

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Tina Sokolowski, Council Vice President
Anita Barton, Council Member
Stacy Ellam, Council Member
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Member
Adrian Serna, 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 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Leonard announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting on personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for agenda items only)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

There were no land use matters, public hearings and ordinances.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) **Approve and adopt the April 5 and April 19 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b.) **Approve the April-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$987,447.71**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the April 5 and April 19 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the April-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$987,447.71, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) **Consider approving a Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement with Comcast**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve a Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement with Comcast, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) **Consider Resolution 2023-12 authorizing execution of the Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement with Comcast**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12 authorizing execution of the Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement with Comcast, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) **Consider appointing applicants to Borough Board and Commission vacancies**

Mr. Serna made a motion to appoint Gerhart Arndt to the Environmental Advisory Council, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to appoint Nancy DeVitis to the Mary Wood Park Commission, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving 720 Spring Mill Avenue financial security escrow release no. 2 in the amount of \$102,860.77

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve 720 Spring Mill Avenue financial security escrow release no. 2 in the amount of \$102,860.77, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider approving 3 Colwell Lane financial security escrow release no. 7 (final) in the amount of \$49,813.81

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve 3 Cowell Lane financial security escrow release no. 7 (final) in the amount of \$49,813.81, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider approving Resolution 2023-13 approving the installation of stop signs at East 12th Avenue and Hollowell Street

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-13 approving the installation of stop signs at East 12th Avenue and Hollowell Street, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) Consider approving tuition reimbursements for Officer Smith and Detective Walter

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve tuition reimbursements for Officer Caleb Smith and Detective William Walter for the Spring 2023 semester, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve an education bonus for Detective William Walter for the achievement of a bachelor's degree, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- e.) Consider approving a block party request for the 400 block of East Ninth Avenue

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve a block party request for the 400 block of East Ninth Avenue contingent upon final administrative review, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- f.) Consider approving opting out of the Montgomery County CDBG Program for years 2024 through 2026

Ms. Cecco stated that opting out of the county program does not make the Borough ineligible for the federal and state CDBG program.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approving opting out of the Montgomery County CDBG Program for years 2024 through 2026, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- g.) Consider appointing the position of Lieutenant from the Civil Service certified eligibility list

Mr. Serna made a motion to appoint David Lennon to the position of Lieutenant from the Civil Service certified eligibility list, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. There was a roll call vote. Yes - Serna, Kingsley, Barton, Sokolowski, Leonard. No - Tutino. Ms. Ellam recused herself. The motion carried 5-1.

- h.) Consider appointing the position of Sergeant from the Civil Service certified eligibility list

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to appoint John Storti to the position of Sergeant from the Civil Service certified eligibility list, seconded by Ms. Barton. There was a roll call vote. Yes - Tutino, Serna, Kingsley, Barton, Sokolowski, Leonard. Ms. Ellam recused herself. The motion carried 6-0.

- i.) Consider appointing the position of Patrol Officer from the Civil Service certified eligibility list

Mr. Serna made a motion to appoint Christopher Montowski to the position of Patrol Officer from the Civil Service certified eligibility list, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. There was a roll call vote. Yes - Tutino, Serna, Kingsley, Barton, Sokolowski, Leonard. Ms. Ellam recused herself. The motion carried 6-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson expressed his condolences for the loss of Joe Robinson, President of the CPW Rotary. He thanked President Leonard and Sergeant Connor for filing in for him and Chief Metz at the Coffee and Cookies event at Isenberg's. He shared the schedules for the VFW flag planting event and Memorial Day services. He reminded everyone about the Arts Festival and Car Show on June 3, 2023.

Ms. Barton announced that the post office is being painted.

Ms. Sokolowski shared that Hometown Heroes banners were installed along Spring Mill Avenue.

Mr. Serna shared that the EAC Spring Clean Up event is scheduled for May 20, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. He stated that the Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2 will be the central staging location.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary