

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
Anita Barton, Senior Council Member
Alan Chmielewski, Council Member
Stacy Ellam, Council Member
Ralph Frey, Council Member
Adrian Serna, 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. Sokolowski, Borough Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski announced that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the March 5th public meeting or regarding the March 19th public meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*for agenda items only*)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

- a.) **Consider approving Resolution 2025-05 approving preliminary/final minor subdivision and waiver of land development for the Conshohocken Italian Bakery**

Mr. Peters reviewed the requested waivers and conditions of approval per the proposed resolution.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05 approving preliminary/final minor subdivision and waiver of land development for the Conshohocken Italian Bakery, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) **Consider approving Resolution 2025-06 approving preliminary/final minor subdivision and land development for 440 East Ninth Avenue**

Mr. Peters reviewed the requested waivers and conditions of approval per the proposed resolution.

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-06 approving preliminary/final minor subdivision and land development for 440 East Ninth Avenue, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) **Consider adopting Ordinance 01-2025 amending the parking ordinance**

Mr. Peters explained that the proposed ordinance creates a new stop intersection on West First Avenue at Maple Street in the easterly direction; a new no parking area on the east side of Robinson Alley, between West First Avenue and West Hector Street; and a new handicap parking only area on the north side of East Sixth Avenue in front of 10 East Sixth Avenue.

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2025 amending the Borough's parking ordinance, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) **Approve and adopt the February 5 and February 19 Regular Meeting Minutes**

b.) Approve the February-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve and adopt the February 5 and February 19 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the February-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$892,098.78, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Consider appointing an applicant to the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate position

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to appoint Chris Dearolf to the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate position, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider authorizing advertisement of an RFP for architectural services for a Public Safety Services Facility

Mr. Frey made a motion to authorize advertisement of an RFP for architectural services for a Public Safety Services Facility, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider Resolution 2025-07 approving an extension of a one-way traffic pattern on East Second Avenue

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-07 approving an extension of a one-way traffic pattern on East Second Avenue, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) Consider awarding a bid for the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Installation Project

Ms. Cecco stated that a total of six (6) bids were received for the 2023 CDBG project, which includes curb ramp installation at intersections throughout the Borough. She asked Council to consider awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Albert G. Cipolloni Jr. & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$41,941.86 for all items under the base bid.

Ms. Barton made a motion to award a bid for the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Installation project to Albert G. Cipolloni Jr. and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$41,941.86 for all items under the base bid, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a.) Discuss a Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Conshohocken and Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2 regarding the transfer of ownership of the current fire station to the Borough

Ms. Cecco shared that Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2 plans to relocate its operations to the future Public Safety Services Facility. She explained that the first step in the plan to relocate is the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which is an agreement between both parties to transfer ownership of the current fire station to the Borough. Ms. Cecco reviewed the terms of the proposed MOU.

b.) Discuss a resolution approving the sale/donation of a fire truck

Ms. Cecco shared that there is a fire truck that is no longer of use to the Borough, per the depreciation schedule. She explained that Administration has identified an active volunteer fire company operating out of Girardville, Pennsylvania, that is in need of equipment matching the fire truck. Therefore, Administration is recommending that Council consider selling/donating the fire truck to the Rangers Hose Company for the sum of \$1.00.

c.) Discuss a resolution establishing temporary traffic and parking regulations in the Borough

Ms. Cecco stated that Borough Administration received two (2) requests related to the parking and movement of vehicles within the Borough, specifically, two (2) 15 minute to-go parking spaces on West Second Ave in the area of Tony and Joe's Pizzeria and a stop sign at West Second Ave and Forrest Street. She stated that Borough Administration and the Chief of Police are in support of implementing these regulations on a trial basis.

d.) Consider approving the Civil Service Commission certified patrol officer hire list and permit Chief Lennon to process conditional employment offers subject to physical and psychological examination results

Ms. Cecco provided an overview of the Civil Service Commission meeting. She explained that Chief Lennon provided a synopsis of the Montgomery County Consortium testing process and confirmed that the testing procedures met all the specifications of the Borough's Civil Service Regulations. She reviewed the Civil Service Commission certified patrol officer hire list and asked Borough Council to permit Chief

Lennon to offer conditional employment to one individual from the certified list subject to final physical and psychological examination results. Ms. Cecco confirmed that certified list would be valid for one (1) year.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the Civil Service Commission certified patrol officer hire list and authorize Chief Lennon to process a conditional employment offer subject to physical and psychological examination results from the certified list, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

e.) Consider authorizing advertisement of a bid for concrete services for the Weinmann Park Project

Ms. Cecco shared that construction of the Weinmann Park project is underway. She explained that Borough Administration assessed the scope of the project and is recommending that the concrete and paver work be bid out. Ms. Cecco reviewed the opinion of probable cost, which is within the amount budgeted for the project in the FY2025 capital budget, and recommended that Council consider authorizing advertisement of a bid for concrete services for the Weinmann Park project to include the concrete curb and concrete path layout and installation as a base bid and an alternate bid for the paver plaza layout and installation.

Mr. Frey made a motion to authorize advertisement of a bid for concrete services for the Weinmann Park Project to include the concrete curb and concrete path layout and installation as a base bid and an alternate bid for the paver plaza layout and installation, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

f.) Consider accepting a resignation from a Mary Wood Park Commission member

Ms. Sokolowski shared that John Pedicino has moved out of the Borough and therefore, can no longer serve on the Mary Wood Park Commission.

Ms. Barton made a motion to accept John Pedicino's resignation from the Mary Wood Park Commission, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

g.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Officer Montowski for the 2025 summer semester

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Officer Montowski for the 2025 summer semester per the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson thanked everyone responsible for making the St. Patrick's Day Parade a success. He shared pictures from this year's CHOP Philly Spin-In cardiac fundraiser and the Read Across America event at the Conshohocken Free Library. He announced that Scoop's opens for the season on April 1st.

Ms. Barton recognized the success of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina Brunetti, 1022 Fayette Street, asked for an update regarding vehicular and pedestrian safety enhancements on Fayette Street. Ms. Cecco discussed the status of the Fayette Street Road Diet project.

Ed Zale, 200 West Elm Street, supported the donation of a fire truck to Rangers Hose Company. Mr. Zale asked about what will happen to Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2 fire station once owned by the Borough. Ms. Sokolowski replied that the property would remain a Borough asset while the Borough explores its financing options. Mr. Zale inquired about the cost of the future Public Safety Services Facility. Ms. Cecco responded that the Borough recently advertised an RFP for architectural design services, which will help determine the project's cost. Mr. Zale reported traffic congestion in the area of West Elm Street and Colwell Lane. Ms. Cecco provided an update on the traffic improvement construction project occurring in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary