

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
April 11, 2023
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 indicated that Borough Manager is absent from this evening's meeting. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that some reports have not been uploaded and members will provide their verbal report.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Stephen Blumenthal motioned to strike the consent agenda and move Agent except part A into verbal reports and added Public Safety, Open Space, Fire Report and Planning Commission Report to be given verbal.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal
Seconded by: Amelia Gale
Ayes: 6
Nayes:0
The motion passes:6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

Walter Gleba, resident, questioned having a meeting without manager present. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that the Council meeting will take place as there is a quorum. Mr. Gleba spoke about the Vision Plan and request for an RQP. Mr. Iannozzi responded accordingly that this Vision Plan does not relate to overlay district.

Michael Beck, resident, questioned some items on the map which Mr. Hassan was able to clarify.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the bills for this month were a total of \$6422,400.82 and asked for a motion to approve the bills.

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
The motion passes: 6-0

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the grand total is \$14,911,085.57 with a difference of negative \$66,021.89; interest on all investment accounts of \$96,324.76; pension account balance of \$9,781,894.56; non-uniform pension account \$1,168,499.56 and police pension account \$8,613,395. Pension accounts are not included in the final. Mr. Blumenthal and asked for a motion to approve the financial report.

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
The motion passes: 6-0

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the two consent agenda items: Minutes and Police Report.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
The motion passes: 6-0

Committee Reports:

Kelly Snizavich provided an update on last Public Safety, Traffic and Parking Committee meeting, there were finance discussions related to the Fire Department. The Fire Marhsall also discussed met with other Fire Companies to go over structural strategies. There were discussions of the traffic light at Merion Hill, Police Department Drug take back day, the route change for the 5K run being held on May 6. The next scheduled meeting will be April 20th. No questions or comments were presented from Council. Mr. Gleba asked for an update on the parking situation at the 600 Block of Ford Street. Mrs. Snizavich indicated that this will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

Tara Gorney reported that the next meeting will be May 3, 2023.

Mayor Danelle Fournier discussed the St Patty's Day parade, West Consho Clean Up Day and the anniversaries of George Clay Fire Company and West Conshohocken Borough. Please reach out to Danelle Fournier by email if you want to volunteer for any events.

Dave Frankenfield indicated that Joe Catagnus and Tina Reese were out in Texas for ESO training and members of the Fire Company will also be participating in elevator training rescue. Mr. Frankenfield also discussed the Easter Breakfast, assisting in the fire in Bridgeport and Fire Company is always looking for more volunteers.

Guy Davis reported that at the last Planning Commission meeting it was unanimously voted to recommend approval to the Council to approve the Vision Plan.

Jeff Ewing reported that the Finance, Personnel & Pension Committee had one personnel matter discussed and they did not return.

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the committee reports.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The motion passes 6-0

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

- A. Mr. English was not present at the meeting however his report was in the packet. Mr. Blumenthal read aloud Mr. English report which indicated that the CBDG application was submitted on April 7, 2023. 6 resumes were received for the Borough Manager and discussions of next steps will begin. PennDOT repaving was scheduled for Spring/Summer. DCED is still completing this review. Mr. Hassan will discuss the Aqua Main replacement project in his report
- B. John Iannozzi, Esq has nothing to report.
- C. Mr. Khal Hassan indicated that a copy of his report is in the packet.

Mr. Hassan wanted to update on the Aqua project to begin around April 24th and will last approximately 5 months. This work is scheduled during the day except for the intersection of Matsonford and Rt 23 which work will take place at night. A press release was issued on April 5, 2023 and further information will be provided as needed.

Mr. Hassan also discussed the install of 33 ADA ramps that will be completed within the Borough at numerous intersections.

Mr. Hassan discussed the resolution before Council this evening 2023-07 which is to adopt the Vision Plan dated March 2023. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Motioned by Tara Gorney and Seconded by Kelly Snizavich. Mr. Blumenthal opened the floor to questions from Council which Kelly Snizavich and Tara Gorney asked for a summary of the benefits of the Vision Plan. JP from Simone was present to summarize. No questions were presented from the public. Mr. Blumenthal read aloud Resolution 2023-07, which was motioned by Ms. Gorney and seconded by Mrs. Snizavich, and all in favor 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-07 adopting the West Conshohocken Borough Vision Plan dated March 2023.** Mr. Blumenthal read aloud Resolution 2023-07. Motions were taken during Borough Engineer Khal Hassan's report

Motioned by: Tara Gorney
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
Ayes 6
Nays 0
The motion passes: 6-0

- 2. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-08 granting preliminary land development plan approval.** Mr. Hassan discussed in detail the preliminary land development application for Discovery Labs which consists of 790,000 sq feet of warehouse and parking garages. Mr. Campbell was present to discuss and Mr. Frankenfield, resident had concerns from the Fire Company.

Motioned by: Amelia Gale
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
The motion passes: 6-0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Guy Davis, resident, discussed having more open public comment sessions regarding Vision Plan and was advised that more discussion will take place at the Open Space meeting on May 3, 2023. Mr. Davis wanted to note that there has been a lot of work on Balligomingo and having better notification to the residents.

Walter Gleba, wanted to discuss the repaving of Bullock Ave, a stop sign that needs to be at Spruced and Merion Hill, lighting on Campbell and Maria and also indicated that the Merion Ave parking lot should be free parking. Mr. Hassan indicated that the repaving on Bullock is on the schedule for 2024 and discussions took place regarding the research of lighting/parking.

(First name inaudible) Slater, resident, had printouts and wanted to discuss the speed limits around St. Gerts park and different roads. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that this should be brought up at the Public Safety and traffic committee meeting.

David Frankenfield, resident, discussed the sink hole on Barr Harbor and also discussed the code red system is not utilized. Mr. Frankenfield indicated that downed trees and road closures should be announced through code red.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session will be taking place for personnel and litigation matters and will not return

ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm

Motioned by: Amelia Gale

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The motion passes: 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristina Meade".

Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary