

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
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

PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG APPLICATION

Chris Stetler, Community Development and Grant Management Coordinator, announced that the Borough is eligible to receive \$149,273.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). She explained that these funds must be used to benefit low- and moderate-income residents and areas within the community. Ms. Stetler reviewed the program’s eligibility requirements and stated that the purpose of the hearing was to gather public input on how the CDBG funds should be used. She outlined eligible uses for the funds and provided examples of past projects that were supported through the CDBG program. She also noted that the Borough must comply with regulations that protect residents who may be displaced due to CDBG-funded activities.

Ms. Kingsley asked about the process for selecting curb ramps at alleyways for reconstruction. Ms. Stetler responded that several factors are considered, including budget constraints and condition assessments.

There was no additional public comment.

Ms. Stetler reviewed the next steps in the process and provided information on how individuals can submit comments after the hearing.

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. Kingsley, Borough Council Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kingsley stated that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the August 6th public meeting or regarding the August 20th public meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT *(for agenda items only)*

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

- a.) **Conshohocken Borough Bike Safety Public Service Announcement, Shauna Wylesol and Paul Gornowski**

Shauna Wylesol, Executive Assistant for Operations, and Paul Gornowski, Communications Manager, revealed the Borough’s new Bike Safety Public Service Announcement.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

- a.) **Consider authorizing advertisement of an amendment to the Borough’s Solid Waste Ordinance**

Mr. Serna made a motion to authorize advertisement of an amendment to the Borough’s Solid Waste Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the July 16 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve the July-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,024,312.29, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Consider appointing an applicant to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks

Ms. Ellam made a motion to appoint Jennifer Briston to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

- b.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-25 establishing temporary parking regulations on East First Avenue

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-25 establishing two (2) 15-minute To-Go temporary parking spaces on East First Avenue in the area adjacent to the old Daniel's and Viggiano's restaurants, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

- c.) Consider approving a block party request submitted by Product Investigations Inc. for an event at 151 East Tenth Avenue

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve a block party request submitted by Product Investigations Inc. for an event at 151 East Tenth Avenue, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

- d.) Consider approving a Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement related to the Conshohocken Italian Bakery

Mr. Peters stated that the owner of the Conshohocken Italian Bakery is updating site records to reflect current conditions, including a public stormwater culvert running under the building in an old, unconfirmed alley. He explained that to allow the building to remain while protecting Borough access to the culvert, an encroachment agreement is recommended. He provided an overview of the agreement which, permits the structure to stay, prohibits new obstructions, ensures Borough access and ownership of the culvert, and requires the owner to maintain the building and cover any repair costs if damage occurs.

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve a Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement related to the Conshohocken Italian Bakery, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Conduct interviews with applicants for the Redistricting Task Force

Borough Council interviewed Jack Hasler from Ward 1, Evan Campbell from Ward 3 and James O'Neil from Ward 5 for the Redistricting Task Force.

- b.) Consider approving a block party request for the 200 block of East Eighth Avenue

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve a block party request for the 200 block of East Eighth Avenue for Saturday, September 6, 2025, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

- c.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-26 affirming the Borough's commitment to fair housing

Ms. Cecco explained that the resolution is a requirement for receiving federal funds. She also discussed the purpose of fair housing and the intent behind the resolution.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-26 affirming the Borough's commitment to fair housing, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

- d.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-27 authorizing a mutual aid agreement between the Borough of Conshohocken and the Borough of Jenkintown

Ms. Cecco provided an explanation for the Borough's involvement in mutual aid.

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-27 authorizing a mutual aid agreement between the Borough of Conshohocken and Borough of Jenkintown, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

- e.) Consider approving the final payment for the A-Field window replacement project

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve the final payment for the A-Field window replacement project to Joseph DelBuono Inc. in the amount of \$30,500.00, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

f.) Consider approving a request for operating funds and petty cash from the Friends of Conshohocken Parks

Ms. Cecco shared that the Friends of Conshohocken Parks is requesting Council's approval of up to \$1,500 in operating funds for supplies, promotional materials, and other routine costs for the remainder of FY2025 and FY2026. She added that the group is also seeking approval for \$100 in petty cash for use at events during the remainder of 2025, and an additional \$100 for FY2026. She explained that these requests are intended to help expedite day-to-day operations.

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve a request for operating funds and petty cash from the Friends of Conshohocken Parks for the remainder of FY2025 and FY2026, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

g.) Consider approving 135 West First Avenue demolition escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$4,000.00 plus interest

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 135 West First Avenue demolition escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$4,000 plus interest, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

h.) Consider approving 140 East Sixth Avenue demolition escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$4,000.00 plus interest

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve 140 East Sixth Avenue demolition escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$4,000.00 plus interest, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

i.) Consider approving zoning escrow release for 201 West Sixth Avenue and 701 Fayette Street

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve a zoning escrow release for 201 W. Sixth Avenue in the amount of \$181.92 plus interest and a zoning escrow release for 701 Fayette Street in the amount of \$322.28 plus interest, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Barton absent)

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson thanked everyone who attended the Walt Harnett Memorial Cornhole Fundraiser with Team Foster. He reminded residents about the final Summer Concert and the upcoming Conshy Strong Bingo event. He also announced that the Police Department will host its annual shredding event on September 13th. Additionally, he shared that he and State Representative Greg Scott will be holding a Constituent Services Town Hall on September 22nd at Borough Hall.

Ms. Ellam reminded the public to drive safely now that school is back in session, to obey school zone speed limits, and to stay alert for children crossing the streets.

Ms. Kingsley shared that applicants for the Redistricting Task Force are still needed from Wards 2 and 4.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary