

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President  
Jane Flanagan, Council Vice-President  
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member  
Anita Barton, Council Member  
Tina Sokolowski, Council Member  
James Griffin, Council Member  
Karen Tutino, 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. Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Leonard announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the meeting a legal matter, property matter and personnel matter.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**a.) Valley Forge Tourism Presentation, Rachel Riley, Director of Communications**

Ms. Leonard invited Rachel Riley, Director of Communications for Valley Forge Tourism and Convention Board, to the podium. Ms. Riley provided information about the Valley Forge Tourism and Convention Board.

**b.) 2020 Census Presentation, John Stelmachowicz, U.S. Census Bureau**

Ms. Leonard invited John Stelmachowicz, Partnership Specialist for the 2020 Census, to the podium. Mr. Stelmachowicz discussed the 2020 Census and shared ways to educate residents and create awareness within the community about the census.

**c.) Planning Commission Report, Stacy Ellam, Chair**

Stacy Ellam, Chair of the Planning Commission, presented a report, which summarized the year-to-date activities of the Planning Commission.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**a.) Conduct interviews for Boards and Commission**

Ms. Cecco stated that one of the applicants, Celia King, was unable to attend and would be rescheduled for an interview.

Ms. Leonard introduced Mark BonavitaCola who was present to interview for the Board of Code Appeals. Mr. BonavitaCola shared his desire to fulfill his civic duty and participate in the continuing development of the Borough. Ms. Flanagan asked if he has experience working with contractors. He responded that as an attorney he represents contractors in commercial and residential construction.

**MANAGER MATTERS**

**a.) Consider approving Resolution 2019-18 Fair Housing**

Ms. Cecco shared that, because the Borough received federal funds, Council is required to pass a resolution that would be presented to the state that affirms their intolerance for housing discrimination.

**Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-18 affirming support of the Borough's Fair Housing Program, seconded by Mr. Stokley. The motion carried 7-0.**

**b.) Consider approving Resolution 2019-19 establishing temporary traffic restrictions on West Second Avenue**

Ms. Cecco shared that Borough Council passed a resolution that temporarily limited traffic on West Second Avenue to one-way traffic in the westerly direction (Fayette Avenue towards Forrest Street) and restricted traffic in the easterly direction (Forrest Street towards Fayette Street). Ms. Cecco recommended that Council consider extending the temporary traffic restrictions to allow for infrastructure in that location to be repaired.

**Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-19 establishing temporary traffic restrictions on West Second Avenue, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 7-0.**

**c.) Consider authorizing advertisement of an RFP for towing services**

Ms. Cecco provided an overview of a draft RFP for towing services and asked Council to review the draft over the next two (2) weeks prior to advertisement.

**d.) Consider authorizing the tuition reimbursement for Officer Sean Gregory**

Ms. Cecco stated that education reimbursement is a budgeted item per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**Ms. Leonard made a motion to authorize the tuition reimbursement for Officer Sean Gregory, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 7-0.**

**DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

There were no department matters.

**LEGAL MATTERS**

There were no legal matters.

**COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS**

There were no Council Member and Mayor matters.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Aronson announced that the CPW Rotary is sponsoring a summer food and supply drive to help restock the shelves at Colonial Neighborhood Council and provided details on how to donate. He discussed the 2019 National Night Out event.

Mr. Stokley shared that he toured Covanta Plymouth and expressed his satisfaction with the overall operation of the facility.

Ms. Barton discussed the tour of the Covanta facility and mentioned that the plant is regulated by government standards.

Ms. Sokolowski shared that the Conshohocken Rowing Center is working with PW High School parents to create rowing program for PW high school students.

Ms. Flanagan shared information about the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, the Borough's non-profit organization.

Mr. Griffin thanked the Department of Licenses and Inspections for enforcing property maintenance code, specifically overgrown weeds and grass.

Ms. Tutino shared that the next Parking Task Force meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2019. She also shared the agenda for the meeting.

Superintendent Metz announced that the administrative assistant for the Police Department welcomed her second daughter.

Ed Zale, 300 West Elm Street, requested that Council consider putting crosswalks at the intersection of Harry Street and Washington Street. Superintendent Metz replied that commuters should access the stairs to safely cross the train tracks. Council suggested putting up signs to direct pedestrians to use the stairs.

Ty Borkowski, 230 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, discussed an issue with the Sewer Authority regarding easements and professional services escrow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie Cecco,  
Borough Secretary