

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2009
7:00 P.M.

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

Marcy Rogovin, Council President, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Marcy Rogovin, President	Present
Joseph Pignoli, Vice President	Present
John Cooper	Absent
Bernie Couris	Present
Harry Griffiths	Present
Albert Kleinschmidt	Absent
Joseph Costello	Present
Donna Frankenfield, Mayor	Present
Caren Andrews, Manager	Present
Joe McGrory, Solicitor	Present
Khaled Hassan, Engineer	Present

Mayor Frankenfield swore in the Borough's new part time police officer, Brandon Uhrh. Everyone welcomed him. He thanked everyone.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Rogovin asked if anyone had any comments. None were asked.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to accept the Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2009.

Motioned By: Joseph Pignoli
Seconded By: Bernie Couris
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 3 to 0 with two abstentions. Harry Griffiths and Joseph Costello abstained because they were not present at this meeting.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2009.

Motioned By: Bernie Couris
Seconded By: Joseph Pignoli
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 3 to 0 with two abstentions. Harry Griffiths and Joseph Costello abstained because they were not present at this meeting.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to accept the Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2009

Motioned By: Bernie Couris
Seconded By: Joseph Pignoli
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 3 to 0 with two abstentions. Harry Griffiths and Joseph Costello abstained because they were not present at this meeting.

Mr. Costello questioned the distribution of the Front Street Revitalization plans to residents of neighborhood associations. Ms. Rogovin stated residents came into Borough Hall to obtain copies. They were available to anyone who stopped into the Borough Hall.

Mr. Costello questioned why the Council was revisiting the revitalization project. Ms. Rogovin explained the developers came back to the Borough stating the smaller project as proposed was not financially feasible and requested another meeting with Council. Mr. Costello announced he has been against this from day one and continues to be.

Mr. Couris suggested these issues be asked and addressed under old business. Mr. Costello said he will bring these and other issues up under the old business portion of tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Ms. Rogovin announced the bills this month total \$238,001.93 and asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr. Costello asked Ms. Andrews if it was correct that a GPS in a police vehicle was not working because they needed permission from her to make the repair. Ms. Andrews answered she was contacted by the police secretary about the problem. She asked the secretary the age of the GPS. After learning it was a few years old Ms. Andrews suggested to the secretary it might make sense to replace it instead of repairing it. Ms. Andrews suggested Mr. Costello ask the Chief for an update. Police Chief Clayborne announced it is on his to do list to meet with the service technician.

Mr. Costello had questioned repairs made to the Public Work's vehicles. He expressed his concerns about routine maintenance not being performed on these vehicles. Mr. Costello thought people should bring their own doggie litter bags to the park rather than the Borough paying for these bags. Mr. Costello expressed his dissatisfaction about paying Jay Gress Inc. for the time the service technician spent with the Borough Manager educating her on the geothermal heating and air conditioning system.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$238,001.93

Motioned By: Harry Griffiths
Seconded By: Bernie Couris
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 4 to 0 with one abstention. Mr. Pignoli abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Rogovin announced the current funds of the Borough as of February 6, 2009 \$5,516,827.90.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to accept the financial report.

Motioned By: Bernie Couris
Seconded By: Joseph Pignoli
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Andrews announced Khal Hassan was assisting her in narrowing down CDBG projects. The focus for now is on the storm drainage issues on Powers Avenue. Ms. Andrews asked the public to submit projects. The Council will look at the project list at the March Council meeting.

Ms. Andrews announced she needs an executive session.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT, AND MAYOR'S REPORTS

Ms. Rogovin asked if anyone had any questions regarding the department and Mayor's reports.

Mr. Costello asked for confirmation that no additional Borough funds are needed for the Matsonford Road widening project other than what has been previously committed. Ms. Rogovin confirmed no additional funds are needed.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Solicitor McGrory had nothing to report. He needs an executive session.

Borough Engineer Hassan had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hassan announced that Pulver approached the Borough regarding the need for the proposed traffic light at Front Street, Bullock Avenue, and Barr Harbor Drive. With other road improvements Mr. Pulver thought the signalization was not needed. Instead he made an offer to direct the traffic signal money to another traffic improvement project, one to be determined by the Borough. Mr. McGrory recommended there be no restrictions on how the Borough uses the Pulver funds. Mr. Hassan explained that PennDot has mandated a signal at this location via the issued HOP. A new traffic study is needed. If the findings confirm no signal is needed then the study can be given to PennDot. PennDot must release the Borough from the HOP requirements. Mr. Hassan estimated the cost of the traffic study to be \$ 4000.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to authorize Mr. Hassan to perform a traffic study for the Front Street, Bullock Avenue, and Barr Harbor Drive intersection at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.

Motioned By: Joseph Costello
Seconded By: Bernie Couris
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mr. Hassan announced the HOP for the above intersections will expire on February 23, 2009, and requested permission to file for an extension. The Council gave him permission to file the extension.

Ms. Rogovin announced at the January 29, 2009 public meeting a question arose about the use of open space grant money in purchasing the gravel parking lot located next to the Borough Hall property. Michael Stokes at the Montgomery County Planning Commission recently drafted a letter to the borough stating open space funds were not used for this parcel. The Borough rejected the grant. Mr. McGrory suggested a title search be done on the Borough Hall and gravel lot parcels to confirm there are no covenants. Mr. McGrory asked that this be done by motion.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to have Ms. Andrews contact a title company to do a title search on the Borough Hall and gravel lot parcels.

Motioned By: Bernie Couris
Seconded By: Joseph Pignoli
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to accept the Resolution to approve the Liquid Fuels Electronic Access License Agreement and authorize the Council President and Borough Manager to execute the documents.

Motioned By: Bernie Couris
Seconded By: Harry Griffiths
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

Ms. Andrews announced the Borough has an unnamed public street located off of Cedar Avenue in the Nob Hill development. The Nob Hill Homeowners Association has requested the road be named Nob Lane. Ms. Rogovin suggested Nob Hill Lane. Ms. Rogovin asked Mr. McGrory to do research on the process of naming an unnamed street. The Council would take the necessary action at next month's meeting.

Ms. Rogovin announced A.A.R.P. will be assisting seniors in preparing their tax returns on Monday mornings in Borough Hall.

Mayor Frankenfield handed out a fraud alert literature. Mayor Frankenfield announced she spoke to State Representative Tim Briggs about obtaining grant funds for a speed limit detection device. Mayor Frankenfield is working with Tina Reese on the welcome banners.

Mayor Frankenfield distributed two letters praising the Borough's police officers. One letter was from Rob and Robin Dronitsky. The other was from Dave Frankenfield.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Kelly, 300 Cedar Avenue welcomed back Mr. Costello and Mr. Griffiths. Ms. Kelly thanked the police officers and the Police Chief for their professional handling of a recent incident at her home. She was overwhelmed by the kindness shown to her by officers Adam Pagliaro, Andy Carlin, Steve Walker, and Police Chief Joseph Clayborne. Mrs. Kelly suggested the Borough hire more full time police officers.

Benjamin Leflar, 246 Moorehead Avenue said we no longer need to purchase dog litter bags because the Elizabeth Park is no longer a dog park. He announced at a prior meeting you gave the land to the memorial committee. The Council explained the Borough gave permission to have a veteran's memorial placed in this park. The location of the memorial needs to be approved by Council. The park belongs to the Borough. Mr. Leflar did not think it was a good idea to have dogs around a monument. He questioned the current monument in front of Borough Hall and asked if it was going to be moved as part of the revitalization project. Ms. Rogovin answered we hope to keep it right here on the corner.

Pat Getzfried, 608 Ford Street questioned why the homeowners associations had representatives at the special meeting recently held at the fire house. He suggested that the borough go back to a ward system. He wanted to know how many Council people are needed to have a quorum. He was told four. Being two Council people were not present at the special meeting he asked if their vote counted. Mr. McGrory informed him it was not an official vote.

It was noted there was an error in the January 29th minutes.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to change the minutes to read in concept the developers can move forward with the revitalization plan.

Motioned By: Bernie Couris
Seconded By: Marcy Rogovin
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 3 to 0 with two abstentions. Harry Griffiths and Joseph Costello abstained because they were not present at this meeting.

Mr. Getzfried wanted to know if the revitalization project could go on the primary ballot. Ms. Rogovin replied there has been discussed at public meetings. People were given the opportunity to voice their opinions.

Josephine Scharff, 195 Moorehead Avenue announced she thinks it is an excellent idea to place the revitalization project on the ballot. She wanted to know when the original plan changed to incorporate Borough Hall. Ms. Rogovin answered we were asked to reconsider the plan and we did. Ms. Scharff said she feels when a topic is voted on and declared a mute issue it should not be voted

on again. Ms. Scharff questioned the architectural design. Mr. McGrory answered that before anything is approved we will make sure that the plans match exactly the Borough's specifications.

Amanda Wollick, 211 Josephine Avenue announced with the economy being as bad as it is break-ins and crimes are going to increase. She suggested the police department deliver a letter to every resident making them aware of what is taking place in the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President Rogovin called an Executive Session at 8:15 pm to discuss legal matters. The Council returned to the Regular Meeting at 8:45 pm.

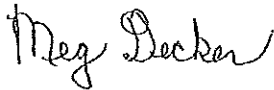
ADJOURN

Ms. Rogovin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Motioned By: Bernie Couris
Seconded By: Harry Griffiths
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Meg Decker
Administrative Assistant