

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

Meeting called to order by the President of Council Ms. Deborah Stovall. The Prayer of Council was said. A moment of silence was held in memory of Mayor John Boccella. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Members of Council present at the meeting were Mr. Jack Coll, Mr. James Griffin, Mr. Robert Stokley, Mr. Vincent Totaro, Mr. Peter Cianci and Ms. Deborah Stovall.

Ms. Deborah Stovall acting Council President made a statement to the public in reference to the Borough Code. Due to the death of Mayor John Boccella Mrs. Sandra Caterbone would become acting Mayor and Ms. Deborah Stovall would become acting Council President until the position of Mayor is appointed. Council will be placing an ad in the newspaper for all interested parties to submit a letter to the Borough and Council will interview those interested and a Mayor will be appointed at the Work Session meeting on November 7, 2007.

Mr. Fran Marabella Borough Manager gave his report.

The Office Staff is working on replacing our computer file server; we are starting to have problems with it.

Council was okay with releasing the 2007 VFW contribution for the Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. Marabella has checked with John DiPietro and he updated him that the General Code is in process of making all the changes that the Staff had made.

Mr. Marabella received a request from Narberth Ambulance to meet with Borough Council to discuss their housing needs.

Mrs. Pearl Duckett gave the Treasurer's report for the month of September 2007.

Cash Receipts \$519,479.26
Cash Disbursements \$326,547.77
Payroll for September 2007 \$234,864.31

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

A motion by Mr. Griffin to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2007 Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Police Department report for the month of September 2007.

Fines, meter money, parking tickets, non traffic violations, and ordinance violations were \$21,176.48.

Tickets collected on the parking deck \$780.00. Money due the Parking Authority \$390.00

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve the amendment letter of Chief Dougherty requesting a change of retirement date of September 30, 2007 to November 30, 2007 to enter into the Conshohocken Police Department Drop Program. Seconded by Mr. Cianci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve the closing of Fayette Street on Thursday October 18, 2007 for a fire prevention demonstration, Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Coll to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise the lowering of the speed limit on Fayette Street from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.. Seconded by Mr. Cianci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Cianci to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise the Handicapped parking spaces for an updated Traffic Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Coll to approve Borough Council's request to lower the speed limit on Fayette Street from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour Seconded by Mr. Cianci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Halloween parade will be held on October 24, 2007 at 4:00 PM at starting at # 2 Firehouse.

Council has a copy of the draft report for the Conshohocken Train Station and there is a presentation scheduled for November 14, 2007 at 6:30 PM.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve the Land Development project at 223 West 11th Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Coll. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

There will be a parking waiver hearing for 103-105 Fayette Street on November 7, 2007 at 7:00 Pm Borough Hall.

A motion by Mr. Totaro to approve a Land Development Plan for 143 West 2nd Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Mr. Stokley, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Cianci, Ms. Stovall voted in favor. Mr. Coll voted not in favor. Motion passed by 5-1 vote.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve change order for the 2007 Curb Cut project to delete a curb cut at 9th & Wood and complete some additional on one curb at 11th Avenue and Wood Street. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Public Works meeting will be held on November 14, 2007 at 6:00 PM.

A motion by Mr. Coll to approve Borough Manager to release escrow funds to Bruni Tract Maintenance Bond for project at 300 West 3rd Avenue in the amount of \$10,870.12 less the final bill plus interest earnings. Seconded by Mr. Stokley. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to approve the Borough Manager to release escrow funds to Sturbridge Associates for a project at Wood & 1st Avenue in the amount of \$46,055.50 pending the Engineer's review. Seconded by Mr. Cianci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The last Friday's Farmer's Market is scheduled for October 26, 2007.

We are working on the 2008 budget next month. We will need a Special Meeting on November 14, 2007 at 7:00 PM to conduct a budget workshop.

A motion by Mr. Totaro to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise the New Local Services Tax Ordinance which replaces our EMST \$52.00 tax. Seconded by Mr. Coll. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Totaro to approve a Resolution for the 2007 State Aid check distribution. Seconded by Mr. Coll. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

There will be a parking waiver hearing for 525 Fayette Street on November 7, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

The Conshohocken Historical Society will hold an Open House on Sunday November 4, 2007 at Mary Wood Park at 12:30 PM.

A motion by Mr. Totaro to deposit the excess interest money from PMRS into the Municipal account in the amount of \$60,553.15. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve revisions to the 2004 and 2005 CDBG Budgets in the amount of \$14,133.00 and revision transfers of unused funds to the Housing Rehabilitation Program in the amount of \$21,920.00. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A Conditional Use Hearing for the 7 Tower Bridge will be held at December's Work Session.

There is a traffic meeting scheduled with the State that is the result of Borough Council's request to have the Governor help us with our traffic issues on October 30, 2007 at 2:00 PM at the Borough's Administrative Offices.

There was a traffic meeting with West Conshohocken concerning the Matsonford Road Work on October 10, 2007. Attached is a copy of the revised cost estimates for this project prepared by the Engineer. The estimated cost would be approximately \$300,000.00 for each Borough.

The valet service would like to use our parking lot at Spring Mill and Harry Streets for a funeral at the Great American Pub on October 18, 2007.

Motion by Mr. Cianci to authorize the Borough Solicitor to re-advertise the Special License Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Coll. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council has a proposed Career Firefighters Job Description for your consideration.

A motion by Mr. Totaro to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the Contractors Registration Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The 2007 Annual Employees Performance Evaluations have been started.

A motion by Mr. Totaro to approve the Recreation Plan Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Coll. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Cianci to approve a settlement from 225 Washington Street Associates in reference to Section 104 Sub-division Land Development. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Mr. Griffin, Mr. Stokley, Ms. Stovall, Mr. Cianci voted in favor. Mr. Coll and Mr. Totaro recused their vote. Motion passed by 4-2 vote.

Anyone interested in the Sewer Authority Board opening should send a letter of intent to the Sewer Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eugene DiSantis 714 Maple Street informed all that the latest issue with Florig and sewage waste was caused by the septic tank needing to be cleaned out.

William Goeway 543 Sutcliff Lane questioned the no parking signs put on Colwell Lane. He was informed the signs were put there because of safety concerns at the corner of 6th Avenue & Colwell Lane.

Dennis Rossi of 911 Hallowell asked Council if there was any decision in reference to the problem with the driveway. Council discussed the issue and the cost and it was decided the Borough would absorb the cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

A motion by Mr. Cianci to approve payment not to exceed \$1,000.00 for repairs to the driveway at 911 Hallowell Street. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Michael Walsh of East 4th Avenue voiced concerns to Council about issues in the Borough.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve the removal and trimming of trees at Veteran's Way and Sutcliff Park by Dan Moore at an estimated cost of \$3,750.00. Seconded by Mr. Cianci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Cianci gave a memorable tribute to former Mayor John Boccella, he will be missed by all.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 PM.

Pearl Duckett,
Borough Secretary