

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

PUBLIC MEETING

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

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Peters, Borough Solicitor

PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG APPLICATION

Chris Stetler, Community Development and Grant Coordinator, shared that this would be the first of two (2) public hearings regarding the Borough's 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. She stated that the Borough is eligible to receive \$132,533.00 in 2020 CDBG funds. Ms. Stetler discussed eligible activities, use of funds in previous years and program requirements. She invited the public to assist in identifying eligible activities to benefit low to moderate-income residents. Ms. Barton asked about informational resources about the program for residents who may be eligible. There was no public comment.

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council, duly advertised, was held as a hybrid meeting. Borough elected officials, staff and professionals were physically in attendance at Borough Hall, and the public participated through GoToMeeting video and telephone conferencing. Ms. Colleen Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 hybrid Council meeting. She reviewed the meeting logistics and participation instructions.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

LAND USE, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

There were no land use, public hearings and ordinances.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the July 15 Meeting Minutes
- b.) Approve the July-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$541,493.48.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve and adopt the July 15 Meeting Minutes, and to approve the July-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$541,493.48, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving the revised Citizen Participation Plan for CDBG and HOME Programs

Ms. Flanagan made a motion to approve the revised Citizen Participation Plan for CDBG and HOME Programs, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Officer Bahn for the 2020 Fall Semester

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Officer Matthew Bahn for the 2020 Fall Semester, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider approving Resolution 2020-21 reaffirming and extending the prohibition on bringing animals into Mary Wood Park**

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-21 reaffirming and extending the prohibition on bringing animals into Mary Wood Park, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider approving St. Mark's special event and fee waiver request for outdoor church services**

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve St. Mark's special event and fee waiver request for outdoor church services, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) Consider approving St. Matthew's fee waiver request for use of the A-Field for outdoor church services**

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve St. Matthew's fee waiver request for use of the A-Field for outdoor church services, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Leonard added an item to the agenda.

Ms. Sokolowski shared that the Friends of Conshohocken Parks is working on a t-shirt fundraiser campaign to raise awareness and money for the non-profit organization. She stated, that in June, Council approved a request to utilize non-profit funds to purchase 100 t-shirts. She explained that organization has recouped the original funds requested through t-shirt sales and donations and that the Friends of Conshohocken Parks would like to purchase an additional 100 t-shirts at a not to exceed cost of \$525.00.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve a request of the Friends of Conshohocken Parks to utilize non-profit funds for the purchase of t-shirts at a not to exceed cost of \$525.00, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson encouraged everyone to attend Conshy Strong Virtual Bingo on August 27, 2020. He announced that the Dog Park Advisory Committee would be holding an outdoor fundraiser event, Barks and Brews, on September 27, 2020 at the VFW.

Ms. Flanagan announced that the Conshohocken Borough Authority was awarded a \$500,000.00 grant for the rehabilitation of the Regional Sanitary Sewer Interceptor.

Ms. Sokolowski encouraged everyone to continue supporting local businesses.

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 7:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary