

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Tina Sokolowski, Council 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 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Proclamation 2023-03 recognizing Dr. William Tsoubanos for 40 years of service

Ms. Sokolowski read a proclamation recognizing Dr. William Tsoubanos for 40 years of service at Conshohocken Chiropractic.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Proclamation 2023-03 recognizing Dr. Tsoubanos for 40 years of service to the Borough of Conshohocken, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Swearing in of Patrol Officer, Sergeant and Lieutenant

Mayor Aronson swore-in Christopher Montowski as a Patrol Officer, John Storti as Sergeant and David Lennon as Lieutenant.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Consider approving a resolution approving an amendment to the approval of preliminary/final subdivision and land development for Matson Mill

Mr. Peters reviewed the resolution which amends the approval of preliminary/final subdivision and land development for Matson Mill by granting an extension of the timeline within which the developer will be required to post financial security for the Oak Street Crossing. He stated that the amendment grants an extension to January 19, 2024.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a.) Conduct an interview for a vacancy on the EAC

Ms. Leonard introduced Mia Barbaro who was present to interview for a vacancy on the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Ms. Barbaro expressed her interest in getting involved in the organization, specifically to increase community awareness and engagement. She shared that she participated in the EAC Greenfest and the clean-up events. Ms. Barbaro explained that the goal of the EAC is to identify environmental problems and recommend plans and programs to Borough Council.

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Consider awarding a contract for engineering services for the 2022 CDBG Curb Ramp Project

Ms. Cecco shared the Borough issued an RFP for engineering services to complete a 2022 CDBG project to install up to eight (8) curb ramps. She stated that six (6) proposals were received and reviewed, and that Borough Administration is recommending that Borough Council award the contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers.

Ms. Barton made a motion to award a contract for engineering services for the 2022 CDBG Curb Ramp Project to Remington & Vernick Engineers at a not to exceed cost of \$39,642.00, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider approving 701 Jones Street professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$17,061.99

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve 701 Jones Street professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$17,061.99, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider approving 322 East Eighth Avenue professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$2,386.11

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 322 East Eight Avenue professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$2,386.11, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) Consider approving 144 West Ninth Avenue professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$1,535.40

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve 144 West Ninth Avenue professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$1,535.40, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- e.) Consider approving 51 Washington Street financial security escrow release no. 3 in the amount of \$74,272.50

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve 51 Washington Street financial security escrow release no. 3 in the amount of \$74,272.50, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- f.) Consider approving 331 West Seventh Avenue financial security escrow release no. 2 (final) in the amount of \$10,123.25

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve 331 West Seventh Avenue financial security escrow release no. 2 (final) in the amount of \$10,123.25, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- g.) Consider approving 100-102 Forrest Street financial security escrow release no. 3 (final) in the amount of \$30,557.74

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 100-102 Forrest Street financial security escrow release no. 3 (final) in the amount of \$30,557.74, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- h.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Officer Hall for the 2023 summer semester

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Officer Hall for the 2023 summer semester in the amount of \$1,860.00 plus the cost of books upon successful completion of the course, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- i.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for the 2023 spring semester and education bonus for Sergeant Murray

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for the 2023 spring semester in the amount of \$2,954.22 and approve an education bonus for the achievement of a master's degree in the amount of \$700.00 for Sergeant Murray, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- j.) Consider approving Resolution 2023-14 authorizing execution of a software use and agency agreement with Platelogiq for a License Plate Recognition Camera System

Ms. Cecco shared that Borough Council approved the purchase of License Plate Recognition (LPR) Cameras in the FY2023 budget as part of a Borough-wide public safety initiative. She asked Council to consider approving the execution of a software use and agency agreement with the vendor for the cameras.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-14 authorizing execution of a software use and agency agreement with Platelogiq for a License Plate Recognition Camera System, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- k.) Consider approving job description for the Borough of Conshohocken Chief of Police and authorizing advertisement of said job description

Ms. Cecco shared that Chief Metz will be retiring from the Borough effective June 30, 2023. She asked Council to consider approving the Chief of Police job description for advertisement in order to begin the search for the next Chief of Police.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the Borough of Conshohocken Chief of Police job description and authorize advertisement of the Chief of Police job description, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal matters.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson thanked all parties responsible for making the Conshohocken Arts Festival and Car Show a success.

Mr. Serna thanked all the volunteers who attended the EAC Clean-up.

Ms. Leonard thanked Lauren Irizarry and the staff at the Community Center for hosting a successful barbeque luncheon for the seniors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary