

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
November 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

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
John Iannozi, Solicitor	Present
Brian Keaveney, Engineer	Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Mike Golden from Conshy Girls, LLC indicated that the outdoor dining was not on the agenda and asked Council for an extension of the outdoor dining resolution which is due to expire on November 15, 2021. Mr. Golden indicated that a variance will be filed this week.

A majority of the council members present at the meeting made a motion to add an agenda item regarding the request for an extension of the outdoor dining resolution to the Agenda. The reason for the agenda change was in response to a citizen's request for such extension made during public comment.

Motion to amend to Agenda extension of outdoor dining resolution until December 9, 2021.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
All in favor: No- John Cooper opposed
The motion passes:5-2

Mike Beck, 124 Ford Street, is in opposition to the outdoor dining extension. There are continuous issues with the patrons and delivery trucks.

Walter Gleba spoke in favor of Gypsy Saloon extension. Mr. Gleba indicated that Gypsy is an asset to the Borough and outdoor dining has been allowed throughout the country since the pandemic.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the regular Council Meeting of October 12, 2021.

Jose Gonzalez was not at the October council meeting.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

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 November 9, 2021, for the total amount of \$519,298.89.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

All in Favor: Yes

The motion passed 7-0

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. English indicated his report is in the packet. Mr. English indicated that Borough Hall will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veterans Day however there will be a zoning hearing held that evening for 1280 Valley Road. There will be an observance at Borough Hall Saturday, November 13th. A new date will be provided for the Holiday Tree Lighting. Pat Zapien will be discussing the children's holiday event and Breakfast with Santa.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT, AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Danelle Fournier discussed the successful Halloween Parade and thanked the volunteers. Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Saturday November 13th at 10am. Tree lighting will be held November 27th and a small train will be at Borough Hall for train rides for the kids.

Stephen Blumenthal indicated that a safety meeting this past week was discussion of budget review. Code Red usage outline was reviewed. The DCED has completed its Peer Review and a meeting will be set to go over the peer study and will be discussed in Executive Session because it is a personnel matter. Council will email Michael English with available dates

Mr. Gonzalez INAUDIBLE and working on the budget

Tara Gorney indicated that the Traffic and Parking meeting was not held this month and the next meeting will be held on December 1st at 7pm.

John Cooper indicated that by public comments, there is a favor for natural grass instead artificial and relocation of the dog park. Council provided comments were made about having the children provide input and hope to have this available at the childrens' holiday events.

Chief Sinclair highlighted the successful Halloween Parade and ASTM donated\$3,000 to holiday events. 83.4 lbs of unused prescriptions were collected on the Prescription Take Back Day. Chief Sinclair complimented two part time officers where they were concerned of a young child being left at home alone and quick thinking on behalf of the officers who were able to get the child safe with an adult. DCED funding application is still pending. Speed traps were placed on Ford Street but no tickets were issued. The body cameras still have not been received yet and Chief has continued communication with the sales rep.

Dave Frankenfield discussed the fire company will work with the Mayor with public community events. George Clay looks forward to working with Matt Markland and beginning his training. The truck pumps will be tested this week. Mr. Frankenfield discussed more lighting throughout the area around Nathan's Place.

James Donohue provided an update on the Planning Commission meeting that was held on November 4th. A vote of 2 (opposition)1 (neutral) of the 1280 Valley Road zoning for the 4 unit cluster. All three planning commission members that were present would be in favor of a 3 unit cluster. The Planning Commission received some comments from the public regarding the location of the dog park at MacKenzie Park. Mr. Donohue expressed some possible ways of better communication with residents in the Borough.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

John Iannozi wanted to bring everyone up to date regarding the 1280 Valley Road zoning application. As Council and PC suggested and motioned, Borough Solicitor will attend to oppose the application.

John Iannozi also indicated that the applicants for 300-400 Barr Harbor sent an application for an extension until December 2022 and doesn't object to the extension because of COVID hardships as long as all outstanding legal bills are paid up to date.

Mr. Iannozi asked for a motion to approve the 300-400 Barr Harbor extension with the condition that all outstanding bills are paid.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez

Seconded by: John Cooper

All in favor: 7-0

The motion passes: Yes

Brian Keaveney wanted to highlight 2 items: PennDOT has taken ownership of the traffic signals in the Borough on October 26, 2021 and PennDOT'S ongoing hanging rock project will extend until March or April of 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to appoint Matt Markland as Community Safety Specialist/Firefighter and Deputy Fire Marshal.

Mr. English indicated that Mr. Markland will start with the Borough on November 10, 2021 working in Codes Department, Fire Department and assisting Kelli Scarlet our Fire Marshal.

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

2. Motion to approve the 2022 Preliminary Proposed Borough Budget.

Mr. English indicated that this is completed every year. Public Safety is conducting the review for police and fire. Council agreed to hold the Special Budget Meeting on November 29, 2021.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 7-0

3. Motion to Extend Outdoor dining to December 9, 2021

Council members and Borough solicitor discussed the reason for December 9, 2021 date. The zoning application has not been filed yet. If an application is filed this week it would go before zoning hearing on December 9th. Members of Council discussed if they approve or disapprove.

In favor: Douglas Borgerson, Tara Gorney, Steven Blumenthal, Tori Conicello-Emery, Richard Greenstein
Opposed: John Cooper opposes
Neutral: Jose Gonzalez
The motion passes: 5-2

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Beck expressed concern over the zoning board members having knowledge of the issues that are discussed at Council meetings regarding outdoor dining. John Ianozzi clarified that the zoning hearing is public and who receives the zoning notices.

Pat Zapien, 247 Moir Ave, suggested a handicap spot in the front of the Borough Building. Ms. Zapien discussed the successful summer program and wanted to thank Public Works for their help for the fall festival and election events. Christmas events will be held on December 11th at George Clay, Senior Dinner and Childrens party. On December 3rd the Firehouse will be decorated if anyone wants to help. Pat Zapien also indicated concerns regarding the location and entrance of the dog park.

Dave Frankenfield expressed concern regarding the zoning and having a zoning decision being held for 45 days.

Walter Gleba discussed the letter he received from Cappelletti's office regarding 30 Balligomingo Rd and the tree limbs on Spring Garden, and that a traffic safety study take place at Moorehead and 23. Mr. Gleba acknowledge the police department with traffic enforcement. Mr. Gleba indicated that he spoke to the Kolea's regarding the issues with the property on Moorehead and since a temporary fence was put up. Mr. Gleba discussed at the parking and traffic committee meeting the amount of untagged trucks of Wolfe's Pool Service and possibly move those truck. Residents addressed the amount of dump trucks coming down Williams and Front in the afternoon. Mr. Gleba had concerns over the monthly bills and asked Council if this could be made to the public. Mr. Gleba asked what the issue is with the Valley Road project.

Guy Davis, 28 Balligomingo thanked Mr. English for the sketch that was posted on Borough website of Mackenzie Park project and improved communication on the Borough Website, commended the police patrol on Ford Street and suggested the police patrol Balligomingo. Mr. Davis suggested a second quote on MacKenzie Park project design. Mr. Davis also had concerns on the location of the dog park.

ADJOURN

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm

Motioned by: Steven Blumenthal

Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes:7-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary