

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Tina Sokolowski, 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

There were no Council President announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for agenda items only)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Recognition of Karen Tutino for her years of service on Borough Council, Vice President Tina Sokolowski

Ms. Sokolowski recognized Ms. Tutino's years of service to the Borough of Conshohocken and presented her with a plaque to commemorate her years of service from 2014 to 2023. State Representative Greg Scott presented Ms. Tutino with a certificate of appreciation for her years of service to the Borough.

b.) Recognition of Colleen Leonard for her years of service on Borough Council, Vice President Tina Sokolowski

i. Citation of Appreciation, State Representative Greg Scott

Ms. Sokolowski recognized Ms. Leonard's years of service to the Borough of Conshohocken and presented her with a plaque to commemorate her years of service from 2016 to 2023. State Representative Greg Scott presented Ms. Leonard with a Citation of Appreciation from the House of Representatives and thanked her for her years of service.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Consider authorizing advertisement of a revision to the Shade Tree Regulations Ordinance

Mr. Peters reviewed the revisions made to the Shade Tree Regulations Ordinance.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to authorize advertisement of a revision to the Shade Tree Regulations Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the November 1 and November 15 Regular Meeting Minutes and the November 1 Special Meeting Minutes**
- b.) Approve the November-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**
- c.) Approve and adopt the FY2024 Budget**
- d.) Approve Resolution 2023-27 to levy real estate tax for 2024 and fix the rate thereof**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the November 1 and November 15 Regular Meeting Minutes, and the November 1 Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the November-ending Treasurer's Report and accounts payable in the amount of \$1,346,447.06, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve and adopt the 2024 fiscal year budget, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-27 to levy real estate tax for 2024 and fix the rate thereof, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a.) Consider approving 305 East Twelfth Avenue demolition escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$4,005.65 plus interest

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 305 East Twelfth Avenue demolition escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$4,005.65 plus interest, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider approving the Third Amendment to the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the Third Amendment to the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider appointing Brian Magrann to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks

Mr. Serna made a motion to appoint Brian Magrann to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) Consider approving the 2022 CDBG Curb Ramp Project payment certification in the amount of \$56,112.66

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve the 2022 CDBG Curb Ramp Project payment certification in the amount of \$56,112.66 and change order #1 for additional paving, curbing and sidewalk replacement required to tie into the new ADA ramps, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

e.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Detective Walter for the 2024 Spring semester

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Detective Walter for the 2024 spring semester in the amount of \$3,465.16 plus the cost of required books, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

f.) Consider approving 331 W. 7th ave zoning escrow release in the amount of \$295.76 plus interest

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve 331 W. 7th avenue zoning escrow release in the amount of \$295.76 plus interest, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

g.) Consider approving 624 Maple St. zoning escrow release in the amount of \$513.00 plus interest

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve 624 Maple Street zoning escrow release in the amount of \$513.00 plus interest, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Consider approving the second addendum to the Animal Control Officer Agreement with Daywalt's Animal Control

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the second addendum to the Animal Control Officer Agreement with Daywalt Animal Control, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider approving and authorizing advertisement of the 2024 meeting schedules for Borough Council and Borough Boards and Commissions

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve and authorize advertisement of the 2024 meeting schedules for Borough Council and Boards and Commissions, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider approving Resolution 2023-28 authorizing a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$5,000,000 from the Borough's General Fund to the Borough's Capital Fund

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-28 authorizing a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$5,000,000 from the Borough's General Fund to the Borough's Capital Fund, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0

d.) Consider authorizing the renewal of a contract agreement with Hough Associates to collect residential and commercial recycling data for years 2023, 2024 and 2025

Ms. Tutino made a motion to authorize the renewal of a contract agreement with Hough Associates to collect residential and commercial recycling data for years 2023, 2024 and 2025, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson shared pictures from the Menorah Lighting Ceremony and the Winter Wonderland event, thanking everyone who made both events possible. He thanked everyone for their help this past year and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Ms. Ellam wished everyone a happy holiday.

Ms. Barton thanked Karen Tutino and Colleen Leonard for their time on Borough Council and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Ms. Kingsley wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mr. Serna made note of the many vacancies on the Boards and Commission and urged residents to volunteer.

Ms. Tutino wished everyone a happy holiday.

Ms. Sokolowski wished everyone a happy holiday.

Ms. Leonard thanked everyone and wished everyone a happy holiday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Bertino, 448 W. 6th Avenue, made comment on the MS4 program, the Conshohocken Sewer Authority, and the implementation of a stormwater fee. She asked multiple questions and raised concerns regarding the Sewer Authority's latest newsletter and the Stormwater Utility fee for residents.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary