

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
March 9, 2021
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. 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
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
John Cooper	Present
Stephen Blumenthal	Present
Jose Gonzalez	Present
Richard Greenstein	Present
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
Joseph J. McGrory, Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Engineer	Present
Michael Sinclair, Police Chief	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

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the regular Council Meeting of February 9, 2021.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal
All in Favor: Yes
Motion Passed 6-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to approve the bills for last month for the total amount of \$662,236.12. The monthly bills are higher because of the backlog due to Meg Decker out for a few weeks. The liability insurance premium is on the bills this month. Mr. English indicated he is working on disputing the Site Lock charges.

Motion to approve: Tori Conicello-Emery
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
All in Favor: Yes
The motion passed 6-0

FINANCIAL REPORT

Doug Borgerson announced the current funds of the Borough as of February 31, 2021 was \$14,740,000.25. Jose discussed the consolidated accounts with Truist Bank. Jose also discussed the accounting system and budget review dates. Tara commented on the new accounting system

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to approve the Financial Report.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
All in Favor, Yes
The motion passed 6-0

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. English stated that his report is in the Dropbox. Mr. English requests the authorization to sign a 3 year contract with CONSOLVE for Code Red System for the Borough. The Borough is working with Governors Center for Local Government which is a grant program for getting consultants for operations and service for police and fire department at no charge to the Borough. A motion and a letter of intent is needed. No comments or questions were presented.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT, AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Chief Sinclair indicated that Officer Spencer Ellis was sworn in by Mayor Fournier. There 14 noise complaints. These complaints were investigated and none of the readings exceeded the ordinance level. There is additional police presence at the intersection of Crawford and Barr Harbor for running light complaints.

Mr. David Frankenfield states Reports are in the dropbox. Mr. Frankenfield commented in favor of the presentation with CODE RED.

Steve Blumenthal discussed starting the budget process early. A meeting was held with George Clay Fire Department on cost sharing Losap program. Mr. Blumenthal also discussed CONSULVE and the Code Red System for the Borough and the peer system

Mayor Danelle Fournier spoke of the community talk regarding the sale of the sewer authority. The community is hoping to host events such as Memorial Day services and Christmas in July. National Night Out is scheduled for August 3rd. This year is the 20th year anniversary of 9/11.

Tara Gorney indicated that PENNDOT will be taking ownership of the traffic lights the middle of 2021. Mr. English is waiting on the cost estimate to install the right hand turn signal on Matsonford Road and Ford. Tara Gorney also spoke about the Merion Ave parking lot. Mr. Hassan states the project is substantially complete, waiting for contractors to submit final documents and maintenance bond. The Working on pilot parking program.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Mr. McGrory located a forensic accountant to analyze the sewer rates and with the sale pending Mr. McGrory suggested it would be best to put on hold at this time.

Mr. McGrory announced attorney Ed Campbell, present at the meeting, from O'Neill properties with discussions on proposed overlay on HI District. GSK is looking to expand height from 40 feet to 80 feet. GSK is looking for approval to advertise the proposed change in ordinance. Questions were presented from council regarding demolition, traffic, grants and benefit to the community. Council members agreed that no action is going to take place. Campbell will attend workshop meetings and provide more information.

Mr. Hassan discussed 100-200 Four Falls new back entrance to the property. Tom Sclow was present at the meeting. An expansion of the entrance is proposed with additional 650 square feet of unoccupied space. The proposed expansion does not affect storm water management, zoning or traffic. The applicant requests a waiver from land development. Mr. McGrory indicated that the land development be waived.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by Jack Cooper
All in favor, Yes
The motion passed 7-0

Mr. Hassan discussed the grant from Montgomery County for CBDG obligation. The initial costs was more than \$321,000 plus engineering AND INSPECTION fees. Borough Manager and Mr. Hassan reduced the scope to \$203,280.00 and the grant was approved for 200,000 and Borough responsible for the remaining funds. Mr. Hassan requested a motion to move forward with the project.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein
Seconded by Tori Conicello-Emery
All in favor, Yes
The motion passed 7-0

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Doug Borgerson asked for a motion to authorize Borough Manager to enter into a 3 year agreement with CONSOLVE for the Code Red System. Mr. English and Mr. Blumenthal discussed the program and agreed to signing for the full unlimited use and being able to alter the level of service

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in Favor, Yes
The motion passed 7-0

Doug Borgerson asked for a motion to submit Letter of Intent for Center for Local Government for Peer Assistance Program for consultants for police, fire consultants for operations and services at no cost to the Borough.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein
Seconded by: Jack Cooper
All in favor: Yes
The motion passed 7-0

Doug Borgerson asked for a motion to appoint Cristina Meade as Assistant Borough Secretary to sign the meeting minutes.

Motioned by: Jack Cooper
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in favor: Yes
The motion passed 7-0

Doug Borgerson opened the discussion for the monthly standing item for outdoor dining. Dave Frankenfield believes for now the noise is under control and there was no public comments. Chief Sinclair confirmed that there have been no complaints this month.

Doug Borgerson asked for a motion for Borough Manager to advertise Household Curbside Recycling Contract for the Borough. The current contract with JP Mascaro ends August 1, 2021. Bids will begin in April and a decision will be awarded in May.

Motioned by: Jack Cooper
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in favor: yes
The motion passed 7-0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ADJOURN

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16p.m.

Motioned by: Jack Cooper
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in Favor, Yes.
The motion passed 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,


Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary