

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, January 21, 2015

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Robert Frost, Mayor
Paul McConnell, Council President
James Griffin, Council Vice-President
Karen Tutino, Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Richard J. Manfredi, Borough Manager
Michael Savona, Borough Solicitor
Paul Hughes, Borough Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at Conshohocken Borough Hall, 8th Avenue & Fayette Street, Conshohocken, Pa. Mr. Paul McConnell, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

Council member Karen Tutino read a prayer for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McConnell introduced two new people to the Borough, Ms. Hally Ammons and Ms. Stephanie Cecco. Mr. McConnell announced that Ms. Ammons would be Assistant to the Borough Manager. Ms. Ammons shared that she is very excited to be working in the Borough and, prior to this position, she was the Director of Constituent Service to the State Senator Daylin Leach who was, for a time, the State Senator for Conshohocken.

Mr. McConnell then introduced Ms. Stephanie Cecco, the new Director of Recreational Services and Parks; her responsibilities include the Fellowship House, the new rowing center and all of the other wonderful parks and recreational activities in Conshohocken. Ms. Cecco thanked Mr. McConnell for his warm introduction and stated that it is an honor to be there that evening and to work for the Conshohocken Borough. She shared that she started off at Philadelphia University in a recreation and fitness role and moved up to an Associate Director of Athletics position and, immediately before this position, she worked for the Patriot League as Assistant Executive Director. She thanked all for having her and expressed that she is very excited to get to work.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. McConnell stated that there were no presentations that evening and proceeded to introduce the three items on the consent agenda.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a.) Consider adoption and approval of the October 15th, November and December 2014 Meeting Minutes.
- b.) Consider granting approval for Officer Sean Gregory to continue pursuing his degree at Strayer University for 2015 as permitted in the 2015-2017 Police Department Collective Bargaining Unit.
- c.) Consider re-appointment of Anita Barton to the Sewer Authority for a term through 2019.

A motion to accept the consent agenda as read was made by James Griffin and seconded by Karen Tutino.

Mr. McConnell asked if Ms. Barton could vote on item c. for herself and Mr. Manfredi replied that Ms. Barton would need to abstain on item c.

A roll-call vote was taken. Ms. Tutino voted to accept the consent agenda, Ms. Barton voted to accept the agenda, but abstained from item c., Mr. Griffin voted to accept the consent agenda, and Mr. McConnell voted to accept the consent agenda.

Mr. McConnell added one additional item under Council President Announcements. He shared that Council had a special meeting last week and Council made an appointment to the Planning Commission, two appointments to the Sewer Authority, and a re-appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McConnell introduced new business.

- a.) Consider 428 West 6th Avenue plans for minor land development and subdivision, PZ#2014-28.

Mr. McConnell asked if either Ms. Stetler or Mr. Savona would like to comment. Mr. Savona responded that there is an approval resolution in the packet that council received that covers all of the issues that were raised by the Planning Commission. The project was granted a number a variances. There are a number of conditions that are being recommended by the Planning Commission, but the project is recommended for approval subject to the conditions set forth in the resolution so he recommends that Council approve.

Mr. McConnell asked if anyone would like to make a motion. Mr. Griffin made a motion to accept this item and was seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. McConnell introduced the next item under new business.

- b.) Consider request for Business Privilege Tax refund for tax years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 tax years by Anthony and Mary Ann Tamaro.**

Mr. McConnell asked Mr. Savona to comment. Mr. Savona stated that his office is recommending denial of this appeal.

Mr. McConnell asked if anyone would like to make a motion for the recommendation of denial of this appeal. Ms. Barton made a motion to accept the denial and Mr. Griffin seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. McConnell introduced the next item under new business.

- c.) Consider request to waive the penalty and interest fees related to Katherine Fazzina's Business Privilege Tax petition.**

Mr. McConnell asked Mr. Savona to comment. Mr. Savona shared his office is recommending denial of this appeal.

Mr. McConnell asked if anyone would like to make a motion to deny this appeal. Mr. Griffin made a motion to deny the appeal and Ms. Barton seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. McConnell introduced the next item under new business.

- d.) Consider request to waive Timothy Swiggard's 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 delinquent Business Privilege Tax penalties.**

Mr. Savona commented that he recommends denial of the petition.

Mr. McConnell asked if anyone would like to make a motion to deny this appeal. Mr. Griffin made a motion to deny the appeal and Ms. Tutino seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. McConnell introduced the last item under new business.

- e.) Consider request to waive Elizabeth and James Barker's 2008 through 2013 delinquent Business Privilege and Mercantile Tax penalties.**

Mr. Savona commented that he recommends denial of the petition.

Mr. McConnell asked if anyone would like to make a motion to deny this appeal. Mr. Griffin made a motion to deny the appeal and Ms. Tutino seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. McConnell asked if there was any councilperson business. Mr. Griffin shared that the bathrooms were left open at Sutcliffe Park the previous week and that someone needs to check the bathroom each evening to ensure they are locked. Mr. McConnell added that he agrees with Mr. Griffin that they should be locked and it is both a police matter and Recreation and Parks matter to handle.

Mr. McConnell then invited the Fire Chief, Mr. Leo Costello, to share his matter of business with Council. Mr. Costello shared he, Councilman Phipps, and a delegation from No. 2 went to Pierce and completed a final inspection of the new fire truck and there were some minor things that needed to be corrected. There will be some final acceptance tests done in town and, if it passes those tests the truck will be paid for, go back to Glick to have equipment mounted, and be placed into service by the end of February or beginning of March.

Mr. McConnell allowed Ms. Stetler to share her item of business with Council. Ms. Stetler added that the next zoning hearing on 1109-1201 Fayette Street would take place in the Council Chambers at the Borough Hall next Thursday evening at 7:00 PM. She added that it is for the convenience store with gasoline sales.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment shared. Mr. McConnell added that, if anyone drove to the meeting, please drive safely home and be wary of black ice.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary