

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2010
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
Zack Walker	Present
Bernie Couris	Present
Harry Griffiths	Present
Albert Kleinschmidt	Present
Joseph Costello	Present
Donna Frankenfield, Mayor	Present
Caren Andrews, Manager	Present
Joe McGrory, Solicitor	Present
Khaled Hassan, Engineer	Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Rogovin opened the floor to public comment. No one came forward. Ms. Rogovin announced an executive session is needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting minutes of December 8, 2009.

Motioned By: Albert Kleinschmidt

Seconded By: Bernie Couris

The motion passed 6 to 0 with one abstention from Zack Walker. Mr. Walker said he was not on Council in December.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to accept the Reorganization Meeting minutes of January 4, 2010.

Motioned By: Albert Kleinschmidt

Seconded By: Joseph Pignoli

The motion passed 6 to 0 with one abstention from Bernie Couris. Bernie Couris abstained because he was absent from this meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Ms. Rogovin asked if anyone had questions about the bills list. Mr. Costello and Mr. Griffiths had some questions. Ms. Andrews answered their questions.

Mr. Costello asked about the status of the gift for the former Police Secretary who resigned her position this past year. Mr. Griffiths said Council must not gift a former employee who quits. Mr. Costello said he recalled that the Mayor was going to handle this matter. The Council said the Mayor can gift, but it will not be endorsed by Council.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$977,554.79.

Motioned By: Bernie Couris

Seconded By: Zack Walker

All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Rogovin announced the bank account and investment balance as of January 8, 2010 is \$4,628,047.26. Mr. Costello asked if the certificate of deposit maturing on January 19 will be reinvested. Ms. Andrews said yes. Mr. Griffiths said the Borough had a good year with the earned income tax receipts.

PRESIDENT APPOINTMENTS

President Rogovin announced she has prepared a memo with the Council and Employee Committee appointments. Everyone had a copy of the memo. Ms. Rogovin asked for the memo to be made part of the minutes.

Ms. Rogovin announced Mayor Frankenfield is the Emergency Management Coordinator.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Rogovin asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mr. Couris said he wanted to acknowledge the efforts of Ms. Andrews and Ms. Decker in improving the financial recordkeeping and controls. He mentioned a recent letter from PennDot on the status of the Borough's Liquid Fuels fund.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT, AND MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mr. Kleinschmidt updated Council on the renovations to the Police Station. He stated three architect proposals were received. He recommended the assignment be given to G. Bogossian Architect, the lowest quote. Furthermore he recommended restricting the approval to the preliminary design, Phase One in the Bogossian quote. Phase Two takes the Borough to construction documents. G. Bogossian quotes Phase One to cost between \$ 2900 to \$ 3200. The Borough Engineer will need to do the mechanical plans and other ancillary services.

Ms. Rogovin asked if these estimates included Borough Hall. Mr. Kleinschmidt recommended Borough Hall be addressed later as a separate project.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to authorize G. Bogossian Architect to proceed with Phase One, the preliminary design at a cost not to exceed \$3,200 per the proposal of December 12, 2009.

Motioned By: Bernie Couris
Seconded By: Harry Griffiths
All in Favor, Yes.
The motion passed 7 to 0.

Mr. Costello announced the developer for the Front Street revitalization project has withdrawn the concept plan and will no longer be working on this project. Mr. Costello asked that Council consider implementing one of the parking lot plans designed by Pennoni Associates dated Year 2003. The plans call for blacktopping the gravel lot. Ms. Andrews said the appraisal will be completed next month. Ms. Rogovin asked that Council defer further discussion until the February meeting. Ms. Rogovin directed Ms. Andrews to have in the February Council packet a copy of the parking lot options and the appraisal report.

Mr. Costello asked why Brian Leflar, a seasonal Public Works employee, was laid off on Christmas Eve. Ms. Andrews answered there was no work.

Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Costello, and Ms. Rogovin commended the Public Works Crew for a job well done during the recent snow blizzard.

Ms. Rogovin complimented the Chief on the new Police Report.

Ms. Rogovin asked for the status of the painting of the Police Station by the Public Works Department. Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Kleinschmidt said the workforce was busy plowing, removing snowflakes, and performing their daily tasks. A question was posed if the Public Works staff had the time to paint. Ms. Rogovin asked to have Mr. Carey prepare a report explaining why the painting was delayed and when he anticipates getting started. Everyone agreed. Ms. Andrews will pass on this directive.

Mr. Couris asked for the status of the tarp ordinance. Ms. Andrews said Mr. McGrory had drafted the ordinance, it had been presented to Council, and it was tabled. Mr. McGrory asked for the draft ordinance to be circulated to Council and placed on next month's agenda.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Mr. McGrory recommended the Kolea property, 6 Cedar Avenue, SALDO matter be tabled until next month. In the storm water review by Khal Hassan some minor issues were discovered. The property owner needs to revise the plan.

Mr. Hassan provided Council with the results of the video tape inspection of Ford Street. Some of the lines were blocks. Two hundred feet of pipe are damaged. He suggest the blocked lines be flushed and the damaged pipe be replaced. Mr. Griffiths asked for an estimate to repair the damaged line. Mr. Hassan said \$ 150 per foot. Mr. Hassan said there is a collapsed storm pipe

by the OTP property. This is a PennDot issue. He will contact PennDot. The Council discussed the options for the storm water repairs. A decision was made to wait until the PennDot turnback funds are received and then bring this up again at that time.

Mr. Hassan announced the ADA CDBG Project has one closeout change order, order no. 1, which results in a credit on the contract to the Borough in the amount of \$10,680.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to approve the ADA CDBG Project, Closeout Change Order No. 1, credit on the contract of \$10,680.

Motioned By: Albert Kleinschmidt
Seconded By: Zack Walker
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

Mr. Costello asked Mr. Hassan to contact PennDot about a light on the Schuylkill Expressway that shines into a property on Moorehead Avenue. Mr. Hassan said he will handle this matter.

Mr. Hassan said a meeting was held with PennDot regarding the Matsonford Road Widening Project II. They were pleased to hear the Borough is working on improving the traffic flow. PennDot is reviewing the plan and will get back to Pennoni Associates.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. McGrory opened the public hearing for an Ordinance authorizing the participation of the Borough in the Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust (DVHIT) pursuant to the PA Intergovernmental Cooperation Law. The ordinance was advertised. Mr. McGrory asked if Council had any questions. No questions were posed. He asked if there were questions from the public. No questions were posed. Mr. McGrory closed the hearing.

Ms. Rogovin requested a Motion to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the participation of the Borough in the Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust (DVHIT) Pursuant to the PA Intergovernmental Cooperation Law.

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

The motion passed 7 to 0.

Mr. McGrory opened the public hearing for an Ordinance repealing and vacating all prior ordinances establishing or amending the rules and regulations of the Borough's Civil Service Commission. The ordinance was advertised. Mr. McGrory asked if Council had any questions. No questions were posed. He asked if there were questions from the public. No questions were posed. Mr. McGrory closed the hearing.

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Motioned By: Bernie Couris
Seconded By: Albert Kleinschmidt

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0.

Mr. McGrory opened the public hearing for an Ordinance approving amendments to the rules and regulations for the Borough's Civil Service Commission. Mr. McGrory stated he did not review the rules and regulations. This was an assignment given to the labor relations attorney. All he was doing was handling the process for the public hearing and adoption. The ordinance was advertised. Mr. McGrory asked if Council had any questions. No questions were posed. He asked if there were questions from the public. No questions were posed. Mr. McGrory closed the hearing.

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Motioned By: Zack Walker
Seconded By: Joseph Costello
All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0.

Ms. McGrory presented a Resolution to accept the dedication of the Powers Avenue Parking Lot (Former St. Gertrude's Parcel). He asked if anyone had any questions before adopting. Mr. McGrory said the scope of this dedication pertains to the parking lot. It has no impact on the signalization improvements. The dedication of the lot is recommended to allow for the Borough to plow the parking lot and make it useable.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to adopt a Resolution accepting the dedication of the Powers Avenue Parking Lot (Former St. Gertrude's Parcel).

Motioned By: Joseph Costello
Seconded By: Joseph Pignoli
All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0.

Mr. McGrory presented a Resolution establishing the Tax Collector's wages for Year 2010 at \$4,685. There was a discussion about future wages. It was agreed to let future wages be determined as part of the budget process.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to adopt a Resolution for the Tax Collector's Wages for Year 2010 at \$ 4,685.

Motioned By: Bernie Couris
Seconded By: Harry Griffiths

The motion passed 6 to 0 with Mr. Pignoli recusing himself. His wife has submitted a letter of interest in the position.

Ms. Rogovin said two letters of interest were received for the Tax Collector position. One was from Karen Pignoli. The other was from Jerry Conicello. A discussion was held. Ms. Rogovin requested a motion.

A motion was made to appoint Jerry Conicello to the position of Borough Tax Collector.

Motioned By: Zack Walker
Seconded By: Joseph Costello
All in Favor, No

Ms. Rogovin requested Council be polled.

Joseph Costello	Yes
Harry Griffiths	No
Albert Kleinschmidt	No
Marcy Rogovin	Yes
Joseph Pignoli	Recused
Zack Walker	Yes
Bernie Couris	Yes

The motion passed 4 to 2 with Mr. Pignoli recusing himself.

Ms. Rogovin announced Penguin Real Estate Investors has terminated the West Conshohocken Front Street Revitalization Project. There was a brief discussion about the future of the Borough Hall property.

The Council held a discussion about the gatling gun located in front of Borough Hall by the Veteran's Memorial. The Borough hired a consultant, BR Howard, to inspect the gun and prepare a report. The Council received the report dated December 11, 2009. Mr. Howard said the historic integrity of the gatling gun had been challenged due to some of the components not being original and/or authentic. Mr. Howard proposes the restoration to cost up to \$ 12,000. Ms. Andrews said she spoke to John Carey. Mr. Carey reached out to Mike McGuire to get history on the gun and repairs. Mr. McGuire and Mr. Carey believe there is a source in Lancaster County that can rebuild the wheels. The Council asked for Mr. Carey to continue with this investigation and report back to Council with costs by next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Andrews said there are two dormant pension checking accounts with Susquehanna Bank. She is recommending closing the accounts and transferring the assets to the appropriate pension accounts with US Bank. The accounts have not been used since the pension transfer back in early 2008. Mr. Costello is unfamiliar with US Bank and expressed concerns. Ms. Andrews said PFM, the pension investment firm, partners with US Bank for bank services.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to close the Susquehanna Bank Police Pension checking account and transfer the assets to US Bank Police Pension Account.

Motioned By: Zack Walker
Seconded By: Joseph Pignoli
All in Favor, No

Ms. Rogovin requested Council be polled.

Joseph Costello	No
Harry Griffiths	Yes
Albert Kleinschmidt	Yes
Marcy Rogovin	Yes
Joseph Pignoli	Yes
Zack Walker	Yes
Bernie Couris	Yes

The motion passed 6 to 1.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to close the Susquehanna Bank Non-Uniformed Pension checking account and transfer the assets to US Bank Non-Uniformed Pension Account.

Motioned By: Zack Walker
Seconded By: Bernie Couris
All in Favor, No

Ms. Rogovin requested Council be polled.

Joseph Costello	No
Harry Griffiths	Yes
Albert Kleinschmidt	Yes
Marcy Rogovin	Yes
Joseph Pignoli	Yes
Zack Walker	Yes
Bernie Couris	Yes

The motion passed 6 to 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Kelly, 300 Cedar Avenue requested parking spots in the gravel parking lot be dedicated for meeting attendees the night of the Council meetings.

Tom Smith, 625 Ford Street, the Vice President of the George Clay Fire Company introduced Jason "Jay" Saro, the new President of the George Clay Fire Company.

Jay Saro, 4 Nathans Place, introduced himself. He said the other new official for the George Clay Fire Company was Jay Soppick. Mr. Soppick will serve as the Chief Engineer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President Rogovin called an Executive Session at 8:35 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters. The Council returned to the Regular Meeting at 10:00 pm.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion for the appointment to the Municipal Authority, five year term. Charlie Devaux's term had expired. A motion was made to appoint Zack Walker to the Municipal Authority with the term expiring on December 31, 2014.

Motioned By: Harry Griffiths
Seconded By: Joseph Costello
All in Favor, No.

Ms. Rogovin requested Council be polled.

Joseph Costello	Yes
Harry Griffiths	Yes
Albert Kleinschmidt	Yes
Marcy Rogovin	Yes
Joseph Pignoli	Yes
Bernie Couris	No
Zack Walker	Abstain

The motion passed 5 to 1 with one abstention from Mr. Walker.

Ms. Andrews was directed to contact Mr. Greenstein to see if he is interested in renewing his term on the Zoning Hearing Board. There is an open position on the Planning Commission due to Christine Dimmig relocating out of the Borough.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion for the appointment of Robert Feenan, 160 Josephine Avenue to the Rec Advisory/Open Space/Revitalization Committee for the one year term expiring on December 31, 2010.

Motioned By: Zack Walker
Seconded By: Albert Kleinschmidt
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 7 to 0

ADJOURN

Ms. Rogovin asked for a motion to adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

Motioned By: Joseph Pignoli
Seconded By: Zack Walker
All in Favor, Yes.
The motion passed 7 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caren D. Andrews
Borough Manager/ Secretary

To: Council Members and Caren Andrews

From: Marcy Rogovin

Date: January 12, 2010

Re: Borough of West Conshohocken Committees and Committee Appointments – 2010

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Public Safety Committee (combines Police, Fire and Safety departments)

Harry Griffiths, chair

Joe Costello

Marcy Rogovin

Finance Committee

Al Kleinschmidt, Chair

Joe Pignoli

Zack Walker

Public Property (combines Streets, Property & Water and Lights committees)

Zack Walker, chair

Al Kleinschmidt

Joe Costello

Personnel (combines Personnel, Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension committees)

Marcy Rogovin, chair

Joe Pignoli

Harry Griffiths

Technology

Joe Costello, chair

Harry Griffiths

Ordinance

Bernie Couris, chair

Al Kleinschmidt

Open Space/Revitalization/Recreation (combines Open Space & Shade Tree committees and adds Revitalization and Recreation as a committee)

Bernie Couris, chair

Harry Griffiths

Marcy Rogovin

With Advisory Committee: Dan Huges, Bernie Jenson, Helene Levitt, Barbara Mako, Margey Weiss, and Pat Zapien

Public Facilities Renovation

Al Kleinschmidt, Chair

Joe Pignoli

Bernie Couris

Vacancy Board

Joseph G. Pignoli

Pension committees

Caren Andrews (pension committees)

Steve Walker, Andy Carlin (Uniform Pension committee)

Mary Ann Flynn (Non-Uniform Pension committee)

Liaisons

Fire Department – Joe Costello

Planning Commission – Bernie Couris

Schuylkill Valley Transportation Coalition – Caren Andrews

Marcy Rogovin

EMPLOYEE WORKPLACE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Caren Andrews

Mary Ann Flynn

John Carey

Andy Carlin

John Lattanzi

I trust that everyone will take his/her appointments seriously and undertake its respective oversight duties and respond to matters brought to the committee's attention by our Borough Manager or Council as a whole.