

**BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
June 13, 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 took a few minutes to summarize a few things on the agenda this evening, John Bianchini's retirement, George Clay Fire Company, Ordinances and Land Development before Council this evening. Mr. Blumenthal thanked everyone for their attendance at this evening's meeting and also summarized the public comment

**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	Present
Amelia Gale	Absent
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
Steven English, Borough Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Borough Engineer	Present

**MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA TO ADD AGENDA ITEM TO AWARD A ROAD PAVING CONTRACT**

Mr. Hassan would like to add a line-item action item to the agenda for bids received on June 1<sup>st</sup> for the repaving contracts. No comments were presented.

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

## **APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA**

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the amended Agenda.

Motioned by: Zachary Nelson  
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes: 6-0

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA ITEMS**

Guy Davis, resident, indicated that he had some items to be discussed for the Planning Commission.

## **JOHN BIANCHINI RETIREMENT RECOGNITION**

Resolution 2023-10 was read aloud by Steve Blumenthal acknowledging John Bianchi for servicing the Borough of West Conshohocken Police Departments for 35 years. Mayor Fournier, Tara Gorney and Michael English spoke and all thanked Bianchini for his services. John Bianchini will be present at the July Council meeting. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-10.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney  
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich  
Ayes: 5  
Nays: 1 – Tori Conicello-Emery opposed  
Motion passes 5-1

## **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the bills for this month were a total of \$608,401.99 and asked for a motion to approve the bills. No questions were presented

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 \$15,937,552.90 with a positive difference of \$747,946.09; interest on all investment accounts of \$0. Pension accounts are not included in the total. Non-uniform pension account \$1,159,186.43 and police pension account \$8,570,051.31. Mr. Blumenthal and asked for a motion to approve the financial report.

Motioned by: Zach Nelson  
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes: 6 -0

## APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the amended consent agenda items. Mr. Blumenthal indicated that the Planning Commission report, which will be read by Guy Davis

Motioned by: Tara Gorney  
Seconded by: Zach Nelson  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes: 6-0

## PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

- A. Mr. English indicated his report is in the packet. PennDOT paving project is almost completed. Mr. English wanted to remind everyone that Borough Hall will be closed on June 19<sup>th</sup> as well as July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. English thanked George Clay for their event held on Saturday.
- B. Steven English held a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2023-02. Mr. English opened a public hearing on Ordinance 2023-02 amended Chapter 101 Stormwater management. Mr. English announced all exhibit and Mr. Hassan indicated that this would bring the code up to date with wording, inspections and stormwater measures in the Borough. Mr. English closed the hearing. No questions were presented. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-02.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Seconded by: Zachary Nelson  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes 6-0

Steven English is before Council to ask for a motion to advertise Ordinance No 2023-03 amending Chapter 109 entitled Vehicles and Traffic for the Merion Ave parking lot. Mr. English indicated that the Ordinance would remove reference to the pilot program. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to advertise Ordinance 2023-03.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery  
Seconded by: Zachary Nelson  
Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
The motion passes: 6-0

- C. Mr. Khal Hassan, provides updates on the following:
  - 1. Official Map Update: An updated map has been posted on the website and comments and questions took place at the Open Space Committee Meeting
  - 2. CBDG grant update: Mr. Hassan indicated that the Borough submitted an application back in April and will provide us with an update at the next Council meeting.

3. MacKenzie Park project update: Mr. Hassan indicates that the Borough will meet deadline and intends to have project bids by the end of August. The summer park program will not be affected.

4. Borough Hall fungal assessment update: There is an area of the basement at Borough Hall which consists of mold and is in concentrated area. A report is available and working on contractor for remediation and will be brought back to Council with

5. Church Street vacation extinguishment: Mr. Hassan indicated that a paper road existed on Church Street, Borough was advised by Montgomery County that there could be a conflict. Property owners on both sides have signed off and this is now before Council to extinguish. No questions were presented

Motioned by: Kelly Snizavich

Seconded by: Jeff Ewing

Ayes: 5

Nayes: 0

Abstentions: Tara Gorney abstained

The motion passes 5-1

6. The Borough has received 6 bids for the overlay project for 2023 with the lowest bidder was Moore Brothers LTD. However, Moore Brothers was not responsive or provided the information request which they were then disqualified. The next lowest bidder was N. Abbonizio Contractors. Vice President Tara Gorney asked questions between the difference of the two lowest bidders and Khal Hassan indicated the Borough is below budget for this project. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to contract with N. Abbonizio Contractors for a contract amount of \$153,925.00.

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing

Seconded by: Zach Nelson

Ayes:6

Nayes: 0

The motion passes: 6-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion To adopt Resolution No. 2023-11 appointing \_\_\_\_\_ to Civil Service.**

Mr. English indicated that there was one applicant, Albert Kleinschmidt. Mr. English summarized the duties of Civil Service as well as Mr. Kleinschmidt's background within the Borough. Mr. Kleinschmidt would resign from the Zoning Hearing Board if elected. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to elect Albert Kleinschmidt to the Civil Service Committee to serve a 6 year term.

Motioned by: Tara Gorney

Seconded by: Jeff Ewing

Ayes: 6

Nayes: 0

The motion passes 6-0

**Motion to hire \_\_\_\_\_ as Assistant Manager.**

Mr. Blumenthal indicated that over the last several months Council has been working on hiring of an assistant manager, two rounds of interviews have taken place and there are three candidates are being considered for the Assistant Management position. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to open nominations. A Motion to open nomination was made by Jeff Ewing and seconded by Kelly Snizavich. Jeff Ewing nominated Douglas Borgerson. There were no additional nominations and a motion to close nominations was made by Tori Conicello-Emery and seconded by Kelly Snizavich. The motion to close nominations passes 6-0. Mr. Blumenthal asked for a motion to hire Douglas Borgerson as Assistant Manager:

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing  
Seconded by: Kelly Snizavich  
Ayes: 5  
Nay: 1 Zach Nelson opposed  
The motion passes: 5-1

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ALLOW GUY DAVIS TO MAKE COMMENTS FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT.**

Mr. Davis spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission and wanted to provide some feedback on the research of open space and trails. He referred to the possible use of Merion Ridge, the trail behind the office towers and Gulph Mills Creek. No comments were presented.

**SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION**

**218 BRITTMOIR:** Applicant's representative Mark Danek was present to discuss the project. Mr. Hassan indicated that this has already been approved for zoning and this is just for specifics, so no action is needed. Mr. Hassan indicated that he would provide Mr. Danek in regards to road vacate.

**509 APPLE STREET:** Applicant James Shore was present and Mr. Hassan provided some insight on past zoning applications for this property. Pennoni has identified some zoning issues and is working with the applicant's engineer to resolve those issues. Mr. Shore was already granted the variance but needs an extension due to the failure to received permits within time frame. This will go before zoning hearing on July 13<sup>th</sup> for the extension of time.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Guy Davis, resident, commented on park hours sign.


Dave Frankenfield, resident, thanked everyone for the 125<sup>th</sup> year celebration of George Clay and indicated that the Fire Company banquet will be held at the Marriott on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Frankenfield also suggested that a few members of the community should be recognized as high school graduates

**ADJOURNMENT**

Stephen Blumenthal asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cristina Meade  
Borough Secretary