

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 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	Present
Bernie Couris	Present
Harry Griffiths	Absent
Albert Kleinschmidt	Present
Joseph Costello	Absent
Donna Frankenfield, Mayor	Present
Caren Andrews, Manager	Present
Joe McGroary, Solicitor	Present
Khaled Hassan, Engineer	Present

Ms. Rogovin announced there was an Executive Session prior to tonight's regular meeting dealing with personnel matters. She informed the public that another one may be needed after tonight's proceedings regarding a legal matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Josephine Scharff, 195 Moorehead Avenue questioned the revitalization plan and special meeting of January 29, 2009. She wanted to know if the new plan included Borough Hall. Ms. Rogovin answered the developer came to Council with a revised proposal that included the entire block from Williams Street to Ford Street and from Front Street to Powers Avenue. Ms. Scharff stated she though this was a mute issue. Ms. Rogovin replied the developers informed Council the old plans were not financially feasible. Ms. Scharff asked if the residents would be given ample notice of this meeting. Ms. Rogovin replied postcards would be mailed to each resident and the meeting would be advertised in the newspaper.

Pat Getzfried, 608 Ford Street stated he agreed with Ms. Scharff. The Council voted the plan down in November. He also pointed out that he felt it was wrong that this matter was being addressed when two Council Members who voted against it were not present. Mr. Kleinschmidt stated they will be present at the meeting scheduled for January 29, 2009.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2008.

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

The motion passed 5 to 0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Ms. Rogovin asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bills list.

No questions were asked.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$930,812.80.

Motioned By: Joseph Pignoli
Seconded By: Albert Kleinschmidt
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Rogovin announced the current funds of the Borough as of January 13, 2009 are \$5,697,171.34, and asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr. Cooper questioned the \$0.34 in the Quakers Home Account and asked why it could not be closed out. Ms. Andrews said the account was open because funds are owed to the Borough.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Andrews asked if anyone had any questions. None were asked. She announced an officer was patrolling the Union Hill area last weekend and encountered black ice. He lost control of the vehicle and struck a utility pole. Ms. Andrews announced the officer was not hurt. The vehicle sustained damages. This accident has been reported to the insurance company. Mr. Couris had questions about two police officers. He wanted to know when Brian Raskiewicz would be returning to duty. Ms. Andrews said he goes to the doctor on January 14th. Mr. Couris asked for information on Salvatore Carfagno's injury. Ms. Andrews answered he lost his footing while stepping out of the police vehicle. The ground was dry and free of ice.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT, AND MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Frankenfield requested approval to hire George Minnis as a part time crossing guard.

Motioned By: Jack Cooper
Seconded By: Albert Kleinschmidt
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Frankenfield announced she would be hand delivering the prizes to the winners of the lighting contest. They are as follows 1st - \$125.00 - Mr. James Shore Jr., 2nd - \$100.00 - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Caputo, 3rd - \$75.00 - Mr. & Mrs. Michael O'Neill, 4th - \$50.00 - Mr. John Antenucci.

President Rogovin announced at the beginning of each year she is required to make appointments to the various Borough committees. Ms. Rogovin passed out a memo and asked this be made part of the minutes. This list will be attached to the minutes.

Ms. Rogovin announced two residents will be unable to serve this upcoming year. She thanked Jason Saro and Leslie Sombers for their service to the Borough.

Ms. Rogovin welcomed the Borough's new State Representative, Tim Briggs. Mr. Briggs said he was looking forward to serving the residents and provided contact information. He is going to set up a satellite office in the West Conshohocken Borough Hall. He anticipates using the Borough Hall no more than two times per month and thanked the Council for allowing him to use the facility to do constituent services. Mr. Briggs hopes to be assigned to the Transportation and Educational Committees of the legislature. Ms. Rogovin invited Mr. Briggs to send a representative to the Schuylkill Valley Transportation Coalition meetings.

Since this is not a reorganization year Ms. Rogovin announced we can skip over the professional appointments listed on tonight's agenda. There are no changes to the professionals.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to appoint Joseph G. Pignoli as Vacancy Board Chairman.

Motioned By: Jack Cooper
Seconded By: Bernie Couris
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to appoint Kerns, Pearlstine, Onorato & Hladik with Dave Onorato and Bob Kerns to serve as Conflict Solicitor for Year 2009.

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

The motion passed 5 to 0.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to appoint Duda Actuarial Consulting to do the actuarial services for the 2009 Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans at a cost of \$2,200 per plan.

Motioned By: Jack Cooper
Seconded By: Bernie Couris
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Mr. McGroary had no report.

Mr. Hassan announced PennDot is continuing its research on Ford Street. He said he would follow up with them.

Mr. Hassan announced the Moir Avenue CDBG and St. Gert's demolition bid documents are complete. The Solicitor's office has reviewed the St. Gert's bid documents and approved them. For St. Gert's the specifications call for a bid for the convent, one for the school, and one combined. The bid opening is scheduled for February 27, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Frankenfield presented different logos and fabrics for welcome banners. The banners would be placed at key locations throughout the Borough. A discussion was held. It was decided that Council would vote on the banner they liked best and email the Mayor with their choices and comments. Permission was granted to proceed and go over budget if needed.

Ms. Rogovin announced there will be a Special Meeting at the George Clay Firehouse to obtain input from the public on the proposed Front Street Revitalization Plan being proposed by Penguin Real Estate Investors. The meeting is on January 29 at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to appoint Brandon Unruh, as a part time Police Officer at the rate of \$16.11 per hour.

Motioned By: Jack Cooper
Seconded By: Albert Kleinschmidt
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to reappoint David Frankenfield, 580 Ford Street to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term. His term expiration date is December 31, 2012.

Motioned By: Bernie Couris
Seconded By: Albert Kleinschmidt
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to reappoint Laura Beverley, 33 Dehaven Avenue to the Planning Commission for a four year term. Her term expiration date is December 31, 2013.

Motioned By: Jack Cooper
Seconded By: Bernie Couris
All in Favor, Yes.
The motion passed 5 to 0.

Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to reappoint Bernie Couris, 130 Merion Avenue to the Municipal Authority for a five year term. His term expiration date is December 31, 2014.

Motioned By: Joseph Pignoli
Seconded By: Albert Kleinschmidt
All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 4 to 0. Mr. Couris abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Getzfried, 608 Ford Street asked if the Borough was getting bids to tear down St. Gert's school and convent. Ms. Rogovin replied yes. He stated the Council should have plans in place before they make any decisions about tearing it down. Mr. Getzfried questioned the clerical typing error on the resolution condemning the St. Gert's school and convent property. Mr. McGrory confirmed that is what happened.

Josephine Scharff, 195 Moorehead Avenue asked Ms. Rogovin why she would not permit people to speak longer than three minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President Rogovin called an Executive Session at 7:45 pm to discuss legal matters. The Council returned to the Regular Meeting at 8:14 pm.

Ms. Rogovin requested a clarification for the hiring of George Minnis to include his hourly rate. Mr. McGrory asked that a new motion be made. Ms. Rogovin requested a motion to hire Jerry Minnis for the position of part time crossing guard at the first year rate of pay of \$11.91 per hour. On the start of his second year of employment Mr. Minnis' hourly rate will be elevated to the full rate of the crossing guard position.

Motioned By: Jack Cooper
Seconded By: Albert Kleinschmidt
All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

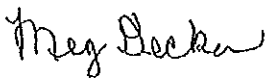
ADJOURN

Ms. Rogovin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Motioned By: Joseph Pignoli
Seconded By: Albert Kleinschmidt

All in Favor. Yes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Meg Decker
Administrative Assistant

To: Council Members

From: Marcy Rogovin

Date: January 13, 2009

Re: Borough of West Conshohocken Committees and Committee Appointments -- 2009

CC: Caren Andrews

We have reviewed the current committee structure and we recommend a reduction in the number of committees. We propose to merge together committees that address related or complimentary issues. Each council member will have 2-3 committee appointments and may serve as a liaison to other borough entities such as the Fire Department, Planning Commission, Recreation Board and the Schuylkill Valley Transportation Coalition (regional traffic concerns). Each council member will chair a committee. It is our hope 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.

The revised committees and appointments are as follows:

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Public Safety Committee (combines Police & Safety committees)

Harry Griffiths, chair

John Cooper

Marcy Rogovin

Finance Committee

Al Kleinschmidt, Chair

Marcy Rogovin

Joe Pignoli

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

Jack Cooper, chair

Al Kleinschmidt

Joe Costello

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

Marcy Rogovin, chair

Joe Pignoli

Harry Griffiths

With:

Caren Andrews (pension committees)

Steve Walker, Andy Carlin (Uniform Pension committee)

Mary Ann Flynn (Non-Uniform Pension committee)

Technology

Joe Costello, chair
Harry Griffiths

Ordinance

Al Kleinschmidt, chair
Bernie Couris
Jack Cooper

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 Hughes, Bernie Jenson, Helene Levitt, Barbara Mako, Margie Weiss, Pat Zapien

Vacancy Board

Joseph G. Pignoli

Liaisons

Fire Department -- Joe Costello
Planning Commission -- John Cooper
Recreation -- Bernie Couris
Mayor Donna Frankenfield
Schuylkill Valley Transportation Coalition -- Caren Andrews
Bernie Couris
Marcy Rogovin

EMPLOYEE WORKPLACE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Caren Andrews
Mary Ann Flynn
John Carey
Andy Carlin
John Lattanzi