

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
February 13, 2024
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

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

OPENING COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Tara Gorney indicated that Mr. Blumenthal is unable to join this evening

ROLL CALL

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

Vice President Gorney asked for a motion to Amend the Agenda to table the Board of Appeals to March 12, 2024 meeting

Motioned by: Chris Cella
Seconded by: Zach Nelson
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
The motion passes

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Motioned by: Zach Nelson
Seconded by: Amelia Gale
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
The motion passes

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Ms. Gorney indicated that the bills for this month were a total of \$674,021.45 and asked for a motion to approve the bills. There were no questions from members of Council or the public

Motioned by: Jeff Ewing
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
The motion passes

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Vice President Gorney indicated that the grand total is \$14,520,014.22. Pension accounts totaled \$10,467,026.19; non-uniform pension account \$1,298,164.97 and police pension account \$9,168,861.22. Pension accounts are not included in the total. There were no questions from members of Council. Ms. Gorney asked for a motion to approve the financial report.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery
Seconded by: Jeff Ewing
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
The motion passes

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Tara Gorney asked Council asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda without Council President Blumenthal's report.

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery
Seconded by: Amelia Gale
Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Abstention: 1- Zach Nelson
The motion passes

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Mr. English indicated that his report is in the packet. Mr. English wanted to highlight the Borough's First Responders due to the snow

Motioned by: Amelia Gale
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
The motion passes

Mr. John Iannozzi had nothing to report

Mr. Khal Hassan indicated that his report is in his packet. Mr. Hassan indicated that a Notice to Proceed for MacKenzie park was issued on January 4, 2024, Erosion and Sediment Control was installed on February 5th. Demo was postponed to February 14th. Mr. Hassan clarified that the field lighting will be installed during Phase I, as this is soft lighting and will be shielded from residential properties. Phase II grant was submitted for a total amount of \$922,420 for LSA and does not require local matching and will cover the basketball courts and part of the trail as well as other improvements. Mr. Hassan indicated that there is a pending grant, which Resolution is before Council this evening, is MontCo 2040 resolution for 100,000 and percentage is required to match and DCNR for concession and restroom \$250,000. Mr. Hassan provided an update on the Barr Harbor sink hole and states that there is no issue. There is a curb that had settled and will be handled when the weather gets warmer. No questions or concerns were presented

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Evaluation of Resolution 2024-02 acknowledging the list of participating members submitted to Council for the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act

ACT 108 allows participating members of George Clay to be covered under the Workers Compensation policy. There were no questions from the Council or public

Motioned by: Zach Nelson

Seconded by: Jeff Ewing

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The motion passes

2. Council shall evaluate and take potential action of Resolution No. 2024-03, proposed by the West Conshohocken Borough Council President, which would create a new International Fire Code Board of Appeals of the Borough of West Conshohocken.

This matter was tabled earlier this evening.

3. Evaluation of Resolution 2024-04 to authorize the submission of a grant application for Phase II of MacKenzie Park. Explanation was previously given by Mr. Hassan. No questions were presented

Motioned by: Tori Conicello-Emery

Second by: Chris Cella

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 1 Zach Nelson

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Jay Soppick, property owner, questioned if workers comp was self-insured to which Mr. English indicated that we are not self-insured

Walter Gleba, resident was concerned about the new fence at St. Gerts Park. He indicated that prior was a chain link fence and Mr. Ewing indicated that there was no chain link fence prior to new fence being installed. Mr Gleba was concerned about safety and asked if it was a possibility of putting netting to reduce any children trying to leave the area. Mr. Gleba asked about the hours of the lights and Mr. Hassan indicated that the lights will be on from dusk til dawn.

Guy Davis, resident, wanted to incorporate the oldest resolution to the 150th. Mr. Davis also wanted to know what the issue was with the old fence at St. Gert's park. Mr. English indicated that public works noticed that the posts were rotted and due to the construction at MacKenzie that they know that St. Gerts park will be utilized even more.

Jason Saro, resident, wanted to address the blue matting at St. Gerts park being a trip hazard and asked Council to look into this.

Dave Frankenfield, thanked the streets department for the maintenance of the Borough during the snow. Mr. Frankenfield provided background on the lighting at the park which helped the Borough reduce the crime in the Borough. Mr. Frankenfield spoke of the fire that took place in Norristown to which George Clay was called to assist.

ADJOURNMENT

Tara Gorney asked Council for a motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm

Motioned by: Chris Cella

Seconded by: Nelson

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The motion passes

Respectfully Submitted



Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary