

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN
Council Meeting
February 21, 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 was Mr. Jack Coll, Mr. James Griffin, Mr. Robert Stokley, Ms. Deborah Stovall, Mr. Vincent Totaro and Mrs. Sandra Caterbone. Mr. Peter Cianci was excused from the meeting due to illness.

Mayor Armond Boccella presented a Resolution of Valor to Sergeant George Metz, Officer Sean Malloy and Deputy Fire Marshal John McGrath for their bravery during a fire on East Hector Street where the men went inside a burning house and rescued a resident who was on the 2nd floor of the property and were responsible for his safety. The Mayor stated it was an honor to present to these men for doing their job above and beyond the call of duty.

Mr. Vincent Totaro presented a Resolution to Bridget Keegan who was the Borough of Conshohocken's Planner since 2003 and has been very instrumental in the Borough's community plan known as "Conshohocken a Community at the Crossroads." Mr. Totaro thanked her for her work and dedication to the Borough.

Mr. Patrick Drewmn made a presentation on the Farmer's Market Voucher Program. Ms. Stovall has been instrumental in trying to get this program started in the Borough, and they hope it will be available to the residents in the spring.

Borough Manager Mr. Fran Marabella gave his report to Council. Council needs to complete their NIMS requirements so that he can complete the necessary paperwork for our self-certification required by PEMA.

The annual insurance policies renewals were e-mailed out and they are due back on March 14, 2007.

Mr. Marabella has been talking to Karen Weiss from Plymouth to set up a meeting with their Council to discuss the proposed hospital project.

Our insurance broker can provide our employees benefit statements. Mr. Marabella asked Council if they are okay with this.

Council has received a final decision on the property at 336 East Hector Street Special License issue.

The Borough's Waste Ordinance enforcement program is in effect.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve a Road Program change order in the amount of \$34,000.00 reduction. Seconded by Ms. Stovall. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve a \$3,800.00 reduction in the Streetscape Program. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. Mr. Griffin, Mr. Stokley, Ms. Stovall, Mr. Totaro and Mrs. Caterbone voted in favor. Mr. Coll recused his vote. Motion passed.

Mrs. Pearl Duckett gave Treasurers report for the month of January 2007.

Cash Receipts \$154,438.86
Cash Disbursements \$330,450.52
Payroll January 2007 \$231,293.49

A motion by Mr. Totaro to approve the Treasurers report and pay all Borough bills. Seconded by Ms. Stovall. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2007 Council Meeting and the Special Council Meeting January 29, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Total fines, meter money, non-traffic violations and ordinance violations collected for the month of January 2007 totaled \$19,469.56. Parking deck tickets totaled \$1,000.00. Money due Parking Authority \$500.00.

A motion by Mr. Coll to allow the Lucky Seven Motorcycle club to ride through the Borough on April 7, 2007 contingent on all proper paperwork being filed in the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to allow the Saint Patrick's Day Committee to use the A-Field for staging and to hang a banner for their parade. Seconded by Mr. Coll. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Comprehensive Steering Committee held a meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2007 to present the final draft of the report. A copy of the draft report is available for review at the Borough's Administrative Office.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to approve a Special Parking request from Herbert Baker of 122 East Hector Street. Seconded by Mr. Stokley. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Solicitor is working with the Engineer to record easements for the paved alley behind 405 West Elm Street.

The Solicitor is working on the Freedley Street dedication.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to authorize the Borough Manager to release the following escrows:

1. Concrete Services for property at Elm & Walnut Streets in the amount of \$606.04 plus interest.
2. Jones Brothers for property at 353 West 6th Avenue in the amount of \$538.74 plus interest.
3. Donald Moore/Mark Viggiano for property at 16 East 1st Avenue in the amount of \$1,202.35 plus interest.
4. Oliver Tyrone Pulver Corporation for property at 8 Tower Bridge in the amount of \$3,916.04 plus interest.
5. Shaffer Builders for property at 75 Maple Street in the amount of \$9,373.39 plus interest.
6. PMC Properties for property at 127 West 11th Avenue in the amount of \$2,708.56 plus interest.
7. Fire Co. # 2 Rufo Construction for property at 819 Fayette Street in the amount of \$2,601.66 plus interest.
8. Nick DiRenzo for property at 152 West 2nd Avenue in the amount of 409.26 plus interest.
9. Susquehanna Patriot Bank property at 901 Fayette Street in the amount of \$32,612.02 plus interest.
10. DiMeo Real Estate Holding for property at 101-105 Fayette Street in the amount of \$1,122.46 plus interest.
11. Sturbridge Associates for property a 1st Avenue & Wood Street in the amount of \$39,358.05.
12. Abington Bank for Philomeno & Salomone Builder for property at 101 East 9th Avenue in the amount of \$31,345.00.
13. Advanced Concrete for property at 218 East 10th Avenue in the amount of \$5,880.60 less final bills and bond for \$1,655.28.

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

A motion by Mr. Totaro to authorize the Borough Engineer to bid the 2007 Road Program after it is reviewed by Staff. Seconded by Mr. Stokley. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to authorize the Borough Manager to execute a sewer planning exemption module for PMC Properties for 226 West 9th Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Ms. Stovall to waive the First Baptist Church permit fees for replacement of concrete floor in the basement of the parsonage. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council will meet with West Conshohocken Council on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall.

There was a discussion held on the Peddling and Solicitation Ordinance.

Mr. Anthony Tsui of 106 Fayette Street asked Council to readdress the issues of the Peddling and Soliciting Ordinance before it is voted on.

A motion by Mr. Totaro appoint Felix Raimondo to the Planning Commission Board for a four (4) year. Term. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Totaro to appoint Anita Barton to the Planning Commission for a four (4) year term. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to appoint Gregory Scharff to the Zoning Board for a three (3) year term. Seconded by Ms. Stovall. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to appoint Robert Frost to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Mr. Coll, Mr. Stokley, Mr. Totaro voted in favor. Mr. Griffin, Ms. Stovall and Mrs. Caterbone voted not in favor. There was a tie vote of 3-3. Mayor Armond Boccella broke the tie by not voting in favor. Motion did not pass.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to appoint Richard Barton to the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Ms. Stovall. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Mr. Coll, Mr. Stokley, Mr. Totaro voted not in favor. Mr. Griffin, Ms. Stovall, and Mrs. Caterbone voted in favor. There was a tie vote of 3-3. Mayor Armond Boccella broke by the tie by voting in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to appoint Steve Nelson to the Business Authority Board for a five year (5) term. Seconded by Ms. Stovall. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Totaro to appoint Robert Frost to the Municipal Authority for a five year (5) year term. Seconded by Mr. Coll. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Mr. Coll, Mr. Stokley and Mr. Totaro voted in favor. Mr. Griffin, Ms. Stovall and Mrs. Caterbone voted not in favor. There was a tie vote of 3-3. Mayor Armond Boccella broke the tie by voting not in favor. Motion did not pass.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to appoint Armond Boccella to the Municipal Authority for a five (5) year term. Seconded by Mr. Coll. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Mr. Coll, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Stokley, Ms. Stovall, Mr. Totaro and Mrs. Caterbone voted in favor. Motion passed by 6-0 vote.

A motion by Mr. Griffin to appoint Michael Walsh to the Vacancy Board for a one (1) year term. Seconded by Ms. Stovall. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Mr. Griffin, Ms. Stovall and Mrs. Caterbone voted in favor. Mr. Coll, Mr. Stokley, and Mr. Totaro voted not in favor. There was a 3-3 tie. Mayor Armond Boccella was asked to break the tie.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to table the Vacancy Board Vote. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Mr. Coll, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Stokley, Ms. Stovall, Mr. Totaro and Mrs. Caterbone voted in favor to table by 6-0 motion Motion tabled.

The Borough Engineering Firm Remington, Vernick and Beach will be retained until Reorganization Meeting in 2008.

A motion by Mr. Coll to approve a Special Parking request for Edward Gomery at 109 West 9th Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Totaro. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Totaro to approve a lot consolidation at 125 West 5th Avenue. Seconded by Ms. Stovall. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to accept with regrets the resignation of Public Works employee Richard Stingle effective March 1, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Ms. Stovall thanked the Fire Department for their dedicated work with the fire on East Hector Street.

There was a discussion held by Mr. Coll in reference to concerns he has on some of the following issues, 1st Avenue barriers, West Elm Street light, curb on West Elm near Haines Park, signs on Fayette Street, snow removal at bus shelters, railing on the Library porch, Codification, cost of Borough Dinner and pay raises which he felt were not authorized by all members of Council.

Mr. Michael Walsh of 219 West 4th Avenue had concerns with the following issues, Peddling and Solicitation Ordinance, being able to e-mail Council, appointing a technology committee, the meeting with Brian O'Neil and the rights of residents to be able to speak at meetings and not being told to sit down by Police Chief. He asked Council to review a proposal for resident's rights. It will be copied and put in Council packets.

Mr. Donald Morrison of 22 East 8th Avenue stated that all should give their name and addresses when addressing Council.

A motion by Mr. Stokley to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM.

Pearl Duckett,
Borough Secretary