

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, May 21, 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
Mark Eastburn, Esquire, Eastburn and Gray, P.C.

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 May 7th public meeting or regarding the May 21st public meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for agenda items only)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

- a.) **Recognition of the 175th Anniversary of the Borough of Conshohocken**
 - a. Thomas Weikel, PSAB President, presented Council with a plaque from the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs (PSAB)
 - b. State Representative Greg Scott was unable to attend.
 - c. Tina Sokolowski, Council President, gave a speech honoring the Borough for its 175th Anniversary.

Past and present Borough elected officials were present and recognized for their service to the Borough.

- b.) **Proclamation 2025-06 recognizing National Public Services Week**

Ms. Barton read a proclamation recognizing National Public Services Week.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Proclamation 2025-06 recognizing May 18 -24th as National Public Services Week, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) **Presentation honoring Borough employees who have provided 20 years of dedicated service to the Borough of Conshohocken**

Ms. Cecco recognized members of Borough staff, including Public Services, Police Department, Fire Department, Recreation, and Narberth Ambulance who have provided 20 years of dedicated service to the Borough of Conshohocken.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

There were no land use matters, public hearings and ordinances.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) **Approve and adopt the April 2 and April 16 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b.) **Approve the April-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the April 2 and April 16 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the April-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,292,105.26, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Consider awarding a bid for concrete services related to the Weinmann Park project

Ms. Cecco shared that Borough Administration advertised an RFP for concrete services related to the Weinmann Park project on April 23, 2025, and that a total of eight (8) bids were received. She recommended that Council consider awarding the bid to the lowest, responsible bidder, The Ambient Group, LLC in the amount of \$88,589.80 for all items under the base bid and alternate 1. She reviewed the scope of work and the bid tabulation.

Ms. Barton made a motion to award the Weinmann Park Concrete project to The Ambient Group LLC in the amount of \$88,589.80 for all items under the base bid and alternate 1, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-13 creating a Redistricting Task Force

Ms. Cecco discussed the stipulations of the proposed resolution, which included the composition and duties of the Task Force. She reviewed the proposed Task Force meeting schedule and Task Force member appointment process.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-13 creating a Redistricting Task Force, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider selecting firms to interview for architectural design services related to the Public Safety Services Facility

Ms. Cecco provided a summary of the RFP process to-date. She asked Council to select firms to bring in for an interview. After discussing the proposals, Borough Council selected Alloy5 Architecture, CBP Architects, GKO Architects, Manns Woodward Studios, and the Schrader Group to interview with Borough Council on June 4, 2025.

Mr. Serna made a motion to select Alloy5 Architecture, CBP Architects, GKO Architects, Manns Woodward Studios, and the Schrader Group to interview for architectural design services related to the Public Safety Services Facility project on June 4, 2025, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-14 authorizing the purchase/transfer of ownership of real property

Mr. Peters reviewed the stipulations of the proposed resolution which authorizes the purchase/transfer of ownership of the fire station, the expenditure of funds for the purchase and the appropriate Borough staff and officials to effectuate the purchase.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-14 authorizing the purchase/transfer of ownership of real property from Fire Company #2 at 819 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428 with tax parcel #05-00-033120-00-4 to the Borough of Conshohocken, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider approving tuition reimbursements for Officer Montowski for the 2025 spring semester and Sergeant Conner and Officer Smith for the 2025 summer semester

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve tuition reimbursements for Officer Montowski in the amount of \$3,000 plus the cost of books; Sergeant Conner in the amount of \$669 plus the cost of books; and Officer Smith in the amount of \$3,997.50 plus the cost of books, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson discussed the Eastern Montgomery Chamber of Commerce. He shared pictures from the EAC Clean-up. He shared the schedules for the VFW flag planting event and Memorial Day services. He reminded everyone about the Arts Festival and Car Show on June 7, 2025.

Mr. Frey thanked the Borough Council for their donation to the Conshohocken Elementary PTO and went on to describe the success of the Carnival Event.

Ms. Ellam and Ms. Kingsley recognized the 175th Anniversary event as a great success and thanked all those involved.

Ms. Barton expressed her excitement at seeing students attending the Council meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donald Morrison, 303 East 6th Avenue, recognized the Recreation Department for hosting the annual Donofrio Tournament at the Community Center. He asked if the Police Department could enforce activity in the alleyway between 3rd and 4th Avenue on Hallowell Street. He expressed concerns that the alley is being used as a turnaround spot and unauthorized entrance, and that it is frequently blocked.

Ms. Sokolowski shared that a resident contacted her expressing concern about smoking in Borough parks. Ms. Cecco confirmed that, per Borough code, smoking is prohibited in all Borough parks. Chief Lennon responded that the Police Department will take appropriate action as needed to ensure compliance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary