

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President  
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President  
Anita Barton, Senior Council Member  
Alan Chmielewski, Council Member  
Stacy Ellam, Council Member  
Ralph Frey, Council Member  
Adrian Serna, 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. Sokolowski, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Sokolowski announced that there were Executive Sessions held on February 13, 2024 and February 21, 2024 on personnel matters. She also took a moment to recognize the passing of Vivian Antelucci, a friend and member of the Borough of Conshohocken.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (for agenda items only)**

Ms. Sokolowski gave a brief overview of the agenda topics for the evening and opened the floor for public comment on agenda items only.

Comments related to the proposed Fayette Street Corridor Overlay District were made.

Mary Tiernan, 1016 Harry Street, discussed flooding concerns caused from development. Ms. Tiernan expressed concern that development will decrease property values of residential properties. She urged Council to continue discussions on the ordinance prior to a vote.

Nina Lafferty, 100 West Tenth Avenue, stated that more discussion on the ordinance is needed prior to its adoption. She discussed potential overflow parking affecting residential upper avenues from development and commercial use. She discussed additional concerns related to stormwater management and traffic.

Mary Ann Cook, 401 East Tenth Avenue, commented on the great development Conshohocken has already made. She voiced her concerns regarding stormwater, redevelopment, and the vagueness of the ordinance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**a.) Conduct an interview for a vacancy on the Sewer Authority Board**

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Julian Miraglia who was present to interview for the Sewer Authority Board. He shared his relevant professional background working on several boards and commissions for other municipalities. He explained how his involvement in the development of two (2) sewer plants would be beneficial to the Conshohocken Sewer Authority Board.

**LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

**a.) Consider adopting Ordinance 02-2024 that amends Chapter 27 of the zoning code by adding a Fayette Street Corridor District and amends the zoning map for the Borough of Conshohocken to include the Fayette Street Corridor Overlay District**

Mr. Peters opened the public hearing on the record. He discussed additional provisions incorporated into the proposed ordinance to ensure that the Historic Overlay Ordinance would continue to apply, even if development occurred pursuant to the Fayette Street Corridor Overlay District.

Mr. Serna made a motion to adopt Ordinance 02-2024 that amends Chapter 27 of the zoning code by adding a Fayette Street Corridor District and amends the zoning map for the Borough of Conshohocken to include the Fayette Street Corridor Overlay District, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 5-2. (Yes – Sokolowski, Ellam, Serna, Frey, Chmielewski. No – Barton, Kingsley)

- b.) Consider authorizing advertisement of an amendment to the Borough's Fire Service Ordinance that adds the appointed position of Fire Captain to the hierarchy of authority as it applies to Fire Services in the Borough**

Mr. Peters explained that the proposed ordinance places the Fire Captain position into the chain of command as it applies to Fire Services in the Borough.

Ms. Barton made a motion to authorize advertisement of an amendment to the Borough's Fire Service Ordinance that adds the appointed position of Fire Captain to the hierarchy of authority as it applies to Fire Services in the Borough, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the January 2 Reorganization Meeting and January 17 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b.) Approve the January-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the January 2 Reorganization Meeting and January 17 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the January-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,532,808.93, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving a SORA West financial security escrow release no. 14 in the amount of \$17,930.30**

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve a SORA West financial security escrow release no. 14 in the amount of \$17,930.30, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider approving Resolution 2024-03 for a supplemental appropriation to the FY2024 budget in the amount of \$79,860 to complete the purchase of a Bucket Truck which was an approved capital item in the FY2023 budget for the Public Services Department**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 for a supplemental appropriation to the FY2024 budget in the amount of \$79,860 to complete the purchase of a Bucket Truck which was an approved capital item in the FY2023 budget for the Public Services Department, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider appointing Dennis Fay to the Zoning Hearing Board alternate position**

Mr. Serna made a motion to appoint Dennis Fay to the Zoning Hearing Board alternate position, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) Consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and the Borough of Conshohocken on parcel no. 05-00-00040-00-9**

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve a memorandum of understanding between the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and the Borough of Conshohocken on parcel no. 05-00-00040-00-9 subject to final review and approval by the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 6-1. (Yes - Sokolowski, Barton, Chmielewski, Frey, Serna, Ellam. No- Kingsley)

- e.) Consider approving Resolution 2024-04 authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Borough of Conshohocken and the Borough of Conshohocken Authority regarding ownership and responsibility for the Storm Sewer System serving the Borough of Conshohocken.**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Borough of Conshohocken and the Borough of Conshohocken Authority regarding ownership and responsibility for the Storm Sewer System serving the Borough of Conshohocken subject to final review and approval by the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- f.) Consider approving a Form Bill of Sale for the Storm Sewer System between the Borough of Conshohocken and the Borough of Conshohocken Authority.**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve a Form Bill of Sale for the Storm Sewer System between the Borough of Conshohocken and Borough of Conshohocken Authority subject to final review and approval by the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Consider accepting a resignation for a member of the Friends of Conshohocken Parks**

Mr. Serna made a motion to accept the resignation of Brianna DePaul from the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider accepting a resignation for a member of the Mary Wood Park Commission**

Ms. Barton made a motion to accept the resignation of Jane Flanagan from the Mary Wood Park Commission, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

**c.) Consider approving a renewal to the three-year lease agreement between the Borough of Conshohocken and the United Firemen's Relief Association for the Fire Department radios**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve a renewal to the lease agreement between the Borough of Conshohocken and the United Firemen's Relief Association for the Fire Department radios for a period of three years, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

**d.) Consider authorization to bid the 2024 Liquid Fuels Road Program Project**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to authorize Remington & Vernick Engineers to bid the 2024 Liquid Fuels Road Program Project, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 7-0.

**COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS**

Mayor Aronson recapped the kick-off of the Conshohocken Cab. He reminded everyone to register for the Conshohocken Arts Festival and Car Show scheduled for June 1, 2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Tiernan, 1016 Harry Street, inquired about road work projects on Harry Street. She reiterated that she felt there should have been more notification and discussion regarding the overlay ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie Cecco,  
Borough Secretary