

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
April 12, 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

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 McGrory, Jr, Borough Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Borough Engineer	Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

None

PRESENTATION BY PATT BARR FOR HOMETOWNERS CLUB

Patricia Barr, President of West Conshohocken Hometowners Club, introduced herself and background of family within the Borough. Mrs. Barr thanked Council for the use of St. Gert's and briefed council on Hometowners contributions to nursing homes, veterans, food banks, SPCA and others. The Hometowners meet monthly. Ms. Barr is before Council ask for contribution for a new Bingo Board. Mrs. Barr is working with the Archdiocese and St Mary's for a new bingo board and the cost would be \$3,000. Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to purchase the Bingo Board

Motioned by: John Cooper
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
All in favor: No- Jose Gonzalez opposed
The motion passes: 6-1

PRESENTATION FROM THE VALLEY FORGE TOURISM AND CONVENTION BOARD

Rachel Riley, Vice President of Communications from the Valley Forge Tourism Board, spoke about different monthly events, funding, restaurants, hotels etc. encouraging all businesses and restaurants to contact them for more exposure. Visit www.valleyforge.org

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2022 Council Meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Douglas Borgerson indicated that the bills for this month as of April 12, 2022 were a total of \$646,449.83 and asked for a motion to approve the bills.

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

BOROUGH MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. English indicated that his report in the packet. Mr. English wanted to highlight that will be discussing the beer fest. Mr. English wanted to remind the public that Borough Offices will be closed on Friday.

PRESENTATION BY EQUUS DEVELOPMENT REGARDING 400 BARR HARBOR

Ms. Zabrowski, President of the Plymouth Whitemarsh/Conshohocken Rotary Club came to Council to discuss the beer festival and asking for participation in hosting the event at 400 Barr Harbor for Conshohocken/ West Conshohocken. They participate with 50 local breweries, restaurants, local artists and businesses and have a tentative date of Saturday, October 15, 2022. Council members and Borough Solicitor discussed traffic control, anticipated amount of people and dates to which they would to know by. Council members wanted some more information from the Public Safety perspective, in which Police and Fire Department did not feel that this event would not be an issue. Mr. English will communicate a meeting with property owners and council members and follow up.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Stephen Blumenthal indicated that Public Safety has set a meeting schedule and dates are posted. Agendas will be provided to members well in advance for approval. DCED information has been collected and submitted ahead of schedule. The first quarter LOSAP program results were reviewed and pleased.

Jose Gonzalez had nothing to report

John Cooper indicated that the next Open Space meeting will be held in May and Khal Hassan will be present to bring up to date.

Tara Gorney indicated that the Merion Ave parking lot will continue the pilot program. Discussion continue about the parkin on the 600 Block of Ford St. The traffic/turn at Front & Bullock still being investigated. A meeting was held for the traffic congestion at Crawford and Moorehead. PennDOT agreed to a Don't Block the Box and will take some time to develop. Working on the right turn lane at Front and Matsonford and how to keep that traffic moving.

Sal Carfagno indicated that officer Adam Pagliario retired after 28 years and will be given a retirement badge. Discussions took place with hiring another officer and Carfagno did not see it necessary, Policy Management Program company selected is _____. Traffic detail was completed with approximately 37 tickets issued. Carfagno believes that a do not block the box will help immensely at Crawford and Moorehead. Carfagno continues to monitor the parking at intersection of Bullock and Front between the hours of 7am-9am.

Dennis Frankenfield indicated Beef and Beer will be held on May 7th, Pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny went well as was well attended.

Guy Davis indicated that the April Planning Commission will be held on the 7th. Mr. Davis indicated that the PC would like to swap the phasing stages with having playground as priority and discussed future opportunities with the Vision Plans and Overlay zoning and possibly hiring a professional designer. Khal Hassan indicated that a meeting could be held with Pennoni to discuss further with green space, main street zoning and zoning with St. Gert's. Mr. McGrory advised Mr. Davis to attend the staff meeting on April 18th to provide some ideas for the Planning Commission. Mr. Davis spoke about getting an alternate member for the PC and providing an email that would be directed to PC members.

Mayor Danelle Fournier discussed the successful Blood Drive, St. Patty's Day Parade, Pizza Competition, Coffee with a Cop, upcoming events are Clean Up Day 4/23, Drug Take Back Day 4/30, Hometown Hero Banners are coming in and will be hanging up from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Mayor wanted to highlight the DCED report and actions are taking place. June is Pride Month, and a flag will be flying for at Borough Hall.

Interviews for West Conshohocken Borough Foundation and Shade Tree Commission

Mr. English indicated that Nicole Zapata requested to be reconsidered for a 3-year term that would expire on April 30, 2025 on the West Conshohocken Borough Foundation.

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

Mr. English indicated that Mari Francis-Greipp wanted to be considered for Shade Tree Commission that would expire on April 30, 2025.

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

Mr. English indicated that Walter Gleba is interested in a 2-year term for the West Conshohocken Borough Foundation. Council members had questions and concerns regarding previous fundraising as well as privacy and communications on social media.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein
Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez
All in favor: No – Stephen Blumenthal voted no
The Motion passes: 6-1

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

1. Joseph McGrory, Jr. advised Council and Public that he will retire on June 1st.
2. Khal Hassan – indicated that his report is in the packet. Updated Council that the next grant application will be for DCED for recreational program and green light program. CBDG and ADA project for handicap ramps, construction will begin next week. Mr. Hassan wanted to discuss Mr. Davis' concern regarding the phasing concerns of MacKenzie Park.
 - a. Mr. Hassan wanted to advise that the project at 20 Union Hill for parking lot improvements has been completed. Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to release the escrow.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Greenstein asked if there was any movement on the 128 Ford Street zoning appeal. Mr. McGrory responded that counsel has entered their appearance

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 22-09 authorizing the submission of an application to DCED for a grant for the MacKenzie Park Improvements

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

2. Motion to adopt resolution 2022-10 authorizing the Borough to advertise for bids and the sale of personal property of the Borough to the best responsible bidder for the 2014 Chevy Tahoe.

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

3. Motion to appoint Community Specialist/Firefighter/Code Official. John Cooper indicated that the Personnel Committee, Fire Company and members of Codes Department interviewed several applicants and there was a unanimous decision to hire Joe Catagnus.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Guy Davis, 28 Balligomingo commented on the Planning Commission and adding another member to the Committee

David Markland, 228 Moorehead, wanted to speak about the noise level coming from Matsonford Ave. Mr. Hassan indicated that they would be in contact with PennDOT regarding the pot holes. Mr. Markland discussed the conditions of the roads on Moorehead. Tori Conicello-Emery questioned about the sound barrier and latest communication.

Dave Frankenfield, 580 Ford Street, thanked Mayor about the tribute in the Newsletter, congratulated Mr. McGrory on his retirement, suggested hanging the banners on the inside of the utility poles and Mr. Frankenfield feels that the beer fest would be a great idea.

Mr. Gleba wanted to thank Council for including him with the PennDOT meeting regarding traffic.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LITIGATION AND REAL ESTATE WILL BE TAKING PLACE AND COUNCIL WILL NOT RETURN.

ADJOURN

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary