

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

PUBLIC MEETING held via GoToMeeting video/teleconference

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

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Peters, Borough Solicitor

PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG-CV APPLICATION

Chris Stetler, Community Development and Grant Coordinator, shared that Conshohocken is eligible for \$70,984.00 under the CARES Act to respond to local needs to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus. Ms. Stetler discussed eligible activities, use of funds and program requirements. She invited the public to provide comments on the needs of Conshohocken residents impacted by the Coronavirus and how the Borough may assist in responding to such needs. There was no public comment. She mentioned that research is underway to determine if the Colonial Neighborhood Council needs assistance. Ms. Stetler discussed required changes to the Borough's Citizen Participation Plan to accommodate changes allowed for CDBG-CV funds.

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held remotely using the GoToMeeting platform. Ms. Colleen Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

Ms. Sokolowski read a Prayer for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Leonard thanked everyone for attending the virtual Council meeting. She reviewed the meeting logistics and participation instructions. She announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting regarding personnel matters.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

LAND USE, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

- a.) **Consider approving Resolution 2020-15 approving preliminary/final minor subdivision and land development for 331 West Seventh Avenue**

Mr. Peters provided a brief overview of the application. He explained that the applicant is proposing to subdivide the property into three (3) lots, and build one (1) single-family detached dwelling and semi-detached dwellings. Mr. Peters reviewed the requested waivers and conditions of approval per the proposed resolution.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-15 approving preliminary/final minor subdivision and land development for 331 West Seventh Avenue, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)

- b.) **Consider approving Resolution 2020-16 approving a waiver of land development for the SEPTA Conshohocken Station Project**

Mr. Peters explained that SEPTA is requesting a waiver of land development to permit construction of a new Regional Rail Station west of the existing station and to construct a new vehicular and pedestrian at-grade crossing as an extension of Oak Street. He reviewed the requested waivers and conditions of approval per the proposed resolution. Mr. Stokley shared that SEPTA mailed marketing material with information on the new station to local residents.

Mr. Stokley made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-16 approving a waiver of land development for the SEPTA Conshohocken Station Project, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) **Approve and adopt the May 6 and May 20 Meeting Minutes**
- b.) **Approve the May-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$524,989.87**

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve and adopt the May 6 and May 20 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the May-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$524,989.87, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson thanked emergency services personnel and public services for their support during the recent protests. He reminded everyone that the virtual Arts Festival and Car show continues until the end of the month.

Mr. Stokley shared that he received a request from St. Matthew's Church to hold an outdoor mass at the A-Field on July 5, 2020. Ray Sokolowski, Executive Director of Operations, replied that he would contact Father Heron for more information. Mr. Stokley asked for an update regarding the unscheduled shutdown of the Covanta Plymouth facility. Mr. Sokolowski replied that he would contact Covanta for an update.

Ms. Barton acknowledged the recent protests occurring within the Borough.

Ms. Flanagan recognized Joe Costello, Leo Costello and Dave Murphy for their participation in the Borough's stipend program for volunteer firefighters.

Ms. Tutino joined the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brittany Rogers, Executive Assistant to the Borough Manager, announced that no public comment was received via email submission.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary