

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
David Bria, Council Member
Alan Chmielewski, 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, Borough Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting on property, personnel and legal matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*for agenda items only*)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Proclamation 2026-01 Recognizing January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Mayor Aronson read a proclamation recognizing January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the Borough of Conshohocken.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Proclamation 2026-01 recognizing January 27, 2026 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the Borough of Conshohocken, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

b.) 2026 Arts Festival & Car Show and Bike Race Event Updates, Shauna Wylesol, Executive Assistant for Operations and Paul Gornowski, Special Events Coordinator

Shauna Wylesol, Executive Assistant for Operations and Paul Gornowski, Special Events Coordinator reviewed plans to combine the 2026 Arts Festival, Car Show, and Bike Race into a single borough-wide event. They highlighted the redesigned, centralized bike race course and an updated layout connecting all activities, along with new family activity area, expanded entertainment, and extended hours to sustain attendance and support local businesses.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Consider adopting Ordinance 01-2026 stating the Borough's intention to issue general obligation bonds and take on non-electoral debt

Patrick Scott, bond counsel with Obermayer, provided an overview of the ordinance, which states the Borough's intent to issue general obligation bonds and incur non-electoral debt not to exceed \$12 million. He explained that the ordinance authorizes funding for the new Public Safety Services Facility, improvements to Second Avenue Veterans Park, and road projects. He reviewed the related agreements and advertisement schedule.

Mr. Frey made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2026 stating the Borough's intention to issue general obligation bonds and take on non-electoral debt in the amount not to exceed \$12 million, seconded by Mr. Bria. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the December 3 and December 17 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b.) Approve the December-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the December 3 and December 17 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the December-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,933,061.14, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving tuition reimbursements for Sergeant Hall and Detective Bahn for the 2026 spring semester

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Sergeant Hall in the amount of \$1,878 plus the cost of books and a tuition reimbursement for Detective Bahn in the amount of \$1,714 plus the cost of books per the collective bargaining agreement, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

- b.) Consider approving 541 East Hector Street financial security escrow release no. 1 in the amount of \$50,719.07

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve 541 East Hector Street financial security escrow release no. 1 in the amount of \$50,719.07, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

- c.) Consider authorizing advertisement of an RFP for a kitchen renovation at the Community Center

Mr. Serna made a motion to authorize advertisement of an RFP for a kitchen renovation at the Community Center, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

- d.) Consider accepting a resignation from the Friends of Conshohocken Parks member

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to accept the resignation of Eileen Fay from the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson discussed a county-sponsored training for newly elected and current officials, which provided valuable insights into county structures and programs. He also recognized the recent opening of Fayette Street Pawlor, a pet grooming business, and congratulated two local scouts who achieved Eagle Scout status, highlighting their community service projects. He reminded residents to sign up for the updated Code Red alert system in anticipation of potential winter weather.

Mr. Frey encouraged residents to support local Girl Scouts through their annual cookie sale.

Mr. Bria recognized Public Services for their efforts with snow removal.

Mr. Serna reminded residents about volunteer opportunities on the Borough's Boards and Commissions.

Ms. Sokolowski encouraged residents to be good neighbors and check on those who may need assistance during winter snowstorms.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary