

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
David Bria, 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.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski stated that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the April 15th public meeting or regarding the May 6th public meeting agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Swearing-in of a Patrol Officer for the Police Department

Mayor Aronson swore in Chynna Adorno as a Patrol Officer for the Police Department. Ms. Sokolowski congratulated Ms. Adorno on being the first full-time female police officer for the department.

b.) Proclamation 2026-05 recognizing National Police Week

Mayor Aronson read a proclamation recognizing National Police Week in the Borough of Conshohocken and presented the proclamation to members of the Police Department.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Proclamation 2026-05 recognizing National Police Week in the Borough of Conshohocken, seconded by Mr. Bria. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) September 11th National Memorial Trail Route Presentation, Andrew Hamilton

Andrew Hamilton with the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance provided information about the non-profit organization, which creates and maintains a 1,300-mile multi-use trail linking the three primary 9/11 memorial sites. Mr. Hamilton shared plans for installing wayfinding signage along the Schuylkill River Trail within the Borough.

d.) Borough Infrastructure Presentation, Tyler Williams

Tyler Williams, Borough Alternate Engineer, was present to provide a comprehensive Borough infrastructure presentation.

a. 3-Year Road Program (2027-2029)

Mr. Williams provided an overview of the proposed three-year 2027-2029 Road Program. He explained that the approximately \$6 million infrastructure plan includes improvements to 17 roadways and the replacement of approximately 110 ADA curb ramps. He discussed the factors considered in prioritizing roadway projects, noting that both field evaluations and Vialytics, an AI-based roadway assessment system, were utilized to identify the Borough's most deteriorated roads. Mr. Williams reviewed each year of the proposed plan in greater detail, including the specific roadways scheduled for improvements and estimated annual project costs ranging from approximately \$2 million to \$2.3 million per year. He also outlined the projected timeline for design, bidding, and construction. Council members discussed long-term roadway needs, the impact of future inflation on project costs, potential grant opportunities, and coordination with utility companies.

b. Consider authorizing advertisement of a bid for the Hallowell Street Reconstruction Project

Mr. Williams provided an overview of the Hallowell Street Reconstruction Project. He shared that the project is being funded through a DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant. He discussed the scope of work, which includes roadway reconstruction on Hallowell Street from 7th

Avenue to 11th Avenue, drainage improvements, installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps, and sidewalk replacements. He added that two (2) Borough-owned alleys would also be included in the bid package as alternates.

i. Discussion on Notices of Driveway Apron Deficiency

Mr. Williams explained that several deficient driveway aprons were identified during preparation of the engineered plans. He stated that affected property owners will be responsible for the repairs. He explained that residents with deficient aprons will receive notices describing the required work and will be required to complete the repairs themselves or the Borough's contractor will perform the work and they will be billed the contractor's rate.

Mr. Williams stated that the estimated project cost is approximately \$733,537 and requested authorization to advertise the project for bids.

Mr. Frey made a motion to authorize advertisement of a bid for construction services for the Hallowell Street Reconstruction Project, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

c. Consider approving Resolution 2026-03 authorizing the submission of the 2026 DCED MTF grant application for the Jones Street Reconstruction Project

Mr. Williams reviewed the proposed 2026 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant application for the Jones Street Reconstruction Project. He explained that the project would include roadway rehabilitation, ADA curb ramp replacements, sidewalk and curb improvements, and drainage upgrades on Jones Street between 8th and 12th Avenues. He noted that Jones Street is currently included in the Borough's 2029 Road Program and that, if grant funding is awarded, another roadway project could be moved into the schedule.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 authorizing the submission of the 2026 DCED MTF Grant application for the Jones Street Reconstruction Project, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Public Hearing on the Redistricting Map Ordinance

a. Consider adopting Ordinance 01-2026 reapportioning the voting districts in the Borough of Conshohocken

Ms. Steers opened the public hearing on the proposed redistricting ordinance related to the Borough's ward reapportionment process. She reviewed the redistricting process, including the work completed by the Redistricting Task Force, public meetings, and evaluation of multiple proposed ward maps. She explained that Council selected "Map 2" for advancement and preparation of the ordinance. Ms. Steers discussed next steps in the process following adoption, which included coordination with the Montgomery County Election Board and Court of Common Pleas to finalize the updated ward map in advance of the May 2027 primary election. Ms. Sokolowski inquired about the anticipated timeline for implementation and public access to updated ward information. There were no public comments and no comments or feedback regarding the ordinance were received during the formal advertisement period.

Mr. Serna made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2026 reapportioning the voting districts in the Borough of Conshohocken into districts with compact and contiguous territory nearly as equal in population as practicable as finally and officially reported in the 2020 federal decennial census, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was no Council business.

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Discussion on the Civil Service Commission certified eligibility list for the position of Career Firefighter

Ms. Cecco reviewed the civil service process for hiring a career firefighter and reviewed the certified eligibility list approved by the Civil Service Commission. She explained that the new hire would increase the Borough's full-time paid firefighter staff to four and asked Council to consider approving the eligibility list and hiring recommendation at the May Voting Meeting.

b.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Lieutenant Hall for the 2026 summer semester

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Lieutenant Hall for the 2026 summer semester in the amount of \$2,055 plus the cost of books per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider authorizing the submission a 902 Recycling Program Grant for the purchase of a swap loader

Ray Sokolowski, Executive Director of Operations, explained that a swap loader is a multi-use truck system used for hauling, salt spreading, and leaf collection. Ms. Cecco asked Council to consider authorizing the submission of a grant application for up to \$200,000 toward the purchase of a swap loader. Ms. Cecco stated that the total cost is approximately \$320,000. She explained that the Borough is responsible for any remaining balance if awarded and shared the anticipated timeline for the grant to be awarded.

Mr. Frey made a motion to authorize the submission of a 902 Recycling Program Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the purchase of a swap loader to the Department of Environmental Protection, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

- a.) Discussion on a resolution establishing temporary residential permit on 200-300 blocks of East Elm Street and overnight residential permit parking at 400 West Elm Street

Mr. Peters reviewed a proposed resolution which would establish temporary establish permit-only parking for residents for the 200-300 blocks of East Elm Street and implement sunset-to-sunrise overnight residential permit parking at 400 West Elm consistent with the existing development agreement. Chief Lennon outlined the permit application and issuance process and provided information regarding enforcement and signage. Mr. Chmielewski shared that this request was brought forward by residents in his ward and expressed that they would be very happy to see these regulations implemented. Ms. Cecco asked Council to consider approving the resolution at the May Voting Meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson shared highlights from the EAC cleanup event. He announced that Yoga Home will be hosting outdoor yoga classes and shared that the Police Department recently held a drug take-back event. He provided information about an upcoming Coffee with a Cop event, which will be held in partnership with the Plymouth Police Department. Mayor Aronson shared details about the Kaboom Kid fundraiser, which benefits the Friends of Conshohocken Parks.

Mr. Frey thanked the fire department for hosting a tour of the fire station for the local Girl Scout troop.

Mr. Sera provided information about a community planting and revitalization event for the rain garden located in front of Borough Hall. He noted that the initiative is a collaborative effort in conjunction with the EAC, Friends of Conshohocken Parks and the Canopy Project.

Ms. Ellam shared that she had received several questions from residents that she wanted to pass along. First, she said residents were asking what prompted the issuance of sidewalk deficiency notices. Mr. Sokolowski responded that the sidewalk inspections were prioritized to address safety hazards. Ms. Ellam also shared concerns from residents regarding recent issues at Sutcliffe Park. Chief Lennon acknowledged incidents that have occurred and confirmed that an officer has been assigned to the park in the evenings to address these concerns.


PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary