

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, June 18, 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
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 7:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski announced that Borough Council held an Executive Session prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting on personnel and property matters.

Ms. Sokolowski stated that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the June 4th public meeting or regarding the June 18th public meeting agenda.

Ms. Sokolowski requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Walt F. Hartnett IV. She shared that the Borough made a donation to Team Foster, an organization that raises money to provide accredited, life-saving service dogs to injured and disabled veterans, in honor of Walt Hartnett.

PUBLIC COMMENT *(for agenda items only)*

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Ceremonial Signing of the Agreement of Sale with Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2

Tina Sokolowski, Borough Council President, and Kristen Davis, President of Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2, ceremoniously signed the Agreement of Sale that was effectuated and finalized following its approval by Borough Council.

b.) Valley Forge Tourism Presentation, Hannah Kaupp, Destination Experience Coordinator

Joe Bates with the Valley Forge Tourism and Convention Board provided information about the organization and discussed how it can support the Borough as preparations begin for America 250, the nationwide commemoration of our country’s 250th anniversary.

c.) Conduct interviews of applicants for the Redistricting Task Force

Ms. Sokolowski provided an overview of the Redistricting Task Force, including its responsibilities, membership structure, and meeting schedule. She emphasized the ongoing need for additional volunteers and encouraged residents from Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 to apply to help ensure equitable representation from all wards. Council interviewed Ashley Gaydos from Ward 3, John Costello from Ward 7, and Marlowe Doman from Ward 7.

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 May 7 and May 21 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b.) Approve the May-ending Treasurer’s Report and Accounts Payable**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the May 7 and May 21 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Frey absent)

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the May-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,607,222.09, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 6-0. (Frey absent)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Consider awarding a bid for Bond Counsel and Financial Advisory Services related to the Public Safety Services Facility Project**

Ms. Barton made a motion to award a bid for Bond Counsel and Financial Advisory Services related to the Public Safety Services Facility Project to the Obermayer and PFM team, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Frey absent)

- b.) Consider 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. Kingsley made a motion to name the Pocket Park on Fayette Street between 6th and 7th Avenue after Council member Barton in recognition of her 13.5 years of service on Borough Council, seconded by Ms. Ellam. Ms. Barton recused herself. The motion carried 5-0. (Frey absent)

- c.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-16 extending temporary one-way traffic regulations on East Second Avenue**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-16 extending temporary one-way traffic regulations on East Second Avenue, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 6-0. (Frey absent)

- d.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-17 extending temporary traffic and parking regulations in the Borough**

Ms. Cecco reported that in April 2025, Council approved a resolution implementing temporary traffic and parking measures, specifically, the installation of two (2) 15-minute to-go parking spaces on East Second Avenue and a stop sign at the intersection of West Second Avenue and Forrest Street. She noted that these temporary regulations are set to expire and that Borough Administration recommends extending them for an additional 90 days. Ms. Cecco also shared that business owners on East Second Avenue have requested two (2) additional 15-minute to-go parking spaces, bringing the total to four (4). She explained that Borough Administration is supportive of this request and will monitor and evaluate the use of these additional spaces as part of the ongoing assessment of traffic and parking conditions along Second Avenue.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-17 extending temporary traffic and parking regulations in the Borough specifically, four (4) 15-minute To-Go parking spaces on East second avenue and a stop sign at West Second Ave and Forrest Street, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Frey absent)

- e.) Consider approving a special event request for a block party for the 400 block of East Ninth Avenue**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve a special event request for a block party for the 400 block of East Ninth Avenue on September 6, 2025, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 6-0. (Frey absent)

- f.) Discussion on architecture firms related to the Public Safety Services Facility Project and consider awarding a bid for Architecture Services for the Public Safety Services Facility**

Ms. Cecco provided an overview of the RFP process for architectural services related to the Public Safety Services Facility Project. She presented the tally results from Borough Council's evaluation of the interviewed architectural firms. As part of the process, she noted a recommendation from the First Responder Committee. Each Council member then shared their rationale for selecting their preferred firms. Following this discussion, a consensus emerged identifying Alloy5 Architecture as the top-choice firm for the project.

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to award a bid for Architecture Services for the Public Safety Services Facility to Alloy5 Architecture, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Frey absent)

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Consider awarding a bid for the Harry Street Rehabilitation Project**

Tyler Williams, Borough Alternate Engineer, reviewed the project scope, which includes resurfacing Harry Street, drainage improvements, intersection reconstruction at 9th, 10th, and 11th Avenues, installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps, and pavement and sidewalk repairs. He noted that the project is funded through the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Program. He also reported that the lowest responsible bid came in below the estimated cost.

Ms. Barton made a motion to award a bid for the Harry Street Rehabilitation Project to T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$446,258.00, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Frey absent)

b.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-18 authorizing the submission of Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for the Hallowell Street Reconstruction Project

Mr. Williams requested Council's approval to submit a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$733,537.82 to be used for the Hallowell Street Reconstruction Project. He explained that the project will improve Hallowell Street from 7th to 11th Avenue by upgrading drainage, resurfacing the road, and enhancing accessibility with new ADA ramps and sidewalk repairs.

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-18 authorizing the submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for the Hallowell Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$733,537.82, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Frey absent)

c.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-19 authorizing a mutual aid agreement between the Borough of Conshohocken and the Borough of Hatboro

Ms. Cecco provided an overview of the need for a mutual aid agreement with Hatboro Borough. Mr. Peters then reviewed and discussed the proposed terms of the agreement.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-19 authorizing a mutual aid agreement between the Borough of Conshohocken and the Borough of Hatboro, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 6-0. Frey absent)

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson thanked all those who attended the Art Festival and Car Show and acknowledged the success of the Senior BBQ Luncheon. He also provided information about the Library's Summer Reading Kickoff event. Mayor Aronson said a few words in memory of Walt Harnett. 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. Ellam reminded the public to drive safely, especially with school now out for summer break.

Ms. Kingsley and Ms. Barton expressed their condolences on the passing of Walt Hartnett.

Mr. Serna encouraged residents to apply for the Redistricting Task Force.

Ms. Sokolowski provided information about the Flyer's Alumni event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary