

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
Anita Barton, Senior 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, Council President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski stated that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the May 21st Public Meeting or regarding the June 4th Public meeting agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Interview selected architectural firms related to the Public Safety Services Facility Project

Borough Council held interviews for architectural firms related to the Public Safety Services Facility Project. The following firms were interviewed: Schrader Group, Manns Woodward Studios, GKO Architects, CBP Architects, and Alloy5 Architecture.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was no Council business.

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Consider recommending to the ZHB that an extension to the 701 Fayette Street Project be granted for a maximum of 6 months

Mr. Peters shared that the applicant for the 701 Fayette Street project is requesting a further extension of previously granted zoning relief. He stated that the original relief was issued in 2021 and extended in 2023 and is currently set to expire in June 2025. Borough Administration noted stalled progress on the project and recommended that Borough Council advise the ZHB that any additional extension granted be limited to December 31, 2025.

Ms. Barton made a motion to recommend to the ZHB that an extension to the 701 Fayette Street Project be granted for a maximum of 6 months, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

b.) Discussion on a special event request for a block party for the 400 block of East Ninth Avenue

Ms. Cecco reported that residents of the 400 block of East Ninth Avenue have requested approval to hold a block party on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. She explained that, as part of the event, they are seeking permission to close East Ninth Avenue to vehicular traffic between Jones Street and Righter Street. She stated that this event has been held annually.

c.) Discussion on a resolution extending temporary traffic and parking regulations in the Borough

Ms. Cecco shared that in April 2025 Council approved temporary traffic and parking regulations, including two 15-minute to-go parking spaces on East Second Avenue in the area of Tony & Joe's, and a stop sign at West Second Avenue and Forrest Street. She requested that Borough Council consider a 90-day extension of these regulations. She confirmed that no complaints have been received regarding the temporary measures and explained that Council may consider making the changes permanent after the trial period.

d.) Discussion on proposals received for Bond Counsel and Financial Advisory Services related to the Public Safety Services Facility project

Ms. Cecco shared that the Borough issued an RFP for bond counsel and financial advisory services for the Public Safety Services Facility Project. She stated that four (4) proposals were received and that two (2) were disqualified for not including both bond counsel and financial advisor teams, as required. Ms. Cecco reviewed the qualifications, experience, approach, cost, timelines, and references for the two (2) remaining proposals. She recommended proceeding with the Obermayer/PPM team. After discussion, Borough Council was comfortable with this recommendation.

e.) Discussion on naming the Pocket Park on Fayette Street between 6th and 7th Avenues after Council Member Barton in recognition of her 13.5 years of service to the Conshohocken Community on Borough Council

Ms. Cecco discussed the plan to name the Pocket Park between 6th and 7th Avenues after Council Member Barton in recognition of years of service on Borough Council.

f.) Consider approving 203 East 12th Avenue financial security escrow release no. 2 in the amount of \$40,887.06

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 203 East 12th Avenue financial security escrow release no. 2 in the amount of \$40,887.06, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

g.) Consider approving change order no. 2 for the Traffic Signal Modernization Project along East and West Elm Streets

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve change order no. 2 for the Traffic Signal Modernization Project along East and West Elm Streets in the amounts of: E. Elm Street & Harry Street Traffic Signal Modernization project which results in an increase of the contract amount by \$55,803.10; W. Elm Street & Colwell Lane Traffic Signal Modernization project which results in an increase of the contract amount by \$15,314.93; W. Elm Street & Maple Street Traffic Signal Modernization project which results in an increase of the contract amount by \$11,954.10; and W. Elm Street & Oak Street Traffic Signal Modernization project which results in an increase of the contract amount by \$16,941.35, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

h.) Consider approving payment application no. 5 for the Traffic Signal Modernization Project along East and West Elm Streets

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve payment application no. 5 for the Traffic Signal Modernization Project along East and West Elm Streets, specifically: E. Elm and Harry in the amount of \$254,084.85; W. Elm and Colwell in the amount of \$183,232.88; W. Elm and Maple in the amount of \$179,237.17; and W. Elm and Oak in the amount of \$122,307.95, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

i.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-15 authorizing the creation of a checking account for the Borough's Road Fund

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15 authorizing the creation of a checking account for the Borough's Road Fund, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

a.) Discussion on a resolution extending temporary one-way traffic regulations on East Second Avenue

Ms. Cecco stated that the Borough implemented temporary one-way traffic regulations on East Second Avenue in March 2025 due to safety concerns for pedestrians and vehicles. She asked Council to consider extending the traffic regulations until October 2025. She explained that the extension would allow more time to evaluate seasonal traffic and safety impacts, especially through the busy summer and early fall months. Ms. Cecco shared that the Borough Traffic Engineer will present findings and recommendations in September. Ray Sokolowski, Executive Director of Operations, acknowledged some complaints from nearby schools and businesses but emphasized that administration and emergency services have observed improved safety and traffic flow. He shared that evaluation metrics include traffic volume, incident reports, pedestrian activity, and overall vehicular efficiency. Borough Council will consider approving the extension at their June Voting Meeting.

LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal matters.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson shared pictures from the VFW Memorial Day Services. He reminded the public about the Arts Festival & Car Show and shared the schedule for Sprinkler Nights. He provided information about the Kaboom Kid

raffle launched by the Friends of Conshohocken Parks to support renovations to the Mary Wood Park House.

Ms. Barton provided updates from the PSAB Conference.

Ms. Cecco reminded the public that Borough Council is seeking volunteers for the Redistricting Task Force. She provided information about the Task Force and the application process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary