

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: James Griffin, Council President
Karen Tutino, Council Vice-President
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
Tina Sokolowski, Council Member
Colleen Leonard, Council Member
Jane Flanagan, Council Member
Robert Frost, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Cecco, Borough Manager
Michael E. Peters, Interim 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. Mr. James Griffin, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

Ms. Anita Barton read a Prayer for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Cecco announced that Council held a Special Meeting prior to the meeting to interview Borough consultants and Board and Commission members for 2018. Ms. Cecco shared that a brief Executive Session was also held regarding a personnel matter.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Public Hearing on 200 Block of Washington Street, Millennium Block A, Millennium IV Conditional Use Application

Mr. Peters opened the public hearing for the 200 Block of Washington Street, Millennium Block A, Millennium IV Conditional Use Application and announced that he had received notification from Mr. Edmund Campbell, the attorney representing the applicant, that they would like to continue the hearing scheduled for that evening; he also shared that the two parties who entered an appearance had consented to the continuance as well. Mr. Peters made a recommendation to grant continuance of the hearing.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to grant continuance of the hearing to a date certain being January 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Borough Hall, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Presentation honoring Mayor Robert Frost for his years of service to the Borough, Mr. Jack Coll

Mr. Jack Coll provided an overview of Mayor Frost's accomplishments and thanked him for his sixteen years of service. Council also presented the Mayor with a plaque.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) **Approve and adopt the November 1 and November 15 Meeting Minutes**
- b.) **Accept the November-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,263,745.49**
- c.) **Adopt and approve the FY18 Budget and adopt and approve Ordinance 2017-09 levy real estate tax for 2018 and fix the rate thereof**
- d.) **Approve and adopt Friends of Conshohocken Park Bylaws**

Ms. Tutino made a motion to adopt all consent agenda items as read, seconded by Mr. Stokley. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) **Consider appointing Board Members to Friends of Conshohocken Parks Inc.**

Ms. Cecco explained that Council must appoint three (3) board members to Friends of Conshohocken Parks Inc. in order for the bylaws to go into effect.

Ms. Flanagan made a motion to appoint Todd Camden, Robert Frost and Robert Caucci as Board Members to Friends of Conshohocken Parks Inc., seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) **Consider authorizing the Borough Manager to serve as the Incorporator of Friends of Conshohocken Parks Inc.**

Mr. Peters explained that Council must authorize the Borough Manager to serve of Incorporator of Friends of Conshohocken Parks Inc.

Ms. Leonard made a motion authorize the Borough Manager to serve as Incorporator of Friends of Conshohocken Parks Inc., seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) **Consider authorizing the tuition reimbursement for Officer Eric Hall**

Ms. Cecco shared that education reimbursement is an approved expense per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the tuition reimbursement for Officer Eric Hall, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deborah Cieslewski, 225 East 5th Avenue, asked Council to consider appointing her to the Civil Service Commission.

Donald Morrison, 303 East 6th Avenue, thanked Mayor Frost for his years of service.

Mayor Frost thanked members of the audience for attending and thanked Jack Coll for his presentation. He also thanked everyone for supporting his events and initiatives over the years.

Ms. Leonard thanked Mayor Frost for his years of service and wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Ms. Leonard also shared that she is looking forward to 2018.

Mr. Stokley thanked Mayor Frost and his family and wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Ms. Flanagan thanked Mayor Frost and his family. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Chanukah and a happy and healthy 2018.

Ms. Tutino thanked Mayor Frost for his service and announced that the Dog Park Advisory Committee would be making a presentation to Council on January 17, 2018. She also wished everyone a Happy Holiday and all the best in 2018.

Ms. Barton thanked Mayor Frost for his service, specifically the Christmas event, and wished everyone a Happy Holiday. She also shared that she is looking forward to 2018.

Ms. Sokolowski thanked Mayor Frost for his friendship, mentorship, and diversity of thought. Ms. Sokolowski also thanked the Mayor's family for their support. Ms. Sokolowski announced that the writing stage of the Comprehensive Plan would begin in January of 2018.

Ms. Cecco thanked Mayor Frost and Council for their guidance and direction.

Mr. Peters wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Teresa Parris, 125 East 3rd Avenue, thanked Mayor Frost and his family for their contribution and support of the Conshy Courier.

Mr. Griffin shared that he has enjoyed working with Mayor Frost over the last sixteen years. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary