson asked Mr. English to give his report. Mr. English indicated that the capability to email members of Council via the website was in progress. The will be a Public Safety Committee set up for December 17, 2020.

Police Chief Sinclair gave his report highlighting recent activities in the Borough. Ms. Gorney asked a question regarding parking enforcement on Ford Street.

David Frankenfield asked to confirm the date of the Public Safety Committee meeting. The date was confirmed as December 17, 2020. Tina Reese reported that the Fire Company had been working the software to provide additional information for Council regarding which piece of apparatus were used for each call.

Mayor Fournier stated the newsletter will be on the website and mailed out. The food drive is been very well received and there are drop boxes at the Borough Hall and Police Station. The Holiday Decorating contest is going on and the Recreation Council has provided additional funds for the contest. This January will mark the 50 anniversary of the fatal fire along Front Street.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the regular Council Meeting of November 10, 2020.

Motioned by: Mr. Cooper

Seconded by: Mr. Greenstein

All in Favor: Aye /Motion Passed 7-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Borgerson announced the bills total of \$488,149.56 and asked if anyone had any questions. Mr. Gonzalez asked a question regarding Site Lock Services charge for security for the Borough's website what the services that were provided and that he went on their website and found plans available at a cheaper cost. Mr. English said that he would look into the matter and report back to Council. Ms. Conicello-Emery suggested setting up a website for the West Conshohocken Foundation

Mr. Borgerson requested a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$488,149.56

Motioned by: Mr. Gonzalez

Seconded by: Mr. Greenstein

All in Favor: Aye/The motion passed 7-0

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Borgerson announced the current funds of the Borough as of, December 8, 2020 was \$14,564,875.35 and asked if there were any questions. No 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 7 -0

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Solicitor McGrory had nothing to report but requested an executive session at the end of the meeting.

Engineer Khal Hassan had one item regarding the Letter of Credit close out for 549 Apple Street. Mr. Hassan reviewed the past history of the project and that all billing by the Borough has been paid by the developer. Mr. Hassan recommended that the Borough final release the letter of credit. Mr. Greenstein had a question regarding the Moorehead Ave. property. Mr. Gonzalez asked if there was any cash involved or was this just the letter of credit. Mr. Hassan stated it was just the letter of credit and Mr. Gonzalez had no problem with the release.

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to release the letter of credit in the amount of \$24,775.00.

A question was raised by Dave Frankenfield regarding a fire hydrant at that location. Mr. Haasan responded to Mr. Frankenfield's question.

Motioned by: Mr. Gonzalez

Seconded by: Mr. Cooper

All in Favor: Aye/The motion passed 7-0

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to adopt 2021 Budget. Mr. Gonzalez raised a point that the last page of the cash balance forward. Mr. Borgerson stated that amount was the projected shortfall for the year 2020. The amount for 2021 shortfall \$420,000 in the proposed 2021 Budget. Mr. Gonzalez reviewed possible options. Mr. Cooper stated the Budget is just a guide. Mr. English that Council can modify the budget doing the course of the year. Ms. Gorney voiced that Council should start the Budget review in June. Ms. Gorney asked if software is available, that would make budget forecasting better. The question was raised if other members of Council were interested. Ms. Conicello-Emery asked about the timing of meetings regarding budgets. Mr. Borgerson answered the workshop in February is for the 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Blumenthal advocated for the February workshop meeting.

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to adopt the 2021 Borough budget

Motioned by: Mr. Greenstein

Seconded by: Mr. Cooper

All in favor: Aye/The motion passed 7-0

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-15 affixing the 2021 real estate tax levy. Mr. Gonzalez asked a question about the tax rate that was reduced four years ago. There was a discussion on the tax levy that was reduced at that time. That should be emphasized.

Motioned by: Mr. Gonzalez

Seconded by: Mr. Blumenthal

All in Favor: Aye

The Motion passed 7-0

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the 2021 Borough Meeting Schedule
Moted by: Ms. Gorney
Seconded by: Mr. Gonzalez
All in Favor: Aye
The motion passed 7-0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Borgerson asked if there was any Public Comment and there was none.

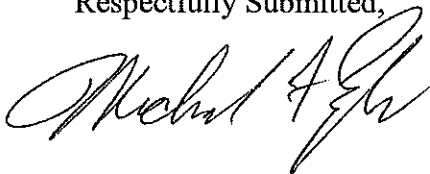
Mr. Borgerson announced that there would be an executive session to discuss possible ligation

ADJOURN

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Moted by: Mr. Cooper
Seconded by: Mr. Greenstein
All in Favor: Aye
The motion passed 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael English
Borough Manager