

**BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
April 16, 2008**

Meeting called to order by the President of Council Mrs. Sandra Caterbone. The Prayer of Council was read and The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Members of Council present at the meeting were Mr. Jason Salus, Mr. Paul McConnell, Mr. Anthony Tucci, Mr. James Griffin, Mr. Robert Stokley, Mr. Edward Phipps and Mrs. Sandra Caterbone.

Christine Stetler spoke of two hearing that were scheduled for the 2008 CDBG Grant
Small Entitlement \$136,111.00; Housing Rehab \$89,111.00;
Curb Cut Ramps \$27,000.00; Administrative Costs \$20,000.00

Motion by James Griffin to authorize TIF decision for Seven Tower Bridge. Seconded by Bob Stokley. Roll Call - All voted in favor. Motion passed. Mrs. Caterbone explained TIF to the audience.

Mr. Marabella reported that the solicitor has for review draft copies of policies and procedures for non-uniform employees and firemen.

Mr. Marabella reported that spraying for ticks and box elder bugs will begin on April 22, 2008 in the parks (weather permitting).

Motion by Mr. McConnell to have the parking lot appraised for \$1900. Seconded by Mr. Phipps. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The March 2008 Treasurer's Report was given by Mr. Marabella

Cash Receipts	\$413,228.35
Cash Disbursements	\$502,268.24
Payroll March 2008	\$230,775.22

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve the Treasurer's report and pay all Borough bills. Seconded by Mr. Phipps. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Phipps to charge non-residents \$70.00 per hour for use of our fields with a minimum of three (3) hours. Residents would be charged \$60.00 per hour with a minimum of three (3) hours. Mr. Stokley objected to the charges for residents using the fields and suggested discussing this further. Solicitor explained that Council has the option to either charge fees or in certain circumstances waiving the fees. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed

Mr. Marabella reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee is working on the July 3rd events.

The Conshohocken Little League Opening Day Parade is scheduled for April 19, 2008 at 9:30 am.

Mr. Marty Eckert asked Council to waive fees for a Baseball Camp that he is planning for the summer. Mrs. Caterbone explained to Mr. Eckert the need for charging for use of the field.

Motion was made by Mr. Tucci to approve Mr. Eckert having a Baseball Camp. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All proved. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Phipps to have tree stumps in Sutcliff Park removed. Seconded by Mr. Tucci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Stokley discussed hiring the 2 candidates interviewed for Public Works as well as making the 3rd candidate an alternate in the event one of the other 2 did not qualify. First Hire is Delvine Gehman, 2nd Hire is Patrick Moore and the alternate is Anthony Davis Motion made to hire Delvine Gehman by Mr. Stokley. Seconded by Mr. Salus. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Motion made to hire Patrick Moore by Mr. Stokley. Seconded by Mr. McConnell. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Motion made to hire alternate, if necessary, by Mr. McConnell. Seconded by Mr. Tucci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Stokley for Council to approve adopting a CDBG Grant Resolution in the amount of \$136,111. Seconded by Mr. McConnell. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Stokley to approve a dedicated parking space for 413 W. 11th Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Tucci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Stokley to approve the purchase of a pickup truck for Public Works in the amount of \$29,293. Seconded by Mr. McConnell. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Stokley to approve the purchase of a dump truck for Public Works in the amount of \$61,962. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Public Works Committee is discussing changing some trash routes to start June 1, 2008. When details are finalized residents will be notified.

Motion made by Mr. McConnell not release escrow to Sturbridge Builders, LLC because punch list items are outstanding. Seconded by Mr. Salus. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Marabella announced that there will be a Schuylkill River Residential Linkages Project meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall.

Motion made by Mr. Stokley to approved Standard Operating Procedures proposed for the B Field Trash Cans, the Haines/Salvati Park – Drain Basin and the Plymouth Creek Channel. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Griffin to authorize the Borough Manager to release the following escrows:

<u>Developer</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
First Baptist Church	108 East 4 th Avenue	\$82,000.00

Seconded by Mr. Tucci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Griffin to authorize the Borough Manager to release the following escrows:

<u>Developer</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Washington Street Associates V, LP	Stables at Millennium	\$ 4,935.00

Seconded by Mr. Phipps. Mrs. Caterbone recused. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Mr. Marabella reported that the Vendors Ordinance needs to be reviewed by the Solicitor

The Borough's Insurance Broker sent information concerning skateboarding being allowed on Borough streets and sidewalks. Residents can look at the insurance broker's information.

Motion by Mr. Tucci to discuss approving the Police Pension Plan Trust Agreement and Resolution. Seconded by Mr. McConnell. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Tucci to discuss approving the Firemens Pension Plan Trust Agreement and Resolution. Seconded by Mr. McConnell. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. McConnell authorizing the Borough Manager to advertise for Finance Director position. Seconded by Mr. Tucci. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Caterbone – No; Mr. Griffin – No; Mr. Salus – Yes; Mr. McConnell – Yes; Mr. Tucci – Yes; Mr. Stokley – Yes; Mr. Phipps – Yes; Voting was 2 Nos and 5 Yeses. Motion passed 5 to 2.

Motion by Mr. Salus to discuss authorizing the Borough Manager to receive RFP's for Actuarial Services for the Police Pension Fund. Seconded by Mr. McConnell. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Solicitor and Zoning Officer are working on preparing a zoning map amendment for the parking lot at Spring Mill Avenue and Harry St.

Motion by Mr. Stokley to discuss approving the settlement for the Zoning Amendment Land Development Appeal for West Second Avenue and Wood Street. Seconded by Mr. Salus. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Police report for the month of April 2008 is as follows:

Police Department	\$ 22,897.75
Parking Authority Tickets	\$ 860.00
Monies due Parking Authority	\$ 430.00

Motion by Mr. Phipps to approve Police report. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to extend the Towing Contracts for another year. Mr. Salus expressed some concerns of the residents regarding property maintenance at Hammer's. Jane Dougherty of Janeway Towing answered all questions and agreed to fix the fencing. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. Roll Call vote. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Griffin to approve Michael Connor's request to take his 3rd education course in the amount of \$1,545.75 plus textbooks. Seconded by Mr. Phipps. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Griffin to approve Michael Connor's request to take his 2nd education course in the amount of \$1,589.74. Seconded by Mr. Tucci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Marabella reported that we received a bargaining notice from the Conshohocken Police Department.

Motion by Mr. Griffin to approve hanging a banner for the Conshohocken Car Show as well as their committee's cruise request on June 7, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Tucci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Phipps to allow Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Group to ride through town on Sunday, May 4, 2008 at approximately 11:50 am. Seconded by Mr. Tucci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Griffin to accept the resignation of police officer, Carmen Gambone. Seconded by Mr. McConnell. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Salus to authorize the Civil Service Commission to begin testing so an eligibility list can be established for future police vacancies. Seconded by Mr. Tucci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

TransNet began their service in the Borough on March 31, 2008. Mr. Marabella is scheduling a meeting with TransNet. Council requested a schedule of routes for their review. Council also suggested having magnetic signs made up with the Borough logo.

Motion by Mr. Stokley authorizing the Engineer to amend the Parks and Recreation Plan for additional capital items at the Second Avenue Meadows. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Griffin to discuss extending the Land Development and Conditional Use Approval for Seven Tower Bridge until December 31, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Stokley. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. McConnell to appoint Henry Jaffe to the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Mr. Salus Roll Call Vote. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Griffin to appoint Mrs. Pearl Duckett as the Assistant Borough Secretary/Treasurer with no change in compensation. Seconded by Mr. Phipps. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Griffin to appoint Mr. Francis J. Marabella as the Borough Secretary/Treasurer with no change in compensation. Seconded by Mr. Salus. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Stokley to approve a dedicated parking space for 205 W. 7th Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Griffin to adopt a Resolution for the Amendment to the Right-to-Know Law. Seconded by Mr. Stokley. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Griffin to accept resignation by Joan McCormick from the Sewer Authority Board. Seconded by Mr. Phipps. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Theresa Palestini of 218 W. 5th Avenue discussed concerns with curb damage done in 2004.

Eugene DeSantis discussed the Sewer Authority project.

Robert Krentzel discussed the skateboard issue.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tucci. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Francis J. Marabella
Borough Secretary