

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: James Griffin, Council President
Karen Tutino, Council Vice-President
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
Tina Sokolowski, Council Member
Colleen Leonard, Council Member
Jane Flanagan, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Cecco, Borough Manager
Michael E. Peters, Interim Borough Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at the Conshohocken Borough Hall, 400 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA. Mr. James Griffin, Council President, called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

INTERVIEWS FOR BOROUGH CONSULTANTS

a.) 5:45 PM – First Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Christopher Fazio and John Robitalle of Remington & Vernick Engineers (RVB) who were present to interview for Building Code Official Services. Mr. Peters asked if the applicants have any affiliation with any group or individual that would prohibit their continued involvement with the Borough. Mr. Fazio replied that RVB does not. Mr. Fazio explained that RVB provides fully certified building inspectors and building plan examiners to perform the level of service required by the Borough.

Ms. Flanagan inquired about the number of hours Mr. Robitalle works in the Borough. Mr. Fazio explained that Mr. Robitalle works 32 hours a week at the Borough and can be scheduled to work 40 hours as needed. Mr. Robitalle confirmed that he has the necessary certification and qualifications to address any property maintenance issues, if needed.

b.) 5:50 PM – Second Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Karen MacNair of Gilmore & Associates who was present to interview for Professional Engineering Services. Ms. MacNair confirmed that she does not have any affiliation with any group or individual that would prohibit her working directly with the Borough. Ms. MacNair reviewed the various land development and capital improvement projects that she has been involved in as a consultant. She then explained how she would serve the Borough as Borough Engineer and summarized the resources and expertise that would be provided to the Borough by Gilmore & Associates.

c.) 5:55 PM – Third Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Chuck Christenson of Next Wave, Inc. who was present to interview for IT Services. Mr. Peters asked if Mr. Christenson has any affiliation with any group or individual that would prohibit him from working directly with the Borough. Mr. Christenson responded that he does not. Mr. Christenson shared his goals for 2018, discussed network security and reviewed the Borough's local and remote backup service.

d.) 6:00 PM – Fourth Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced David Nasatir of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel, LLP who was present to interview for re-appointment as Borough Special Counsel for Provco case matters. Mr. Nasatir confirmed

that he does not have any affiliation with any group or individual that would prohibit them from working directly with the Borough. Council had no additional questions for Mr. Nasatir.

e.) 6:05 PM – Fifth Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Patrick Harvey and Bradley Betack of Campbell Durrant Beatty Palombo & Miller, P.C. who were present to interview for Labor and Employment Attorney Services. Mr. Harvey and Mr. Betack confirmed that they do not have any affiliation with any group or individual that would prohibit them from working directly with the Borough. Mr. Peters asked Mr. Harvey and Mr. Betack to provide a general overview of the services that they provide to the Borough. Mr. Harvey explained that Campbell Durrant advises the Borough on labor issues, such as worker’s compensation, FLMA, disciplinary investigations, retirement and contract negotiations. Ms. Sokolowski inquired about changes in Labor and Employment Law. Mr. Harvey identified healthcare, contract negotiation and sexual harassment as upcoming trends.

f.) 6:10 PM – Sixth Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Brian Keaveney of Pennoni Associates who was present to interview for Traffic Engineering Services. Mr. Peters asked Mr. Keaveney if he has any affiliation with any group or individual that would prohibit him from working directly with the Borough. Mr. Keaveney replied that he does not. Mr. Peters asked Mr. Keaveney to provide an overview of the services that he has provided to the Borough over the last year. Mr. Keaveney responded that as Traffic Engineer, he has assisted with the traffic signal improvement project and provided land development reviews. Mr. Keaveney confirmed that he is capable of satisfying the traffic engineering needs of the Borough.

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS

a.) 6:15 PM – First Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Yaniv Aronson who was present to interview for the Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Peters asked Mr. Aronson if he has any affiliation with any group or individual that would prohibit him from working directly with the Borough. Mr. Aronson responded that he does not. Mr. Aronson also confirmed that his position as Mayor would not conflict with his role on the EAC. He reviewed some of the EAC goals for 2018 and explained how his education background and participation would assist in accomplishing those goals.

b.) 6:20 PM – Second Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Jennifer McCracken who was present to interview for the Mary Wood Park Commission. Ms. McCracken confirmed that she does not have any affiliation with any group or individual that would prohibit her from working directly with the Borough. Ms. Tutino asked Ms. McCracken what her first priority would be as a member of the Mary Wood Park Commission. Ms. McCracken shared that her focus would be on the upcoming Bi-Centennial and small improvement projects to both the park and the house.

c.) 6:25 PM – Third Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Kyle Elliot who was present to interview for the Sewer Authority Board. Mr. Peters asked Mr. Elliot if he has any affiliation with any group or individual that would prohibit him from working directly with the Borough. Mr. Elliot replied that he does not. Ms. Tutino asked Mr. Elliot if there is a particular issue that needs to be addressed by the Sewer Authority Board. Mr. Elliot identified the completion of the Odor Control Project and management of the recent acquisition of the West Conshohocken Sewer Authority.

d.) 6:30 PM – Fourth Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Mark Danek who was present to interview for the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Danek confirmed that he is unaware of any conflict that would prohibit him from working directly with the Borough. Mr. Danek reviewed application trends and asked Council to keep the Zoning Ordinance up to date with trends within the Borough.

e.) 6:45 PM – Fifth Interview

Ms. Cecco shared that Mr. Collins was not able to attend and that his interview has been rescheduled for January 2, 2018.

f.) 6:50 PM – Sixth Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Elizabeth MacNeal who was present to interview for the Planning Commission. Mr. Peters asked Ms. MacNeal if she has any affiliation with any group or individual that would prohibit him from working directly with the Borough. Ms. MacNeal identified the Millennium IV land development project as a potential conflict of interest. Ms. Tutino asked Ms. MacNeal if there is a particular issue that needs to be addressed by the Planning Commission. She identified a disconnect between the Comprehensive Plan and the direction of the Planning Commission. Ms. MacNeal added that she would like to see more collaboration between Borough leadership groups.

g.) 6:55 PM – Seventh Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Kristen Hughes Heal who was present to interview for the Mary Wood Park Commission. Ms. Hughes Heal confirmed that she does not have any affiliation with any group or individual that would prohibit her from working directly with the Borough. Ms. Flanagan asked Ms. Hughes Heal if there is anything that she would like to accomplish as a member of the Mary Wood Park Commission. She responded that she would like to revitalize the Mary Wood Park House by hosting more events, increasing the use of the building and improving handicap accessibility.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary