BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, August 19, 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

PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG APPLICATION

Chris Stetler, Community Development and Grant Management Coordinator, opened the public hearing on the Borough's 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. She explained that the Borough is eligible for $150,645 to fund projects benefiting low- and moderate-income residents and areas. Ms. Stetler requested the public's input on how the funds should be used. She reviewed eligible uses and noted that past funds supported housing rehabilitation and curb-ramp improvements. Ms. Sokolowski asked whether CDBG funds could address lighting and safety improvements at Pleasant Valley. Ms. Stetler explained that the Borough would need to work with the property owner to pursue the improvements. She also reviewed the public comment period and upcoming CDBG hearing schedule.

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 7:10 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 meeting regarding legal matters. Ms. Cecco reported receiving one (1) public comment following the August 5th Work Session. She read a comment from Brian Magrann, 312 Fayette Street. He requested that the Maple Street Development include a public pedestrian connection to Haines and Salvati Park and stressed the importance of preserving mature trees. Mr. Peters responded that the pedestrian walkway is currently proposed as private. Ms. Sokolowski stated that no public comments were received regarding the August 19th public meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT *(for agenda items only)*

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Egyptian Fall Festival Event Proposal, St. Mary & St. Mercurius Coptic Orthodox Church

Bishoy Girgis and George Haleen were present to discuss the Egyptian Fall Festival Event Proposal for St. Mary & St. Mercurius Coptic Orthodox Church. Mr. Girgis stated that the church is proposing a partial closure of West Fifth Avenue for the church's annual festival. He explained that the closure would begin Friday evening for setup and continue through Sunday evening, with the festival operating Saturday and Sunday from 11:00am to 7:00pm. He shared that the church has coordinated with nearby residents, addressed a handicap parking concern, and received no objections from Borough administration. They explained that festival is expected to draw approximately 200–300 attendees.

Mr. Bria made a motion to approve the St. Mary and St. Mercurius Coptic Orthodox Church Egyptian Fall Festival on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th of 2026, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Consider approving Resolution 2026-13 approving preliminary/final major subdivision and land development for the Maple Street Development Project

Ms. Sokolowski announced that this matter is being tabled at the request of the applicant.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a.) **Approve and adopt the July 15 Regular Meeting Minutes**
b.) **Approve the July-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve and adopt the July 15 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the July-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of $1,480,262.01, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) **Consider awarding a bid for the Community Shuttle Service Renewal**

Council discussed renewing the community shuttle service with Transnet at an annual cost of approximately $260,000. Mr. Frey and Ms. Ellam questioned whether the cost is justified given the service's low ridership. Other Council members noted the shuttle's value to seniors, residents, and businesses, as well as its role in the Borough's Main Street transportation plan. Ms. Cecco stated that funds are available to include the service in the FY 2027 budget. Council discussed offering other transportation options for current users and businesses. Ms. Cecco explained that the current framework allows the service to be reconsidered in the future. Following the discussion, Council agreed to postpone the decision to allow for additional public input and further consideration at the September 23rd Budget Meeting.

Mr. Frey made a motion to postpone awarding the bid for the community shuttle service to allow for further discussion at the September 23rd Budget Meeting and to revisit the matter at the October 6th public meeting, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) **Consider authorizing advertisement of bids for the Second Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project**

Mr. Serna made a motion to authorize advertisement of bids for the Second Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) **Consider approving an Agreement of Sale with RTI Colwell LLC for the purchase of 680 Colwell Lane, tax parcel no. 49-00-02707-00-7**

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve an Agreement of Sale with RTI Colwell LLC for the purchase of 680 Colwell Lane, tax parcel no. 49-00-02707-00-7, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) **Consider authorizing the submission of a Zoning Hearing Board application to Plymouth Township regarding 680 Colwell Lane**

Mr. Frey made a motion to authorize the submission of a Zoning Hearing Board application to Plymouth Township regarding 680 Colwell Lane, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

e.) **Consider reappointing Bee, Bergvall & Co., P.C. to conduct the Borough's annual financial audit for the fiscal years ending 2027, 2028 and 2029**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to reappoint Bee, Bergvall & Co., P.C. to conduct the Borough's annual financial audit for the fiscal years ending 2027, 2028, and 2029, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

f.) **Consider tabling the residential permit parking regulations for the 200 and 300 blocks of East Elm Street**

Mr. Serna made a motion to table the residential permit parking regulations for the 200 and 300 blocks of East Elm Street, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

g.) **Consider approving Resolution 2026-14 establishing overnight residential permit parking at 400 West Elm Street (Madison West Elm)**

Ms. Sokolowski explained that because the subdivision and land development approval for the Maple Street Development Project was tabled, the resolution number for this matter will change to Resolution 2026-13.

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-13 establishing overnight residential permit parking at 400 West Elm Street, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a.) **Consider approving an AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement for years 2027-2030**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement for years 2027-2030, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) **Consider approving tuition reimbursements for Lieutenant Hall for the 2026 summer and fall semesters**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve tuition reimbursements for Lieutenant Hall for the 2026 summer semester in the amount of $2,055 plus the cost of books and for the 2026 fall semester in the amount of $2,055 plus the cost of books, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) **Consider approving payment application no. 1 (final) for the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Installation – Phase 2 Project**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve payment application no. 1 (final) for the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Installation – Phase 2 Project in the amount of $29,057.21, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) **Consider approving payment application no. 4 for the Second Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza Project**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve payment application no. 4 for the Second Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza Project in the amount of $262,866.38, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson highlighted the newly opened event space at the Leeland Mansion. He also highlighted the Kids Concert in the Park and Sprinkler Night at the Mary Wood Park. He encouraged residents to support the food pantry at St. Mark's Church. He shared information about the upcoming Conshy Strong Bingo event at the VFW, which benefits the Colonial Neighborhood Council.

Ms. Ellam shared that the new school year is starting soon and reminded everyone to drive carefully.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donald Morrison, 141 East 4th Avenue, thanked the Police Department for organizing a successful National Night Out. He spoke in support of the Conshohocken Cab. He emphasized its importance to seniors, residents with disabilities, and others who rely on public transportation. He urged Council to gather feedback from shuttle riders before making any decisions about the program. Mr. Morrison also raised concerns about speeding and traffic in the alley near Conshohocken Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco

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Borough Secretary