

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, December 17th, 2014

PUBLIC MEETING

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

ALSO PRESENT: Richard J. Manfredi, Borough Manager
Michael Orlor, Chief of Police
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 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

1. COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made.

2. PRESENTATIONS

a. Consider promoting officers Shane Murray and David Phillips to Sergeant

Chief Orlor gave a brief biography on Officer Murray and Officer Phillips before asking Council for their consideration to promote both individuals to Sergeant.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to accept the promotion of officers Shane Murray and David Phillips to Sergeant, seconded by Mr. Stokley. Motion carried 6-0.

- b. Hold a second public hearing on use of 2014 CDBG funds and consider approving Resolution 25-2014 for submission of the application to DCED**

Ms. Christine Stetler, Community Development and Zoning Officer, led Council through the second hearing on the use of the 2014 CDBG funds. The total allocation for the Borough is \$112,295. Ms. Stetler noted that the intent is to use \$72,295 for housing rehabilitation and \$20,000 for the construction of two curb ramps. The state allows 18% of the grant allocation to be taken for administration, and the Borough intends on taking the full amount possible.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 25-2014 for submission of the application to DCED, seconded by Ms. Barton. Motion carried 6-0.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consider approval of August, September, and October 2014 meeting Minutes**
- b. Consider Approval for Sergeant David Lennon to attend continuing education classes at St. Joseph University as permitted in the 2015-2017 Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement**
- c. Consider granting permission to dispose of Conshohocken Police Department Vehicles, Code/Fire vehicles, and Public Works vehicles through a bid on Municibid**
- d. Adopt corporate authorization resolutions designating agents of the Borough for the Borough's accounts at Susquehanna Bank and the joint Mary Wood Park Account**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the consent agenda with two corrections to item (a), seconded by Mr. Phipps. Motion carried 6-0.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Consider and sign approval Resolution 26-2014 for 603 Spring Mill Avenue, the Conshohocken Italian Bakery and allow the accessible parking space to be located in the right of way on either Spring Mill Avenue or Jones Street, with the final location to be determined by the Building Inspector or Borough Engineer**

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve Resolution 26-2014, seconded by Ms. Barton. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Mark Canale recommended that the handicap sign be put on Jones St. Mr. McConnell thanked him for his input, and noted that this can be handled as a separate Ordinance. Mr. Savona recommended that Council amend the original motion.

Mr. Stokley made a motion to approve Resolution 26-2014 subject to final determination of the location of the handicap space by the Borough Engineer. Motion carried 6-0.

- b. Consider approval and adoption of the fiscal year 2015 Annual Budget, the 2014 fee schedule as the 2015 fee schedule and approve the property tax rates and authorize advertisement of the tax ordinance**

Mr. McConnell noted that there will be three parts to the approval of the 2015 Annual Budget and that this budget is based on no increase in any taxes.

Ms. Barton made a motion to continue the 2014 fee schedule into 2015, seconded by Mr. Griffin. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Stokley made a motion to adopt the 2015 Budget, seconded by Mr. Griffin. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to advertise the ordinance for the property tax rate to remain at 3.5 mil, seconded by Ms. Barton. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. McConnell commended Mr. Manfredi and the department heads for their hard work in making the adoption of this budget a smooth and successful process.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider approving the 2015-2017 Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Mr. Manfredi thanked the members of the Bargaining Unit and the members of Council for a successful agreement.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the 2015-2017 Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by Mr. Griffin. Motion carried 6-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Morrison introduced the leaders of the new Philadelphia Fight 2015. Rugby players Rich Henson (Captain), Andrew Tully, Tristan Sylk were present.

Mr. Leo Costello, Fire Chief, announced the truck would come from Pierce with lettering already done.

Mr. Lily (sp?) asked Council to post the sign notifying the public that there will be another Zoning Hearing.

Mr. Buek, Public Works Superintendent, notified council of an offer submitted for the purchase of the Borough's trash truck by the City of Harrisburg.

Mr. Stokley made a motion to authorize the sale of the 2001 International Trash Truck as per the offer letter submitted by the city of Harrisburg dated December 17th, 2014 for the price of \$22,500 and to authorize the proper officers of the Borough to execute the services to effect the sale, seconded by Mr. Phipps. Motion carried 6-0.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary