

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, September 16th, 2015

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Robert Frost, Mayor
Paul McConnell, Council President
James Griffin, Council Vice President
Karen Tutino, Council Member
Robert Stokley, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Richard J. Manfredi, Borough Manager
Michael Savona, Borough Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at Conshohocken Borough Hall, 8th Avenue & Fayette Street, Conshohocken, Pa. Mr. Paul McConnell, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

John Costello, Treasurer of Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2, read a Prayer for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McConnell announced that there was an Executive Session prior to the public meeting to discuss real estate matters. The Executive Session would continue following the public meeting.

Mr. McConnell also announced that the next item would be Resolution 2015-15 to appoint a member to the Borough Council to fill a vacancy representing the 5th Ward of Conshohocken.

Mr. McConnell made a motion to appoint Rosemary Northcutt, seconded by Mr. Griffin. Mr. McConnell then inquired if there was any public comment on the matter and there was none. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 3-1.

PRESENTATIONS

a) Public Hearing for HOME Application: Nancy Nugent, Consultant to Borough

Mrs. Nugent opened the hearing by providing a history of the program and explained that the Borough proposes to request \$350,000.00 worth of home funds to support its housing rehabilitation program. The HOME funds would continue to be used in conjunction with the CDBG Block Grant Program funds.

Following Mrs. Nugent's summary, she inquired if anyone had questions about the program. A resident, Ms. Edna Brock, asked if the program funds could be used to address lead-based paint issues. Mrs. Nugent explained that the funds could be used to remediate them in certain instances. There were no further questions or comments and the hearing was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. McConnell introduced the consent agenda.

- a.) Approve and adopt the August 5, 2015 and August 19, 2015 Borough Council Meeting Minutes.
- b.) Approve the Borough's 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) as required by Act 205.
- c.) Approve the PennDOT 5 Year Winter Traffic Services Agreement and accompanying Resolution 2015-16 effective from 2015-2016 through 2019-2020.
- d.) Accept the August 2015 Treasurer's Report.
- e.) Appoint PFM Asset Management LLC to serve as the Borough Pension Investment Manager.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read, seconded by Mr. Stokley. The motion carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) **Approve and adopt Resolution 2015-17 for 204 E. 8th Avenue plans for minor subdivision and land development, LD-2015-05.**

Mr. McConnell asked Mr. Savona to provide a brief summary of the land development. Mr. Savona explained that the developer proposed to demolish the existing single-family dwelling and subdivide the lot into two lots where two single-family homes would be built. Mr. Savona also highlighted the waivers and conditions present in the accompanying resolution, Resolution 2015-17.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2015-17 for 204 E. 8th Avenue plans for minor subdivision and land development, LD-2015-05, seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 4-0.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Rosemary Northcutt recited the Oath of Office and was sworn-in by Mayor Frost before the Borough Council. Mr. McConnell then asked Ms. Northcutt to join the Council at the dias and she took her seat with Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. McConnell commented on proposed new legislation allowing key taxpayers such as volunteer firefighters to waive their local earned income tax payments as recognition for their service to the community.

Mr. Dennis Beaver reminded Council of a previous discussion that took place regarding the Schuylkill bike path. In response, Mr. McConnell offered some suggestions on how to make the crossing safer for all trail users.

Mr. McConnell also provided an update on the upcoming Papal Visit to Philadelphia during the weekend of Friday, September 25th to Sunday, September 27th and highlighted road closures, transportation matters and emergency services.

Mayor Frost commented that, on the previous Friday, Washington Fire Company completed a two-year project and dedicated a September 11th Memorial. He added that there were some additional pavers available for purchase for another week.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary