

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, March 18th, 2015

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Robert Frost, Mayor
Paul McConnell, Council President
Mr. James Griffin, Council Vice-President
Karen Tutino, Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
Matthew Ryan, Council Member
Edward Phipps, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Richard J. Manfredi, Borough Manager
Michael Savona, Borough Solicitor
Paul Hughes, Borough Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at Conshohocken Borough Hall, 8th Avenue & Fayette Street, Conshohocken, Pa. Mr. Paul McConnell, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

A prayer was read for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made.

2. PRESENTATIONS

a.) Presentation from Mr. Mark Danek about #LoveConshy.

Mr. McConnell introduced the item and Mr. Mark Danek presented. Mr. Danek began by thanking Council for their support of the new chamber of commerce in the Borough. Mr. Danek mentioned that the chamber holds monthly meetings with several businesses in attendance and offers networking events. He thanked Mr. Manfredi and Mr. Ryan for attending the meetings because it makes businesses feel like they have a direct connection to Council and that they are heard. Mr. Danek asked Council to wear the #LoveConshy green t-shirts that he distributed at the St. Patrick's Day festivities to promote the chamber.

Mr. McConnell thanked Mr. Danek and introduced the items on the consent agenda.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a.) Consider approving Anita Barton to serve as Voting Delegate and approving an alternate Delegate for the Borough of Conshohocken for the purpose of electing the Officers of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs and voting on

proposed resolutions and policies while attending the 2015 PSAB Annual Conference and Exhibition.

Mr. McConnell explained that the PSAB Annual Conference is held yearly for boroughs to meet, lobby, and receive training. This item would grant Ms. Barton the authority to attend on the Borough of Conshohocken's behalf.

- b.) Consider approving the agreement for the administration of the Borough of Conshohocken's RACP Funds.**
- c.) Consider granting Detective Walter's request for continuing education classes at Drexel University.**
- d.) Consider accepting the 2014 Planning Commission Annual Report.**

Mr. McConnell introduced the item and mentioned that it would be posted on the Borough website if approved.

- e.) Consider ratifying the broker of record letters for the Borough's insurance and authorizing the Borough Manager to bind insurance coverage.**
- f.) Consider authorizing the engagement of a municipal pension consultant.**
- g.) Consider authorizing the Montgomery County Waste System Authority release for distribution of assets.**

Mr. McConnell explained that this item is on the agenda as the result of the dissolution of the Montgomery County Waste System Authority and that the Borough of Conshohocken would receive a return of its share of their assets, in the amount of \$67,606.25.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read, seconded by Ms. Barton. Motion carried 6-0.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving TN Ward Change Order Request #1 for the Borough Hall Project.**

Mr. McConnell introduced the item. Mr. Manfredi explained the Council had a change order in front of them with respect to the columns at the new Borough Hall and that TN Ward informed him that this item requires immediate consideration. Mr. Manfredi explained that the two questions Council is being asked to consider are 1) whether they would like to wrap the columns at all and 2) at what cost.

Mr. Hughes explained that option one is to leave the concrete columns as concrete but to paint over any blemished areas and that the cost would be zero dollars to do so. Mr. Hughes explained that option two is to wrap them in drywall and to run any conduit between the cement columns and the drywall and that TN Ward would charge \$57,000 to do so; he added that both he and Mr. Manfredi believe that there should be a \$22,000 credit for the Borough that has not yet been factored into TN Ward's fees; Mr. Manfredi added that the \$22,000 credit would reduce the \$57,000 fee to \$35,000.

Mr. Savona recommended a motion that the Council approve the change order to wrap all concrete columns and that the change order is not to exceed \$35,000.

A motion to accept the change order with Mr. Savona's proposed stipulations was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 6-0.

5. NEWBUSINESS

- a.) Consider adopting resolution 2015-05 and resolution 2015-06 allowing Community Development to request an extension to expend money beyond the three years of the original 2011 CDBG and HOME grant contracts.**

Mr. McConnell introduced the item and invited Ms. Chris Stetler to explain. Ms. Stetler explained the Borough had not yet completed its 2013 audit and that there is a portion of that audit that needs to be submitted to the Department of Community and Economic Development as an annual financial report. Because the Borough has not submitted the report, all of the Borough's open state contracts have been flagged. She further stated that, although DCED contracts are five-year contracts, the money given to Boroughs through these contracts must be spent within three years so that an audit can be completed in the final two years. She explained that the Borough is at the three-year point in the terms of these contracts in April and May, so she is requested an extension to allow her to draw the funds past the three-year term. The extension request requires a letter and resolutions from Borough Council.

A motion to accept resolution 2015-05 was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion to accept resolution 2015-06 was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 6-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment shared.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary