

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, November 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 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 Council held an Executive Session prior to the Voting Meeting on property and legal matters. She shared that there were no public comments received following the November 5th meeting or pertaining to the November 19th meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*for agenda items only*)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Recognition of 2025 Fire Stipend Award Recipients, Tim Gunning, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Tim Gunning and Assistant Fire Chief Leo Costello recognized the fire stipend award recipients for 2025.

b.) Presentation of Architectural Renderings for the Public Safety Services Facility, Michelle Mozingo, Alloy5

Michelle Mozingo, Planning Manager and Senior Designer with Alloy 5, presented an update on the new Public Safety Services Facility. Ms. Mozingo shared that the team has completed the pre-design and programming phases and prepared the schematic design. She explained that extensive collaboration with the Fire Department, EMS, and Borough Administration went into the design. She discussed the building layout which includes fire and EMS apparatus bays, administrative and office spaces, bunk rooms, dayrooms, and a community training room. She explained that the design incorporates hot, warm, and cool zones per NFPA standards, flexible outdoor green spaces, and a rear public entrance to minimize disruption of emergency operations. Ms. Mozingo discussed the proposed timeline with construction anticipated to begin in 2027. She explained that adjustments may be made as needed. She addressed questions from Council regarding the training room capacity, landscaping, and fencing.

c.) Conshohocken Cab Holiday Event Schedule, Shauna Wylesol, Executive Assistant for Operations

Shauna Wylesol and Paul Gornowski presented the holiday schedule for the Conshohocken Cab, highlighting the free one-day Santa Shuttle on Black Friday, which would provide service for shopping, happy hour, and the Christmas Tree Lighting. They also discussed piloting a reservation system for seniors and expanding shuttle use for families.

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 October 1 and October 15 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b.) Approve the October-ending Treasurer’s Report and Accounts Payable**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the October 1 and October 15 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve the October-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,062,138.02, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving the FY2026 Proposed Budget and advertise the same as duly required

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the FY2026 Proposed Budget and advertise the same as duly required, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider authorizing advertisement of a resolution to levy real estate tax for 2026

Mr. Serna made a motion to authorize advertisement of a resolution to levy real estate tax for 2026, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider approving Conshohocken Theater in the Parks proposal for facility usage and a financial contribution

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve the Conshohocken Theater in the Parks facility usage request and financial contribution request in the amount of \$4,000 for FY2026 subject to the final review and approval of Borough administration, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) Consider appointing an applicant to the Zoning Hearing Board

Ms. Barton made a motion to appoint Zachary Morano to the Zoning Hearing Board effective January 1, 2026, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- e.) Consider approving the Third Amendment to the Settlement Agreement with 401-433 Washington Street

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the Third Amendment to the Settlement Agreement with 401-433 Washington Street to permit the proposed signage package, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Conduct interviews with applicants for reappointment to Borough Boards & Commissions

Ms. Sokolowski introduced David Swedkowski who was present to interview for reappointment to the Planning Commission. Mr. Swedkowski spoke about his family's long-standing roots in the Borough and expressed pride in contributing to its development. He described his background in city planning and how he applies that expertise to serve to the community. He noted that he currently serves as Vice Chair and hopes to continue on the Board.

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Bob Molony who was present to interview for reappointment to the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC). He expressed his interest in continuing to serve on the EAC and highlighted his contributions, including his work with Greenfest and current efforts to revitalize the rain garden near Borough Hall. He shared that he values the learning experience and enjoys being part of the team.

- b.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-35 authorizing the submission of an LSA grant application for the purchase of a fire apparatus

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-35 authorizing the submission of an LSA grant application for the purchase of an Air Truck for the Fire Department in the amount of \$1,000,000, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-36 approving a supplemental appropriation for the purchase of a recycling truck through the DEP 902 Grant program

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-36 approving a supplemental appropriation for the purchase of a Recycling Truck through the DEP 902 Grant program, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) Consider authorizing the Montgomery County Saint Patrick's Parade Committee to hold the 2026 annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Conshohocken

Mr. Frey made a motion to authorize the Montgomery County Saint Patrick's Parade Committee to hold the 2026 annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Conshohocken on March 14th with a rain date of March 21st, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

e.) Consider approving the employment contract for the Borough Manager

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the employment contract for the Borough Manager, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 7-0.

f.) Consider approving 222 East Seventh Avenue demolition escrow release in the amount of \$4,000 plus interest

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve 222 East Seventh Avenue demolition escrow release in the amount of \$4,000 plus interest, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

g.) Consider approving zoning escrow releases for 127 East Elm Street and 300 East Fifth Avenue

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve zoning escrow releases for 127 East Elm Street in the amount of \$913.96 plus interest and 300 E. 5th Avenue in the amount of \$871.62 plus interest, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

h.) Consider approving payment certificate no. 7 (final) for the Sutcliffe Park Trail Reconstruction and BMP project in the amount of \$149,080.68

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve payment certificate no. 7 (final) for the Sutcliffe Park Trail Reconstruction and BMP Project in the amount of \$149,080.68, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson provided highlights from this year's Veterans Day services and shared that the United Methodist Church hosted its annual holiday craft fair and soup sale. He also reported that Café Neos is offering \$1 coffee to first responders and discussed upcoming events, including holiday card writing for the troops and the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Ms. Barton shared information about a "Green Flag" proposal, a legislative effort to establish a Green Star Service Flag to promote awareness of veteran suicide.

Ms. Sokolowski wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident voiced concerns about the cost of new fire and recycling trucks and its impact on taxes. Ms. Sokolowski and Ms. Cecco explained that taxes will not increase in 2026, that only a small portion of tax bills goes to the Borough, and that grants significantly offset vehicle costs. The resident also questioned the condition of Borough streets. Ms. Sokolowski and Ms. Cecco explained that underlying infrastructure issues require long-term, large-scale projects and coordinated work with utilities. The resident then raised concerns about recent suicides at a parking garage and asked about restricting access. Ms. Cecco acknowledged the seriousness of the issue, emphasized available mental-health resources, and agreed to contact the property owners about potential safety measures. Another resident added that repeated incidents could stigmatize the property and impact the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary