

**BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
February 8, 2022  
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**

Tara Gorney, Council Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Douglas Borgerson, President	Present (arrived at 8:00pm)
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
John Iannozzi, Borough Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Borough Engineer	Present

**Tara Gorney wanted to note that Interviews for openings on various Boards and Commissions will not take place this evening and will be put on the March Agenda**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA**

Walter Gleba, 225 Moir Ave presented council members with a packet and outlined several other dog parks in the area. He is suggesting Elizabeth Street for the location of the dog park.

**PRESENTATION ON 509 APPLE STREET PROJECT**

Khal Hassan indicated that this application is for 2 lots and to keep the existing house and build another dwelling. Mr. Hassan discussed specifics with the public and Council. The applicant, Jim Shore of 527 Apple Street was present at the Council Meeting and expressed his intentions on the project and indicated that the two homes would share a driveway. Tara Gorney asked for a motion to send a letter in support of the zoning application.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Seconded by: John Cooper  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes 5-0

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Tara Gorney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022 Council Meeting.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein  
Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 5-0

## **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Tara Gorney indicated that the bills for this month as of February January 11, 2022 were a total of \$491,106.59.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 5-0

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The balance as of February 3, 2022 is \$13,931,518.39 with a difference of \$398,979.05.

Motioned by: John Cooper  
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 5-0

## **BOROUGH MANAGERS REPORT**

Mr. English indicated that his report is in the packet. A few items to highlight is he is videos for public meetings. Kim Junod, our web designer has suggested Vimeo instead of YouTube due to suggested content video. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that there are safeguards with record retention, platform, and accommodations for individuals that with certain impairments. Mr. Iannozzi is reviewing the report

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

Tara Gorney indicated that Steven Curran was unable to attend and emailed the Committee Report. A summary was read by Ms. Gorney regarding communications and attendance, website usage, agendas and minutes, PC schedules videos of minutes, MacKenzie park plan, and vision plan.

John Cooper seeking steps from Pennoni. Khal Hassan discussed the deadline for grants. Council discussed resident concerns. Tara Gorney asked for a motion to approve the concept plan for MacKenzie Park.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal  
Seconded by: John Cooper  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes 5-0

Stephen Blumenthal discussed the enhancement of communication that has begun and Public Safety agendas and templates for 2022. Mr. Blumenthal discussed the Adopt a Fire Hydrant program and the Community Risk Assessment with Kelli Scarlet, Fire Marshal. Public Safety will be moving forward with the DCED peer review for George Clay and actions are taking place from the Peer Review Study for the West Conshohocken Police Department.

Danelle Fournier commented on the 2022 Borough Calendars and better communication. The Hometowns meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 11:30am. Mayor indicated that there are now over 1300 people that signed up for Code Red. Spring Clean Up day is scheduled April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Conshohocken and Bridgeport will be participating. Mayor commended the public works on their clean up with snow.

Detective Sal Carfagno indicated that the grant is now fully active and GPS will be installed and operational on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Carfagno also discussed officer training as well as traffic in the Borough.

Dave Frankenfield spoke of the fire hydrants cleanups with snow, DCED and safety issues. George Clay wanted to let the community know about volunteers are needed at the Fire House and spoke about Spaghetti Dinner at the Firehouse and other community events.

Steve Curran was not present. Tara Gorney previously read the year end report which was received by email. Guy Davis provided a summary of the planning commission meeting that took place on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Steve Curran was reappointed as Chair and James Donohue as Vice Chair.

Tara Gorney provided an updated that the Parking and Traffic Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every quarter of the last month in the quarter, with the first meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The hanging rock project will be completed by May of 2022. A resident suggested a blinking light at the 600 block of Ford and a possible shuttle from the Park and Ride which will be address at the March Meeting. Mr. Borgerson wanted to update the public that he and Mr. Hassan had a call with representative Dean and other municipalities regarding traffic issues and will provide updates as they come.

## **PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

1. John Iannozi wanted to update Council that he is working with Pennoni Associates on updates to the Borough Ordinances so amendments will be forthcoming in Council meetings.
2. Khal Hassan indicated that his report is in the packet. Mr. Hassan wanted to update the Council and Public that they have been in contact with PennDOT regarding the intersection of Crawford and Route 23. There were questions that arose from a resident and the answers to the questions will be directed to Borough Manager.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion to Adopt Resolution of 2022-03 Disposition of Records

Mr. English indicated that this is maintenance under the Commonwealth Retention Act and this is a disposition of records from 2014 which includes Accounts Receivable, Payable, Tax Reports, Timesheets, Payroll, Quarterly Report, 457B documents, 1099's, bank statements and digital audio files from 2020 and 2021.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein  
Seconded by: Douglas Borgerson  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes:6-0

## GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Zapien of 227 Moir Ave questioned if all grants will be presented to Council and public for motions. Ms. Zapien indicated that any home towners events are open to the public 55 and up. Ms. Zapien also indicated that a survey was sent out to Recreational Committee regarding the dog park. Residents had concerns of the safety, insurance and maintenance of the dog park. The Easter Egg hunt will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at MacKenzie Park

Dave Frankenfield, 508 Ford Street, thanked the public works department for the tree clean up and snow clean up. Mr. Frankenfield commented on the traffic concerns at the corner of Bullock and Front Street.

Dave Struwe, 225 Church Street, asked for clarification between concept and designs plans, lighting, storm water issues regarding MacKenzie Park and thanked Council for the Hometown Heros.

Howard Kelly, 317 Church Street, had concerns regarding lighting and no dog park on the concept plan for MacKenzie Park and use of funds

Guy Davis, 28 Balligomingo Road, discussed body cameras and policies, providing the public more information with executive sessions and personnel matters, having council address public concerns during public comment, the dog park location at MacKenzie Park, sewer board

Walter Gleba asked council about putting lines down on Ford to help alleviate the parking issues

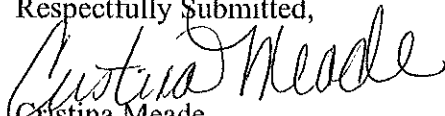
Councilman Stephen Blumenthal requested that the emails that were received regarding the dog park are put on record.

## ADJOURN

Tara Gorney asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm

Motioned by: Douglas Borgerson  
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein  
All in favor: Yes  
The motion passes: 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cristina Meade  
Borough Secretary