

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Tina Sokolowski, Vice President
Anita Barton, Council Member
Stacy Ellam, Council Member
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Member
Adrian Serna, Council Member
Karen Tutino, Council Member
Yaniv Aronson, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Cecco, Borough Manager
Michael E. Peters, Borough Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at the Conshohocken Borough Hall, 400 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA. Ms. Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Leonard announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting on legal and property matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for agenda items only)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Consider granting conditional use approval for 918 Fayette Street

Mr. Peters opened the public hearing. He discussed the application, which seeks conditional use approval to permit an artistic/creative flex space on the first floor of the existing building. He reviewed the proposed conditions of approval.

Ms. Barton made a motion to grant conditional use approval for 918 Fayette Street to permit an artistic/creative flex space in the R-O Residential Office District on the first floor of the existing building subject to the conditions of approval, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Trash Alternative Trial Period Results, Public Services Representatives

Ray Sokolowski, Executive Director of Operations, and Frank Perry, Foreman, were present to discuss the results of the trash alternative trial period. Mr. Sokolowski explained that, over the course of the trial period, there was an increase in the recycling tonnage and a decrease in fuel consumption and costs. He presented data on municipal comparisons regarding trash collection services. He explained that the Public Services employees were able to focus on alternate duties and provided examples of projects accomplished. He emphasized the utilization of skilled Public Service employees in different capacities and reduction in the reliance of third-party assistance. Mr. Sokolowski explained that feedback from the Public Services employees has been positive. He discussed how complaints and/or concerns regarding the trash schedule would be handled in the future. He explained that the Borough would provide additional trash cans to residents if requested and Public Services would provide extra pick-ups for special circumstances. He also shared that the Borough plans to partner with the Environmental Advisory Council to provide information and education on non-mandatory alternatives such as composting. He discussed considerations for the future, such as trash and recycling collection in alleyways. Mr. Sokolowski recommended that once-a-week trash collection become permanent effective January 1, 2023.

Ms. Cecco announced that the once-a-week trash collection schedule will continue for the remainder of the year. She added that Council would formally consider making the once-a-week trash collection schedule permanent at the November Voting Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Leonard read and reviewed the items included on the consent agenda.

- a.) **Approve and adopt the September 7 and September 21 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 28 Special Budget Meeting Minutes**
- b.) **Approve the September-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,115,777.40**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the September 7 and September 21 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 28 Special Budget Meeting Minute, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve the September-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,115,777.40, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) **Conduct interviews for Board and Commission reappointments**

Ms. Leonard introduced Bob Molony who was present to interview for reappointment to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Mr. Molony shared that he has enjoyed serving on the EAC and learning about stormwater management and green energy. He discussed the environmental impacts of the Borough's growth in population.

Ms. Leonard introduced Alan Chmielewski who was present to interview for reappointment to the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB). Mr. Chmielewski shared that he has enjoyed his time serving on the ZHB and would like to continue. He briefly discussed the role of the ZHB and his experience as a new member.

- b.) **Consider approving Resolution 2022-30 authorizing the submission of the 2022 CDBG application**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-30 authorizing the submission of the 2022 CDBG application, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) **Consider approving the CDBG Three-Year Community Development Plan**

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the CDBG Three-Year Community Development Plan, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) **Consider approving payment certificate no. 1 to Ramos & Associates, Inc. for the CDBG Curb Ramp Project**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve payment certification no. 1 to Ramos & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$81,891.64 for the CDBG Curb Ramp Project, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson thanked all parties responsible for making the Colonial Area Fire Expo a success. He shared that HOW Property Group held a pumpkin patch event and food drive. He also shared details about the upcoming Halloween Parade.

Ms. Tutino shared that the EAC held its Community Cleanup and collected 500 lbs. of trash.

Ms. Sokolowski shared that the Community Center will be offering a Medicare Seminar on October 25th and October 26th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary