

**BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
August 10, 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.

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE TOOK PLACE IN MEMORY OF LOWER MERION FIRE FIGHTER TOM ROYDS**

**ROLL CALL**

Douglas Borgerson, President	Present
Tara Gorney, 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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA**

Dave Frankenfield thanked council for the acknowledgment of Tom Royds, spoke of the accident that took place on I76 which resulted in his passing and injured several other people and reminded everyone of safe driving

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the regular Council Meeting of July 13, 2021.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein  
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
All in Favor: Yes  
Motion Passed: 6-0

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to approve the bills for this month as of August 10, 2021 for the total amount of \$442,751.47

Motioned by: John Cooper

Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery

All in Favor: Yes

The motion passed 6-0

## **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. English indicated that his report is in the packet. There will be concrete work done on River Road in Upper Merion Township from August 11<sup>th</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup> from 3am to 8am. Approximately 8 to 10 trucks will be going through the Borough in the morning but the afternoon truck route will not be in the Borough. Mr. English acknowledged the efforts of the Borough staff for National Night Out.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. English indicated that Maillie LLC has completed the Borough audit and will present their report at the September Council's meeting. A draft is in the drop box. Mr. English indicated that the pension plan figures will be available. Mr. Borgerson indicated that they are working on pushing up the budgets requests dates for next year.

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

Stephen Blumenthal indicated that the capital requests for fire department and police department were received but no final number for budget discussions. The Public Safety Committee has asked the Police Department for a monthly activity report on Code Red. Mr. Blumenthal also acknowledged the Police Department and George Clay for all the efforts for National Night Out.

Tara Gorney spoke of the right turning signal at Matsonford Road is active and helping with the traffic along Ford Street. The PENNDOT adaptive signal project is still on track for the end of the year. Permit parking only, entrance and no exit signs have been ordered for the Merion Ave parking lot. More enforcement has taken place at the no parking signs at both end of Ford Street.

John Cooper indicated that an Open Space Committee meeting will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. An updated concept plan has been provided from Pennoni regarding MacKenzie Park.

Mayor Danelle Fournier spoke of Borough events; dance party 8/20/21, the 9/11 Memorial Service will be held time TBD, Blood Drive at George Clay, West Conshohocken Clean Up 9/25/21 from 10am to 2pm; Community Day 10/23/21 from 4pm to 8pm with rain date of October 24<sup>th</sup>. Mayor commended Council on the professionalism and efforts over the last year in West Conshohocken Borough

Chief Sinclair spoke of National Night Out, the Show and Tell demonstration that took place on July 22<sup>nd</sup> for the park program, the parking enforcement on Ford Street and the communication sign up logs for email and phone calls with Code Red.

David Frankenfield discussed the Blood Drive, the Meet & Greet as well as they are looking for new members at the fire house. October 6<sup>th</sup> is Fire Prevention Convention and a demonstration will be held. Christmas with Santa date to be determined.

James Donohue indicated that John Iannozzi attended the Planning Commission meeting as a refresher. The Planning Commission has reviewed Concept 7 for MacKenzie Park and indicated a review letter will be submitted to the Borough next week. Meetings are open to the public every first Thursday of the month and hoping to get more people attending.

## **PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

Joseph McGrory indicated a meeting was held with Upper Merion officials and West Conshohocken officials regarding the upcoming development traffic concerns and joint efforts to they had a meeting with Upper Merion with upcoming development and alleviating the increase in traffic.

Mr. Borgerson spoke regarding the allocation of funds for the Americans Relief Act. Mr. Borgerson indicated that we have received partial funds but there is no guidelines as to how the funds should be distributed.

Khal Hassan provided an updated for MacKenzie Park layout. The project was phased out into 4 parts for funding purposes. Pennoni is still working through the comments relating to Concept 7 and waiting for comments from the Planning Commission. Questions were asked regarding costs and grants. A motion was requested for Mr. Hassan to begin to identify grants for the MacKenzie Park project.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to purchase a MT100 Mini Track Loader from Bobcat of Philadelphia in the amount of \$29,551.04 under Co-Stars contract 4400019949.

Rob Dronitsky discussed with Mr. English the purchase of a mini loader which would be beneficial to the operations of the public work department. The funds from this purchase would be from the Liquid Fuels Equipment Fund.

Motion by: Richard Greenstein  
Seconded by: Tori-Conicello Emery  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 6-0

2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-09 authorizing the sale of Borough owned equipment.

Mr. English indicated that the 2005 trash truck will go up on Muni-bid.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney

Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 6-0

3. Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise the position of Community Safety Specialist/Driver Operator Firefighter.

Mr. Borgerson indicates that if council approves the position will be posted on Thursday August 12, 2021 and will run until Friday, September 3, 2021. The position will be posted on the website and newspaper. Applicants will be screened and candidates will be interviewed by personnel committee and decision possibly made before the September council meeting.

Motioned by: John Cooper

Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes 6-0

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Walter Gleba thanked Mr. English for reaching out to the homeowner at 30 Balligomingo Road. Mr. Gleba discussed the traffic blockage at Spring Garden, Moorehead and Crawford. Mr. Gleba hopes that the funds of the sale of the trash would go to the Fire Department for any equipment they need. Mr. Gleba discussed the Public Safety Meeting and 2022 Budget and the funds that the Police Department are requesting for repairs. Mr. Gleba indicated that the funds from the American Rescue Plan should be distributed to the small businesses that were affected by COVID. Mr. Gleba indicated that he would have preferred to have Rob Dronitsky present to discuss the needs of the mini track loader.

Mari Griep, sent an email to the Council members wishing to discuss a Shade Tree Commission in the Borough. Council indicated that the Open Space Committee to begin discussions and report back to Council.

Dave Frankenfield commented on the traffic in the Borough. Tara Gorney requested a summary of Mr. Frankenfield's concerns to review at the next Traffic & Safety Committee meeting.

Mr. English indicated that the applicant for 1280 Valley Road has requested a continuance of the zoning hearing and it is now scheduled for September 30, 2021.

Douglas Borgerson indicated that an Executive Session will be taking place at the end of the council meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein

Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes:6-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristina Meade".

Cristina Meade  
Borough Secretary