

**BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2007**

Meeting called to order by the President of Council Mrs. Sandra Caterbone. The Prayer of Council and The Pledge of Allegiance were said. Member of Council present at the meeting was Mr. Jack Coll, Mr. James Griffin, Mr. Robert Stokley, Ms. Deborah Stovall, Mr. Vincent Totaro, Mr. Peter Cianci and Mrs. Sandra Caterbone.

A motion by Mr. Totaro to go out of regular order of business. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Robert Stokley presented Resolution Number 1-2007 to Matthew Costello for the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout.

Mr. Peter Cianci presented Resolution Number 2-2007 to Daniel Costello for the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout.

Mrs. Bernadette Wallace of the Mayor's Special Events Committee presented the winners of the House Holiday Decorating contest.

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners Jerry and Dorothy Mullen of 200 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners Dennis and Claire Dorsey of 19 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner Jane Hannum 301 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mayor Boccella said picking the winners was a very hard task, and he thanked all the homeowners for the beautiful decorations.

A motion by Mr. Coll to go back to regular order of business. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Cianci to hire Edward Landy as a school Crossing Guard. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Total fines, meter money, motor vehicle violations, non traffic violations for the month December 2006 was \$18,204.80. Parking deck tickets totaled \$900.00. Money due to the Parking Authority \$450.00.

There was a discussion held on concerns by the Mayor and the Fire Chief in reference to parking in the alleys.

Mayor Boccella stated he is concerned about the Police Department Officers being harassed when tickets are issued. His commitment is to protect the safety and welfare of the residents. He would like for Council to make a decision on ticketing all cars or if the Officer should make a judgment call.

It was decided to bring the issues to the Public Safety Committee.

Thomas Beach reported to Council the major work on the Road Program and Streetscape project been completed. A punch list will be compiled with concerns and issues. Residents were asked to call Remington & Vernick & Beach or Pearl Duckett.

The request for one way on Oak Street has been sent to Penn Dot.

The three way stop sign on Hector and Jones Street is waiting for the data on the intersections.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve change order number 4 for drainage ditch changes per Penn Dot for the Streetscape project at an additional cost of \$10,241.52. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

We received one bid for clean up work at Plymouth Creek. Mr. Savona advised it can be awarded if attempts were made to get more than one bid.

Fire Chief reported the number of incidents during the month of December 2006 were 24. Total number of responding personnel was 332. Average manpower turnout per incident 14.

Mrs. Pearl Duckett gave the Treasurers report for the month of December 2006.

Cash Receipts \$430,025.09  
Cash Disbursements \$865,199.10  
Payroll December 2006 \$235,830.88

A motion by Mr. Totaro to accept the Treasurers report and pay Borough bills. Seconded by Mr. Coll. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Ms. Stovall to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2006, December 27, 2006 and January 3, 2007 meetings. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to approve the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan contingent on the River Front land being added to the plan. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to approve a Façade Loan for 8 East 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in the amount of \$24,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Cianci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to approve the Developer's Parks and Recreation Fees offers detailed on the Manager's memo. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Ms. Stovall informed Council a donation was made to Aubrey Collins Park from the Junior Women's Club. The money will be held until the worked is started at the park.

Ms. Stovall was at the Fellowship House on Sunday and was very impressed with the operation. She commended Darlene Hildebrand and her staff on their organization, everything ran exceptionally well.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to authorize the Solicitor to advertise a proposed Ordinance for Council to accept the request of Robert Schaffer concerning the dedication of the paved alley behind 405 West Elm Street townhouses. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve the advertised proposed Plumbing Registration Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve the advertised proposed BOCA Code relating to Masonry Block Walls Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve the advertised proposed Solid Waste Ordinance. Seconded by Ms. Stovall. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to authorize the Manager to release escrow and the maintenance bond to Shaffer Builders for 304-310 East Elm Street. Seconded by Ms. Stovall. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Stokley informed the residents Christmas trees are being picked up on Wednesday. The sign program is in progress.

A motion by Mr. Totaro to approve the advertised proposed Realty Transfer Tax Ordinance. Seconded by Ms. Stovall. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Farmers Market Committee will be meeting on January 18, 2006 at 12:30 PM at the Administrative Office.

Mr. Totaro attended the DVRP meeting, one of the issues discussed was instituting car pools to try helping eliminate traffic problems.

Mr. Totaro was approached with a suggestion from a resident at the Comprehensive Plan meeting to try and generate more families in the Borough the suggestion was to institute interest free loans to new homebuyers. Mr. Totaro asked Council if they felt the idea was feasible.

The Rambler bus will be in operation on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Mr. Totaro has been contacted by Whitemarsh Township and hopefully the bus will be able to be put back on a six day schedule.

A motion by Mr. Coll to table the proposed Peddling and Soliciting Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Cianci. All voted in favor. Motion to table passed.

Mr. Cianci will hold a Public Safety meeting on January 30, 2007 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall to discuss issues with the business owners on Fayette Street concerning the proposed Peddling and Soliciting Ordinance.

A motion by Mr. Cianci to approve the advertised proposed 2006 International Property Maintenance Code. Seconded by Ms. Stovall. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Cianci to approve the advertised proposed Parking on Ash Street Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Cianci to approve the advertised 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue parking only on one side for fire vehicle access Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Cianci commented on an article in the Times Herald in reference to the issue of having to raise taxes in the Borough. Council decided among all seven that they would not put that burden on the residents. Council main focus is on the residents. There was no truth to the story that the taxes were not raised because it was an election year.

Mrs. Caterbone stated that Council and the Planning Commission held a joint meeting January 10, 2007 to discuss development on the riverfront.

Remington & Vernick & Beach has requested to be reappointed as engineers for the year 2007 at the same rates as in 2006.

Mrs. Caterbone said all appointments will be made at the February meeting.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 with O'Neill concerning past and future river project commitments.

Mr. Marabella gave report on the following:

Council has a worksheet with details of all open and closed action items.

Council member still need to complete NIMS so that the necessary paperwork can be completed as required by PEMA.

The Auditor General has completed their audit of the pension plans for 2003, 2004, 2005. There were no written audit findings.

Our liability insurance request proposals will be ready to be picked up on Monday. The proposals are due back on March 14, 2007.

Dominic Coccia Tax Collector has advised the Borough that the 2007 Real Estate Tax bills will be white this year and they will be a mailer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Eugene DiSantis of 714 Maple Street has concerns with the intersection at 7<sup>th</sup> & Maple Street which was just repaired being torn out and holes left in the street. Mr. DiSantis was informed there was a water main break, and the situation could not be avoided.

He was also concerned about the inconvenience to the public in reference to the Road Program and the Streetscape Program. He feels too many areas were opened up at one time, and the detours were many.

Mr. Concezo Lelii of 333 West Elm Street voiced concern about the relocation of a light which is in 2 feet from a property owners home.

Property owner of Scoops ice cream polar voiced concerns with the speeding of cars on Fayette Street. She asked if a light could be put at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She was told that Fayette Street was 'a state road and she would have to deal with Penn Dot.

There was a discussion held on the bump outs on Fayette. The bump outs are being installed to help slow down traffic. Some agreed it would help, and others were not happy with the bump outs.

A motion by Mr. Totaro to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM.

Pearl Duckett,  
Borough Secretary