

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, December 3rd, 2015

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Robert Frost, Mayor
Paul McConnell, Council President
James Griffin, Council Vice-President
Karen Tutino, Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
Matthew Ryan, Council Member
Robert Stokley, Council Member
Edward Phipps, Council Member

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

2. COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made by Council.

3. PRESENTATIONS

a. Conshohocken Bakery Land Development Plan

Ms. Amy Mayer, Borough Planner, gave a detailed presentation of the proposed land development plan at 603 Spring Mill. This addition will include an office, an apartment, and a retail space. She noted that a neighborhood meeting was held and there are over 900 names on the petition in support of this project.

b. Waiver of Parking for Master Peace Grill

Mr. Mike Bottos, proprietor of Master Peace Grill, presented an overview of the new restaurant, which opened three weeks ago.

Mr. Matthew Ryan made a motion to approve the waiver of off-street parking, seconded by Ms. Barton. Motion carried 7-0.

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Award a contract for solid waste disposal to Covanta 4Recovery, in accordance with their October 30, 2014 CWCP bid submission, subject to compliance with all required bid conditions, and to authorize the proper officers of the Borough to execute a contract pursuant to the bid award, subject to approval of the Borough Solicitor.

Mr. Savona noted that the Borough accumulates 8,000 tons of waste per year, and that this figure was used as a benchmark for bids.

After some discussion, Mr. Griffin made a motion to award a contract for solid waste disposal to Covanta 4Recovery, seconded by Mr. Phipps. Motion carried 7-0.

5. MANAGER MATTERS

Mr. Manfredi announced that a second hearing on CDBG would happen on January 17th. Council will receive the Three Year Development Plan tonight and voting will take place on January 17th. Mr. Manfredi also noted that 3 police vehicles, 1 code enforcement vehicle, and 2 public works vehicles need to be disposed of.

Council met in an executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss the Police CBA. This will be discussed further at the December 17th Public Meeting. Mr. Manfredi presented the details of his upcoming meeting with the Fellowship House, where the termination of the lease agreement will be discussed.

Mr. Manfredi gave a detailed update on the New Borough Hall Municipal Center. He noted some issues such as cracks in columns around the building. Mr. McConnell has authorized for these cracks to be sealed. Mr. Hughes, Borough Solicitor informed Council of the different roof warranty options. Mr. McConnell suggested that Council choose the thicker material 90-mil roof with a 20-year warranty, and most of Council agreed.

Mr. Manfredi noted that he is moving forward with getting the audit complete and getting finances under control. In addition, the Franchise Fees Agreement with Comcast will be available in January.

6. SOLICITOR MATTERS

There were no matters to discuss.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MATTERS

Mr. McConnell discussed the possibility of allowing two handicap spaces at St. Matthew's Church. Mr. Savona asked to refer this issue to Borough Staff. Mr. McConnell also noted the need to draft a resolution to discuss Frank Zoltowski's retirement. Mr. Manfredi will draft this resolution. Council discussed the need for courtesy signs regarding dog feces on Spring Mill. Ms. Tutino suggested getting the kind that supplies doggie bags.

Mr. Griffin spoke about the downfalls of adding cameras outside of the Public Works Building. Mr. McConnell stated that this should go to a committee for further discussion. This will be an agenda item for Council in April.

Mr. Stokley noted that the lights on 5th and 6th need to be fixed. Mr. Manfredi stated that he would have a discussion on this issue.

Mr. Manfredi stated that a resident has requested that a Menorah be put next to the Christmas tree. The request was shared with the mayor and this request will be honored.

Mr. Stokley stated that the Christmas Tree Lighting was a huge success, and he would like to add it to the agenda for the December 17th meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

One member from the public inquired about his soapbox derby request to be put on the budget for this year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary