

**BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 16, 2007**

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

Public Comment:

Mr. Anthony Tucci of 227 East 7th Avenue commented on drivers in the Borough not fully stopping at stop signs. He's concerned with school being over for the summer and there will be more children crossing the streets.

Mr. Gerald McTamney of 239 West 11th Avenue stated that drivers are totally irresponsible and have no regard for stop signs.

A discussion was held on the traffic problems in the morning trying to get over the Matsonford Bridge. Mr. Stokley suggested going back to the old times when there was a Policemen on the corners directing traffic.

Mr. Totaro stated he was in attendance at a meeting where this and other issues were discussed. There are plans underway to help alleviate some of the traffic problems in the area. The process will take a number of years, and the cost will be enormous. It was stated that it is time for the State to step in and it was suggested the communities notify their representatives. It was agreed by all that the situation will probably get worse before it gets better.

Mr. Eugene DiSantis of 714 Maple Street thanked the Firemen for there quick response to a fire on East 7th Avenue. He feels we should all support the Fire Companies.

Rose Jeffries of East 3rd Avenue asked about the new policy concerning the parking sticker areas. Mrs. Jeffries was informed the policy was not put in place to increase revenue, but to eliminate some of the illegal stickers from people who have moved from the area.

A motion by Mr. Coll to amend the Parking Permit Sticker Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Mr. Coll, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Stokley, Ms. Stovall, Mr. Cianci, Mrs. Caterbone voted in favor. Mr. Totaro voted not in favor. Motion passed by 6-1 vote.

Mrs. Jeffries also asked the policy for the teachers at Conshohocken Elementary in reference to the placards they have for parking near the school.

They are used by teachers who only come to the school to teach a special class. Mrs. Jeffries stated there was a car with the placard still parked at 6:00 PM. Chief Dougherty stated he will talk with the Principal to make sure this situation is not being abused.

Mr. Francis Marabella Borough Manager gave his report.

Attached for Council is a worksheet with details of all open action items he has for Council and Staff. Are there any additions or deletions for this list?

There will be a TIFF presentation on June 6, 2007.

Two Grants for \$5,000. have been received with the help of State Representative Michael Gerber one to be used at Aubrey Collins Park and one for the A-Field.

The Conshohocken Jr. Women's Club donated \$300.00 to be used at Aubrey Collins Park.

Mrs. Pearl Duckett Borough Treasurer gave report for the month of April 2007.

Cash Receipts \$ 1,283,990.09

Cash Disbursements \$ 678,512.07

Payroll for April 2007 \$ 220,731.40

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

A motion by Mr. Totaro to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2007 Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Cianci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Marabella informed the Public there will be an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss real estate issues.

Mr. Marabella gave the Mayor's report.

Parking violations, meter money, motor vehicle violations, collected for the month of April totaled \$ 25,564.57.

Parking Deck tickets totaled \$1,280.00. Money due the Conshohocken Business Authority \$640.00.

There is still an opening at 3rd Avenue and Fayette for a crossing guard.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to approve the Rolling Thunder Chapter # 1 ride through the Borough on Sunday, May 20, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Coll. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Coll to give approval to Saint Vincent DePaul to put a trailer at 7th Avenue and Fayette Street for clothes collection. Seconded by Mr. Stokley. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Coll to move forward with the Harry Street and Spring Mill Avenue parking lot. Seconded by Mr. Stokley. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Engineer is working on the Haines Park Fence.

Mrs. Caterbone stated this fence has been in the works for a long time, and it is time to get it installed. Mr. Buek was instructed to contact fence companies for prices and installation if the fence is not up with direction from the engineer within the next two weeks.

The parks will be sprayed for ticks during April 2007 through June 2007 and box elder bugs during April and October 2007. The hill at Sutcliff is also scheduled to be cut.

Council has received a copy of the letter from the Rugby Club stating they will help develop the A & B Fields in exchange for field access.

Mr. Beach reported there were four contractors, who obtained the bid for the 2007 Road Program, but there were no bids for the opening, the project will be readvertised.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to hire three (3) more summer help for the Public Works Department. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to authorize the Borough Manager to release escrow to Thomas Andrews Homes, Inc. in the amount of \$6,985.00. Seconded by Mr. Cianci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to authorize the Borough Manager to release escrow to DR Horton in the amount of \$515,786.75. Seconded by Mr. Cianci. All voted in favor. Motion Passed. Council was assured there was enough money left in the escrow account to cover any issues that might occur.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to authorize the Borough Manager to release escrow to Manopello-Miraglia Partners in the amount of \$22,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Farmer's Market will start June 22, 2007 and will be open every Friday from 11:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to approve the 400 block of East Elm and East Hector Street developer's proposed changes for their street trees for the project. Seconded by Mr. Coll. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to ratify the approval of the Library to hang a banner over the front of the Library. Seconded by Ms. Stovall. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve the new Millennium Master Plan Block A. Seconded by Mr. Coll. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Mr. Coll, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Stokley, Ms. Stovall, Mr. Cianci voted in favor. Mr. Totaro and Mrs. Caterbone recused their vote. Motion passed by 5-2 recused vote.

Council needs to discuss appointing a Trustee for the Police and Firemen's Pension Fund.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to advertise the new right of way code position. Seconded by Mr. Cianci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve the Towing contracts for another year. Seconded by Mr. Cianci. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Cianci informed all that the Steelers will be playing the Philadelphia Blue Flame on Saturday.

Mr. Stokley informed the residents that the leaf bags are no longer being sold at 7-11. We are looking into the prospect of selling the bags at CVS.

The Summer Basketball League will be having sign ups, Mr. Stokley stated it is a program that is enjoyed by all the youth.

A motion by Mr. Coll to adjourn Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Stokley.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 P.M.

Pearl Duckett,
Borough Secretary