

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 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

Stephen Blumenthal, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Blumenthal made an announcement that there will be an executive session at the end of the meeting and that Council would be coming back into session following the executive session.

Mr. English asked to have the Agenda amended in order for Council to consider hiring Michael Estep to fill the opening as Public Works Laborer. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion.

Motion by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by: Jeff Ewing
All in favor: yes
The motion passes: 6-0

Mr. Blumenthal opened discussions took place regarding the purchase of two Ford Trucks for public works department. Mr. Blumenthal opened to council questions. Kelly Snizavich wanted to confirm that the order can be cancelled at anytime and Mr. Greenstein wanted to confirm that there is no deposit required for the order, both of these were confirmed by Mr. English. Mr. Blumenthal opened the floor to public comment. Mr. Gleba, resident, questioned the reasons for the new trucks and bids. Mr. English indicated that the this would be the lowest price due to CoStar pricing. Mr. English indicated that the reason for new work trucks is due to condition of our 2008 and 2009 trucks. Mr. English indicated that this would be just a placeholder.

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion for placeholder for ordering two Ford trucks with CoStar with the understanding that there is no cancellation or deposit fees.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in favor: yes
The motion passes: 6-0

Mr. English indicated also wanted to make a note that the November meeting will be held on November 9th due to election.

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that Council will be holding an executive session due to personnel matter and will be returning. Mr. Blumenthal asked members of the public to exit the room at the call of Executive Session and will advise when public can come back into the Council chambers.

Juneteenth Resolution 2022-20- Mr. Blumenthal invited a few members of the community were invited to speak and read the Proclamation. Resident Amber Monroe and Pastor Dwight spoke.

ROLL CALL

Stephen Blumenthal, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Absent
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
Jose Gonzalez	Present
Richard Greenstein	Present
Jeff Ewing	Present
Kelly Snizavich	Present
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
John Iannozzi, Borough Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Borough Engineer	Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Mr. English indicated that the bills for this month were a total of \$640,949.83 and Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the bills.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in favor: yes
The motion passes: 6-0

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the current balance is \$15,144,365.61 and the pension of \$8,724,801.20 and interest earned is zero. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to adopt the financial report.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzelez
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 6-0

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Stephen Blumenthal indicated that he would make a motion to remove the Planning Commission report from the consent agenda.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 6-0

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and all committee reports.

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

Mr. Davis was present at the Council meeting and provided the Planning Commission report, which he briefed council on the ordinances and wanted clarification on hiring a professional planning service and conflict. Mr. Iannozzi provided further information on responsibilities of Planning Commission and having Open Space Committee.

BOROUGH MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. English indicated his report is in the drop box and wanted to remind everyone that November's council meeting is going to be held on November 9th due to election day.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

1. John Iannozzi, Esq suspended the public meeting and proceeded to a public hearing which he presented exhibits of letters, proof of public and copies to the law library of ordinances regarding a three -member Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Iannozzi opened for questions from Council which Mrs. Snizavich questioned the language of Chair and Vice Chair and requested that it be changed to Chairperson. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that it would not be a problem to make a minor change. No questions were presented from the public.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
All in favor: yes
The motion passes: 6-0

Mr. Iannozzi requested authorization to advertise Planning Commission Bylaw Ordinance, Apple Street Parking Ordinance and Fireworks Ordinance. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that this was reviewed by the Public Safety Committee and vote 3-0. Mr. Blumenthal opened the floor for public comments and questions and

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in favor: yes
The motion passes: 6-0

2. Mr. Khal Hassan has two items before Council this evening. The first item is a storm water grant. The Borough has a storm water issue at the end of Church Street. Mr. Hassan would need to a motion to move forward

Motioned by: Jose Gonzaez
Seconded by: Jeff Ewing
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 6-0

Mr. Hassan wanted to go discuss a land development application for Discovery Labs which is located behind GSK and the majority of the build would be in West Conshohocken Borough. Applicant is seeking relief from steep slope. Mr. Hassan indicated that this is a laboratory. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that council members would have to vote against, for or stay neutral. Ed Campbell, attorney for Discovery Labs was present and provided information for use of the building. Mr. Iannozzi advised that his recommendation would be to remain neutral with conditions. Roll call vote was taken in which all council members voted to remain neutral.

Mr. Hassan wanted to update council on land development 233-237 Moorehead Ave. New developer wanted to move forward with this project. Escrow needed to be updated and a Professional Service Agreement was signed. A pre-construction meeting will be held with developer, contractors and members of the Borough.

Mr. Hassan wanted to discuss a zoning application for 218 Brittnoir which was before Council a few years ago. The application was denied due to the steep slope issues. This application would be for a single home. Mr. Iannozzi suggested that Council remain neutral. Mr. Blumenthal opened up for questions. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a roll call vote and all council members unanimously voted to remain neutral

Mr. Hassan discussed a zoning application at 1008-1010 Matsonford Road, combining two parcels to build a 5-story self-storage unit. Attorney Rose Weiss was present to represent In-Site Storage. Mr. Blumenthal opened the floor to any questions from Council and Mr. Greenstein expressed his concerns with traffic which was explained further by applicant. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that no action is needed but applicant is present to explain use.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-19 Authorizing a Grant Application to Submitted for the PECO Green Region Open Space Program for the MacKenzie Park Improvements Project

Mr. Hassan indicated that this is a part of the initial process of grant application for \$10,000 for the MacKenzie Park project. Mr. Hassan indicates that there is one application still out there.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery

Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 6-0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Walter Gleba, resident, who at last meeting presented a petition on the dog park location. Mr. Gleba wanted to present a drawing from Pennoni from 2000 and Parks and Recreation documents and copies were given to council members.

Kayla Bono wanted to question the financial report and reason for no interest which Mr. Gonzalez responded. Ms. Bono wanted to comment on the traffic surrounding her place of employment at 1 Tower Bridge. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that Traffic committee has continuously and will continue to visit the traffic concerns.

Guy Davis, resident indicated that the Consent Agenda is a huge improvement. He commends the change of council meetings. Mr. Davis suggested that if an executive session is announced a brief should be provided to public. Mr. Davis also had concerns of dog park in which Mrs. Conicello-Emery addressed.

Bill Bono, wanted to suggest a vote of residents for the dog park. Mr. Bono wanted to know if the grants are not used do they have to give the funds back.

Mr. Gleba wanted to comment again, and Mr. Blumenthal asked council for a motion to recognize Mr. Gleba and no motion was presented.

Mr. Blumenthal noted on the record that Mr. Gonzalez left the meeting at 8: 39pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that an executive session would take place regarding personnel and Council would return to take action. Mr. Blumenthal indicated public will exit council chamber and invited the public back at the end of executive session. The public meeting concluded at 8:45pm.

Mr. Blumenthal came back on the record. Mr. Blumenthal asked that an action to consider and pass and accept the recommendation of the Mayor to remove Michael Sinclair as Chief of Police for the inability to perform his duties of his position with or without accommodations. Mr. Blumenthal asked if

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary