

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

PUBLIC MEETING held via GoToMeeting video/teleconference

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Tina Sokolowski, Council Vice-President
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
James Griffin, Council Member
Jane Flanagan, Council Member
Karen Tutino, Council Member
Yaniv Aronson, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Peters, Borough Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held remotely using the GoToMeeting platform. Ms. Colleen Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

Ms. Sokolowski read a Prayer for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Leonard thanked everyone for attending the virtual Council meeting. She reviewed the meeting logistics and participation instructions. She announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting regarding legal matters.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

LAND USE, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) 232 East Eighth Avenue Zoning Hearing Board Application

Eric Johnson, Zoning Officer, explained that the applicant is seeking a special exception to construct a deck attached to the side of the single-family semi detached dwelling located at 232 East Eighth Avenue. The applicant, Nicole Pettis, provided a sketch plan of the proposed deck and described characteristics of the lot. She explained that the second egress is located on the side of the dwelling, not the rear.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the June 3 and June 17 Meeting Minutes**
- b.) Approve the June-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$626,206.46**

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve and adopt the June 3 and June 17 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the June-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$626,206.46, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving St. Matthew's fee waiver request for use of the A-Field for outdoor church services**

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve St. Matthew's fee waiver request for use of the A-Field for outdoor church services, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving 204 East Eighth Avenue financial security release no. 4 in the amount of \$9,388.00**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve 204 East Eighth Avenue financial security release no. 4 in the amount of \$9,388.00, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider approving 701 Jones Street financial security release no. 5 in the amount of \$45,553.50**

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve 701 Jones Street financial security release no. 5 in the amount of \$45,553.50, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider approving the final financial security release for 342 East Hector Street in the amount of \$1,105.24

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the final financial security release for 342 East Hector Street in the amount of \$1,105.24, seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) Consider approving the final financial security release for 344 East Hector Street in the amount of \$2,498.33

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve the final financial security release for 344 East Hector Street in the amount of \$2,498.33, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- e.) Consider approving Resolution 2020-17 Fair Housing Resolution

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-17 Fair Housing Resolution, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

- f.) Consider approving Narberth Ambulance waiver request for fuel fees for Q4 2019 and Q1 2020

Ray Sokolowski, Executive Director of Operations, explained that Narberth Ambulance is requesting the fee waiver because of an increase in operational expenses related to COVID-19.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve Narberth Ambulance waiver request for fuel fees for Q4 2019 and Q1 2020, Ms. Barton seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

- g.) Consider approving Resolution 2020-18 approving an extension of the local disaster emergency

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-18 approving an extension of the local disaster emergency, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 7-0.

- h.) Consider approving Resolution 2020-19 ratifying Proclamation 2020-04 establishing temporary no parking area within the Borough

Mr. Peters shared that Mayor Aronson proclaimed temporary no parking regulations on Fayette Street between East First Avenue and East Second Avenue in an effort to facilitate takeout and outdoor dining per state guidelines related to COVID-19. He asked Council to consider approving a resolution, which would ratify the proclamation and maintain the temporary parking regulations for a period of 90 days.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-19 ratifying Proclamation 2020-04 establishing temporary no parking area within the Borough, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- i.) Consider approving change order no. 3 for the 2019 Road Program

Karen MacNair, Borough Engineer, discussed reasons for the change order no. 3 and provided costs associated with the change order.

Mr. Stokley made a motion to approve change no. 3 for the 2019 Road Program, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

- j.) Consider approving payment application no. 1 for the 2019 Road Program in the amount of \$95,917.50

Mr. Stokley made a motion to approve payment application no. 1 for the 2019 Road Program in the amount of \$95,917.50, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

- k.) Consider authorizing the advertisement of construction bid documents for the Emergency Generator Transfer Switch Project at the Community Center

Mr. Sokolowski stated, that due to that the COVID-19 pandemic, the proposed Emergency Generator Transfer Switch Project at the Community Center would be a project that combines previously approved capital budget projects. He explained that a portion of the electrical work, specifically electrical upgrades, approved in the HVAC capital project would be utilized to complete the installation of the generator transfer switch.

Ms. Flanagan made a motion to authorize the advertisement of construction bid documents for the Emergency Generator Transfer Switch Project at the Community Center, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson thanked everyone for supporting the virtual Arts Festival and Car Show. He announced that next year's Arts Festival and Car Show is scheduled for June 5, 2021.

Ms. Sokolowski encouraged everyone to continue following CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of Coronavirus.

Superintendent Metz thanked Council and Borough residents for their support of the Conshohocken Police Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brittany Rogers, Executive Assistant to the Borough Manager, announced that two (2) individuals submitted public comment via email. She read the comments.

Dennis Hannan, 448 West 6th Avenue, requested that “Black Lives Matter” be painted on one of the streets in Conshohocken.

Christine Bertino, 448 West 6th Avenue, requested that “Black Lives Matter” be painted on Fayette Street in Conshohocken.

Ms. Leonard responded that requests to have “Black Lives Matter” painted on Borough streets would need to be discussed by Borough administration and the solicitor.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary