

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
November 9, 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

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to amend the agenda to address Mr. Greenstein's letter from Council and authorization for Finance Committee Action

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

Mr. Blumenthal wants to remind audience about the 5 minute public comment time limit and also clarified if time expires public may also speak during public comment. Mr. Blumenthal discussed the preliminary budget and thanked members of the public with all election efforts.

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the Amended Consent Agenda to add items under new business, Richard Greenstein resignation #1 and Finance Committee action as #2.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Walter Gleba, resident, indicated that he was unable to locate the agenda on the website. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the minutes were posted and will make better efforts to make the minutes more visible for the public viewing.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Mr. English indicated that the bills for this month were a total of \$413,996.86 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. Gonzalez updated Council and Public that the Truist account is holding funds of approximately \$6,500,000 in the money market account and with the maturity at the end of the year being approximately \$7,500,000. There are several changes with Truist. PLGIT sent a preliminary proposal to manage funds. Mr. Gonzalez asked for a motion for Financial Committee to review the proposal. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the motion will be discussed under new business and asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report.

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Blumenthal would like to make a motion to change a date on Public Safety Meeting on November 14th not December 14th

Motioned by: Kelly Snizavich
Seconded by: Jeff Ewing
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: Jeff Ewing
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 6-0

BOROUGH MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. English indicated that his report is in the packet. Borough Hall will be closed on Friday, November 11th for Veterans Day and Veterans Day ceremony at Borough Hall on Saturday. Borough has received a CBDG Grant for 2023. There has been no update from PennDOT on Matsonford Road paving. Christmas Tree replacement will take place on Monday or Tuesday of next week and in place for the Tree Lighting Event. No questions were presented.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

1. John Iannozzi, Esq suspended the public meeting and proceeded to a public hearing marked exhibits which are: email to Times Herald, Proof of Publication, letters to the Planning Commission, attested copy to the Law Library of Ordinances, Ordinance and Legal notice, which will Amend Chapter 22 of Planning Commission to set forth rules and regulations. No questions were presented from Council or public. Mr. Iannozzi closed the public hearing and opened it up to public meeting. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that this is now ready for motion to approve.

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

John Iannozzi, Esq suspended the public meeting and proceeded to a public hearing marked exhibits which are: email to Times Herald, Proof of Publication, letter to Planning Commission, attested copies to the Law Library of Ordinance, copy of Ordinance, legal notice, time stamped copy of ordinance, regarding 45 degree angle parking on Apple Street from Simon to dead end of Apple Street. No questions from Council or Public. Mr. Iannozzi closed the public hearing and opened back up to the public meeting. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that this is now ready for a motion to approve.

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

John Iannozzi, Esq suspended the public meeting and proceeded to a public hearing which he presented into exhibits: email to Times Herald, Proof of Publication, letter to Planning Commission, attested copy of Ordinance to Law Library, ordinance, legal notice, time stamped copy of ordinance to amended the Borough Code for rules and regulations for fireworks. No questions were presented from Council or public. Mr. Iannozzi closed the public hearing and opened up public meeting and indicated that this is now ready for motion to approve.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein
Seconded buy: Kelly Snizavich
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 6-0

2. Mr. Khal Hassan indicated a zoning advisory for 1008-1010 Matsonford Road performed their review has two items before Council this evening. The zoning relief relates to building height, disturbance of steep slopes, required parking spaces, signage. If passes through zoning they will be before Council for Conditional Use and Land Development for additional review. This matter was before the Planning Commission and Planning Commission members voted in support.

Mr. Weiss, attorney for applicant was present at Council meeting to answer any questions and no questions were presented. Mr. Blumenthal did a roll call vote and all Council members voted to remain neutral.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to Accept the Resignation Letter from Councilman Greenstein from Borough Council effective November 22, 2022. Mr. Greenstein indicated that he will be moving out of the Borough and thanked all Council members and public. Borough Council Vacancy Notice will be placed on website and an ad will be placed in the paper. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to accept the Resignation of Richard Greenstein

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez

Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich

All in favor: No

The motion passes: 4-1- Richard Greenstein Abstained; Tori Conicello-Emery voted against

2. Motion to Authorize the Finance Committee to review proposals on managing Borough Funds. Mr. Gonzalez asked for a motion to allow the Finance Committee to entertain proposals from PLGIT and Truist to manage funds and take action.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez

Seconded by: Richard Greenstein

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 6-0

3. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-22 Authorizing the Expenditures of the General Municipal Pension System State Aid and meeting the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligations.

Mr. English indicated that Council reviewed the MMO for 2023. A check was received for 155,186.00. Borough is obligated to have these funds deposited into the uniform and non-uniform pension plan. Mr. English asked for a motion to pass the resolution.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein

Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 6-0

4. Motion to Engage Simone Collins, Inc., Norristown, PA to assist the Borough with implementing the recommendations of the West Conshohocken Borough Vision Plan.

Mr. Hassan provided a summary that this engagement is to assist the Vision Plan which has been in the works for the last several years. Simone Collins worked with the Borough and attended several Borough meetings in the past. Tori Conicello-Emery spoke and indicated that this firm has a lot of background and would be able to provide the best input.

Walter Gleba, resident, was in opposition to this and indicates that he feels that an RFQ should have been advertised

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

5. Motion to Adopt the 2023 Preliminary Proposed Borough Budget. Mr. English indicated that this is only a proposed budget and will be again before Council in December. Public information was posted at Borough Hall. No questions were presented from Council.

Guy Davis, resident, wanted to confirm that any changes will be posted. Mr. Greenstein indicated that this is a requirement by law.

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

6. Review Department 400 (Governing Body), Department 401 (Administration), Department 411 (Fire Department), Department 430 (Public Works), and Department 431 (Snow Removal) in the 2023 Preliminary Budget.

Mr. English summarized Department 400, salaries by Mayor and Council, set by the Commonwealth (no change) Emergency Management expenses of \$1,000 and two cell phones. Allocated \$500 for any dues. No Questions were presented for Department 400. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve:

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

Department 401 Administration. Mr. English indicated that salaries have not changed and this is done later in executive session. Mr. English also discussed DVT and HRA. No questions were presented. Mr. English also summarized computer software, licenses, phone, etc. expenditures. No questions were presented.

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

Mr. English presented Department 411 which summarized the Fire Company expenses, such as State Fire Relief and testing, part time fill in for weekend employees, fire tax, fire prevention and hydrants, Community outreach. NO questions were presented. Mr. Gleba asked for a copy of the budget. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve Section 411.

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

Mr. English presented Section 430 which outlines Union, overtime, part time employees, insurance line items, snow removal. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include 431

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

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve Section 430

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

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve Section 431

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Frankenfield wanted to comment on Mr. Greenstein retirement from Borough Council.

Guy Davis, resident, thanked Mr. Greenstein. Mr. Davis also commented on having past meeting minutes and agendas on the website from the past. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that all copies are available in the Borough Managers office. Mr. Davis also asked about Finance Meetings.

A resident from Merion Ave asked about truck noise and having signs posted and had concerns of the yellow lines on Merion Ave and parking

Walter Gleba congratulated Mr. Greenstein

ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez

Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristina Meade". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary