

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN  
COUNCIL MEETING  
July 13, 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**

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 Gomey, Vice President	Present
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
John Cooper	Present
Stephen Blumenthal	Present
Jose Gonzalez	Absent
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

**A moment of silence took place for Penn Wynne Firefighter Sean Demuynck who passed away on July 4, 2021.**

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion for a 5 minute time limit for public comments on the agenda

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal  
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
All in favor: yes  
Motion passes 6-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA**

Kim Strengeri spoke in comment of extending the outdoor dining resolution. They have complied with the music, noted that the kitchen closes at 9:00pm every night

William Reynolds, resident at 117 Ford Street spoke in favor of outside dining and spoke in favor of the proposed billboard from Catalyst Experiential.

Walter Gleba, resident at 225 Moir Ave had a question regarding public comment and spoke in favor of outdoor dining.

**MAYOR FOURNIER AND CHIEF SINCLAIR PRESENTED SARGENT BRIAN RASKIEWICZ WITH AN AWARD FOR HIS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE AS A POLICE OFFICE IN WEST CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH**

**PRESENTATION BY CATALYST EXPERIENTIAL**

Thaddeus Bartkowski discussed the previous proposed overview on the electronic billboard at 101 Ford Street and Mr. Bartkowski spoke of the benefits, operating costs, lighting and parking. There was lengthy discussion from council members and residents in opposition of the billboard

Walter Gleba resident at 225 Moir Ave spoke in opposition of the billboard sign  
Jim Goggin, resident at 113 Moorehead spoke in opposition of the billboard sign  
Jim Griep, resident at 519 Ford spoke in opposition of the billboard sign

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the regular Council Meeting of June 8, 2021.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal  
All in Favor: Yes  
Motion Passed: 5-0

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to approve the bills for this month for the total amount of \$618,177.14.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal  
Seconded by: Tara Gorney  
All in Favor: Yes  
The motion passed 6-0

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

Steven Curran stated that the Planning Commission is waiting for the engineering report for the zoning application for 1280 Valley Road. The July Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled and the next planning commission meeting will take place on August 5<sup>th</sup> at Borough Hall with John Iannouzi in attendance to discuss the jurisdiction of the planning commission.

Stephen Blumenthal indicated that the Public Safety meeting will be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Blumenthal requested a motion to accept the LOSAP program for 2021 and 2022.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal  
Seconded by: Douglas Borgerson  
All in favor yes  
The motion passes 5-0

Tara Gorney indicated that the Parking & Safety meeting is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and the parking issues brought up with the Catalyst project will be addressed. Apple street condos work is in progress and still some work to complete and Borough Engineer Khal Hassan will update.

John Cooper thanked committee members for the effort and time for the Mackenzie Park concept planning.

Mayor Danelle Fournier indicated that National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. 9/11 will be 20 years so please reach out if you have any ideas for memorial.

David Frankenfield discussed a few dates and events. August 3<sup>rd</sup> is National Night Out, August 15<sup>th</sup> will be a meet and greet with refreshments, October 6<sup>th</sup> is Fire Prevention Week, October 10<sup>th</sup> is Spaghetti Dinner at the Fire House and December 12<sup>th</sup> is Breakfast with Santa Claus. Mr. Frankenfield spoke of impaired and impatient driving and ask that the community proceed with caution while driving. Mr. Borgerson has been working with Michael English on looking for a replacement driver. Meetings have taken place on requirements and training for the position and this will be discussed at the public safety meeting

Chief Sinclair spoke of the recognition of Sargent Raskiewicz, a complimentary letter for Officer Carlin, Officer Lolli's surgery, body cameras and indicated there were no noise complaints for the month.

## **PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

Joseph McGrory has nothing to report. Mr. McGrory wanted to note the developments in Upper Merion Township.

Khal Hassan discussed the concepts for Mackenzie Park and final concept plan was shown to council. A motion was presented to proceed with estimate of costs.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery

Seconded by: John Cooper

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes 6-0

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-06 addressing the Temporary Requirements and Guidelines for Outdoor dining during the COVID-19 Transmission Mitigation in the Borough.

Discussions took place with Council to extend the outdoor dining resolution until September 15, 2021

Motion by: Steven Blumenthal  
Seconded by: Tara Gorney  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 6-0

## GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Chet Gleba discussed his concerns of the deteriorating roadway at 30 Balligomingo Road, homeowner has gone to the state and is not getting any assistance. Michael English and Khal Hassan will reach to assist. Mr. Gleba also asked about the garbage truck. Mr. Gleba asked about the American Rescue Plan. Mr. English indicated that the application has been submitted and it is at the Treasury's office. Mr. Gleba asked how the funds will be distributed and Mr. Gonzales indicated at a previous meeting that the funds will be held in a separate account.

## ADJOURN

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29pm

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal  
Seconded by: Tara Gorney  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes:6-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Cristina Meade  
Borough Secretary