

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, July 15, 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, Borough Council President, 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 regularly scheduled public meeting on property, personnel and legal matters. She reported that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the June 17th public meeting or regarding the July 15th Voting Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT *(for agenda items only)*

Christine Bertino, 448 West 6th Avenue, requested that Borough Council authorize the Borough Solicitor to file a petition to intervene and obtain party status in the Plymouth Township Zoning Hearing Board proceedings for the proposed data center at 900 Conshohocken Road. Ms. Bertino expressed concerns about potential impacts on public health, air quality, noise, traffic, water resources, and environmental contamination, and presented a petition signed by more than 230 residents in support of the request. She urged Council to take action to protect the interests of Borough residents.

Council thanked the residents for their involvement and discussed the Borough's options for seeking party status in the zoning proceedings. Mr. Peters explained that he would review the Borough's standing and prepare the necessary documents for Council to consider formal authorization at its next meeting. Members of Council expressed support for the effort and encouraged residents to continue attending the hearings and providing public comment. Ms. Bertino asked about the party status process, and a local Girl Scout troop shared comments opposing the proposed data center. Council requested that Mr. Peters move forward with the next steps for the upcoming meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- a.) **Presentation honoring Borough employees who have provided 20 years of dedicated service to the Borough of Conshohocken**

Chris Kenderdine, Dan Costello, Walter Curll and Gary Davis were recognized for 20+ years of service and were presented with an award.

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 June 3 and June 17 Regular Meeting Minutes**
b.) **Approve the June-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the June 3 and June 17 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the June-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,375,720.44, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Consider adopting Ordinance 02-2026 amending the Borough's Parks and Recreation Ordinance

Mr. Frey made a motion to adopt Ordinance 02-2026 amending the Borough's Parks and Recreation Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider approving Resolution 2026-07 establishing rules and regulations in Borough parks, playgrounds and recreational areas

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07 establishing rules and regulations in Borough parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Review the bids received for the Hallowell Street Reconstruction Project and consider authorizing the issuance of a Notice of Intent to Award

Ms. Cecco reviewed the bids received for the Hallowell Street Reconstruction Project. She identified T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder, with a base bid of \$721,155.00, Alternate Bid No. 1 of \$40,940.00, and Alternate Bid No. 2 of \$70,490.00. She reviewed the project's scope of work and cost estimate. She explained that the majority of the project will be funded through a DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant, with a supplemental appropriation required to cover costs not funded by the grant. She recommended that Council authorize the issuance of a Notice of Award to T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc, contingent upon compliance with the Borough's Responsible Contractor Ordinance.

Mr. Frey made a motion to authorize the issuance of a notice of intent to award a contract for the Hallowell Street Reconstruction project to T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$832,585 conditioned upon the issuance of a written contractor responsibility determination in accordance with the Borough's Responsible Contractors' Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving Resolution 2026-08 affirming the Borough's commitment to fair housing

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08 affirming the Borough's commitment to fair housing, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider approving Resolution 2026-09 designating a Section 504 Officer

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-09 designating a Section 504 Officer, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider approving Resolution 2026-10 authorizing the sale of a dump truck and utility tractor on Municibid

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-10 authorizing the sale of a dump truck at a minimum bid of \$1,500 and a utility tractor at a minimum bid of \$500 on Municibid, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Detective Bahn for the 2026 fall semester

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Detective Bahn for the 2026 fall semester in the amount of \$1,774 plus the cost of books per the collective bargaining agreement, seconded by Ms. Kinglsey. The motion carried 7-0.

- e.) Consider authorizing the submission of a grant application by the Friends of Conshohocken Parks to the Quaker Houghton Grant Program for the purchase and installation of STEM equipment in Borough parks

Mr. Serna made a motion to authorize the submission of a grant application by the Friends of Conshohocken Parks to the Quaker Houghton Grant, and if awarded, use grant funds for the purchase and installation of STEM playground equipment subject to the final review and approval of Borough administration, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- f.) Consider approving 401-433 Washington Street financial security escrow release no. 3 in the amount of \$715,241.22

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve 401-433 Washington Street financial security escrow release no. 3 in the amount of \$715,241.22, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- g.) Consider approving 720 Spring Mill Avenue financial security escrow release no. 8 in the amount of \$11,400.00

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve the 720 Spring Mill Avenue financial escrow release no. 8 in the amount of \$11,400 conditioned upon the developer replenishing the outstanding engineering and legal and administrative expenses escrows, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

h.) Consider approving change order no. 2 for the Second Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza Project

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve change order no. 2 for the Second Avenue Veterans' Memorial Plaza Project in the amount of \$8,431, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

i.) Consider approving payment application no. 3 for the Second Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza Project

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve payment application no. 3 for the Second Avenue Veterans' Memorial Plaza Project in the amount of \$207,484.92, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson highlighted the recent events for the July 4th holiday, including the Friends of Conshohocken Park's Kaboom Kid fundraiser, the fireworks display and the Soap Box Derby. He shared information about Conshohocken Theater in the Parks and about an upcoming Conshy Strong Bingo Night which raises money for the Colonial Neighborhood Council.

Ms. Sokolowski highlighted upcoming performances by Conshohocken Theater in the Park. She encouraged residents to attend and thanked the community for supporting the new theater program.

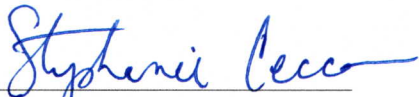
PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Ann Cook, 401 East Tenth Avenue, thanked Council for exploring party status in the Plymouth Township's Zoning Hearing Board proceedings on the data center. Ms. Cook urged Council to consider the proposed data center's potential impacts on the Borough and to pursue all available options to protect the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary