

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Jane Flanagan, Council Vice-President
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
Tina Sokolowski, Council Member
James Griffin, 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 7:08 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Leonard announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the meeting regarding a legal matter.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Leonard added an item to the agenda and invited Carroll Davis, Fire Police Captain, to the podium. Mr. Davis introduced Joseph Ashton, who was sworn in as a Fire Police Officer.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was no Council business.

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Consider 701 Jones Street Financial Security Release in the amount of \$44,276.00

Ms. Cecco shared that the Borough Engineer inspected the completed site improvements and prepared a recommended escrow release for approval by Borough Council.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the financial security release for 701 Jones Street in the amount of \$44,276.00, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider the resignation from a Board Member of the Friends of Conshohocken Parks

Ms. Cecco shared that Cindy King-Webb submitted her resignation from the Friends of Conshohocken Parks.

Ms. Flanagan made a motion to accept the resignation of Cindy King-Webb from the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider appointing a Board Member to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks

Ms. Cecco shared that Sarah Aronson applied to fill the vacancy on the Friends of Conshohocken Parks and asked Council to consider her appointment.

Ms. Barton made a motion to appoint Sarah Aronson to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) Consider recognizing a long-term resident reaching the age of 100 years old

Ms. Cecco shared that Borough administration received a nomination to recognize Margaret Harris who is turning 100 years old. She confirmed that Ms. Harris has spent more than twenty-five (25) years as a resident of the Borough of Conshohocken.

Ms. Flanagan made a motion to accept the nomination and recognize Margaret Harris by Proclamation at the September Voting Meeting, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

e.) Consider approving the Borough's 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) as required by Act 205

Ms. Cecco explained that the Borough is required to adopt the Commonwealth's Minimum Municipal Obligation in September of each year. She reviewed the MMO for each of the Borough's three (3) pension plans.

f.) Consider approving the adoption of a Parental Leave Policy effective January 1, 2020

Ms. Cecco stated that the proposed plan, which was presented to Council in June, has been reviewed by the Borough's labor attorney and is consistent with the County's parental leave policy. She reviewed the stipulations of the proposed policy and the process of budgeting for a parental leave program. She asked Council to continue to review the proposed policy and provide feedback to administration.

g.) Consider Ordinance 06-2019 amending the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan

Ms. Cecco explained that the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System announced that they would be changing all retirement plans to the new IRS-approved plan documents. She confirmed that the format of the plan changed and that no content changes were made to the plan. Ms. Cecco asked Council to review the new plan documents over the next two (2) weeks.

h.) Consider approving Resolution 2019-20 authorizing the sale of a dump truck through Municibid

Ms. Cecco explained that a 1997 dump truck has been listed for sale on Municibid for three (3) cycles and bids have not met the \$5,000.00 reserve price. She asked Council to consider approving a new resolution to authorize the sale of the dump truck on Municibid at a decreased price of \$3,500.00.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-20 authorizing the sale of a dump truck through Municibid, seconded by Mr. Stokley. The motion carried 7-0.

i.) Consider awarding the FY19 Liquid Fuels project contract

Ms. Cecco reviewed the scope of work for the 2019 liquid fuels project. She shared that the Borough received two (2) bids and reviewed the bid tabulation. Ms. Cecco asked Council to consider awarding the bid to Berg Construction, LLC in the amount of \$239,862.05. She mentioned that although the bid exceeded the previously approved allocation; the bid did come in under the approved budget.

Ms. Leonard motion to award the FY2019 Liquid Fuels project contract to Berg Construction LLC in the amount of \$239,862.05, seconded by Mr. Stokley. The motion carried 7-0.

j.) Consider awarding a bid for flooring replacement at the Community Center

Ms. Cecco stated that the Borough received three (3) bids and reviewed the bid tabulation. She asked Council to consider awarding the Community Center flooring replacement project to Joseph Del Buono Inc.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to award the FY2019 Community Center flooring replacement project to Joseph Del Buono Inc. in the amount of \$51,455.00, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

k.) Discussion on request for a banner sign at the SORA West construction site

Ms. Cecco shared that administration received a request to hang banner signs on the fence surrounding the SORA West construction site. She mentioned that there is no zoning provision for banner signs in SP-4 zoning district. Council agreed that the owner of the property should consider requests of this nature.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

All items under legal matters were tabled.

- a.) Update on Seven Tower Bridge Project
 - a. Discussion on Land Development Status
 - b. Review and consider approval of agreements:
 - i. Loan Documents (Note Agreement, Loan Agreement, Mortgage Agreement)
 - ii. Parking License Agreements (Two Tower Bridge and Seven Tower Bridge)
 - iii. TIF Project Agreement and Tax Agreement

An item was added to the agenda. Ms. Cecco invited Ray Sokolowski, Executive Director of Operations, to the podium to discuss a tree planting initiative. Mr. Sokolowski asked Council to consider approving the purchase of twenty-five (25) bare-root trees to be planted in Sutcliffe Park. Tim Snyder of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) presented a preliminary sketch, which included the proposed tree types and planting locations.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the purchase of twenty-five (25) bare root trees to be planted at the locations presented, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

a.) Sewer Authority Update (Council Member Barton)

There was no update on the Sewer Authority.

b.) Parking Task Force Update (Council Member Stokley & Council Member Tutino)

Mr. Stokley shared that the Parking Task Force has been looking for alternative parking for construction vehicles during construction in Ward 1. Ms. Tutino discussed the idea of using Haines & Salvati for temporary construction parking. She asked Council to consider authorizing administration and the Parking

Task Force to evaluate whether or not Haines and Salvati Park can be used as temporary parking for construction vehicles.

Ms. Leonard made a motion to authorize administration and the Parking Task Force to evaluate Haines and Salvati Park as temporary parking for construction vehicles, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Mary Wood Park Commission Update (Council Member Flanagan)

Ms. Flanagan shared that the Mary Wood Park Commission has been focused on fundraising events in support of the Friends of Conshohocken Parks.

d.) Friends of Conshohocken Parks Update (Council Member Sokolowski)

Ms. Sokolowski provided an update regarding fundraising initiatives. She shared that the Board would like to purchase promotional items or raffle baskets for Funfest in order to spread awareness about the Friends of Conshohocken Parks. Ms. Cecco asked Council to consider approving the purchase of promotional products for the Friends of Conshohocken Parks.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve of promotional products for the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Cecco reviewed the Friends of Conshohocken Parks bylaws.

e.) EAC Update (Mayor Aronson)

Mayor Aronson shared that the EAC is working with the Penn State Extension to provide information about the spotted lanternfly.

f.) Dog Park Advisory Committee Update (Mayor Aronson)

Mayor Aronson shared that the Dog Park Committee is focused on increasing public participation through fundraising and awareness raising events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stacy Ellam, 334 West 10th Avenue, asked if site conditions and tree form and size would be taken into consideration when purchasing and planting trees at Sutcliffe Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary