

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

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

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Cecco, Borough Manager
Michael E. Peters, 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. Ms. Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARD & COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS

a.) 6:00 PM - First Interview

Ms. Leonard introduced Jennifer McCracken who was present to interview for reappointment to the Mary Wood Park Commission. Ms. McCracken discussed that she would like to continue planning for the Centennial Celebration at the Mary Wood Park House. She discussed her professional experience as a history teacher and shared some initiatives of the Commission in 2020.

b.) 6:05 PM - Second Interview

Ms. Cecco shared that Kristen Hughes Heal was not able to attend and that her interview would be rescheduled.

c.) 6:10 PM - Third Interview

Ms. Leonard introduced Jason Fortenberry who was present to interview for reappointment to the Human Relations Commission. Mr. Fortenberry spoke about the importance of the Human Relations Commission and discussed his goals for the Commission, which included an increase in the number of members and in community outreach and awareness.

d.) 6:15 PM - Fourth Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Janene Riley who was present to interview for reappointment to the Municipal Sewer Authority Board. Ms. Riley shared that her top priority as a member of the Board is to maintain the Sewer Authority as a municipal entity. She discussed what motivates her to serve on the Board and reviewed how the Sewer Authority Board and Administration handle customer complaints.

e.) 6:45 PM - Fifth Interview

Ms. Leonard introduced Jan Vacca who was present to interview for reappointment to the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB). Ms. Vacca explained the role of the Zoning Hearing Board. She discussed her decision making process when reviewing a zoning application. She explained that when making a decision she considers the Zoning Ordinance, the Comprehensive Plan, public input, and the health, safety and welfare of the Borough.

f.) 6:25 PM - Break

g.) 6:35 PM - Sixth Interview

Ms. Leonard introduced Russ Cardamone who was present to interview for reappointment to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Cardamone discussed how his personal and professional background provides a different perspective to the ZHB. He explained his decision making process when reviewing a zoning application.

h.) 6:40 PM - Seventh Interview

Ms. Leonard introduced Jacqueline Rocco who was present to interview for reappointment to the Planning Commission. Ms. Rocco discussed her interest in continuing to learn about issues and policies related to planning and land use. She also discussed education and training programs for members to improve the effectiveness of the Commission. She confirmed that no conflict of interest exists that would prohibit her from working directly with the Borough.

i.) 6:45 PM - Eighth Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Stacy Ellam who was present to interview for reappointment to the Planning Commission. Ms. Ellam discussed her decision making process relative to land use applications. She explained that when making a decision on an application she considers the Comprehensive Plan and Borough professional review letters. Ms. Ellam stated that she does not have any personal and/or professional issues that would prohibit her from working directly with the Borough.

j.) 6:50 PM - Ninth Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Elisa Lanzutti who was present to interview for reappointment to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Ms. Lanzutti expressed her interest in continuing to work on the Ready for 100% Renewable Energy project. She provided an update on the progress of other EAC initiatives. Ms. Lanzutti discussed community outreach with local stakeholders including Conshohocken Elementary, Conshohocken Free Library and business owners.

k.) 6:55 PM - Tenth Interview

Ms. Cecco introduced Matt Breidenstein who was present to interview for reappointment to the Vacancy Board. Mr. Breidenstein discussed his involvement in the Borough relative to the Environmental Advisory Council. He also discussed his understanding of Borough-wide goals as well as challenges facing the Borough. He shared what resources he would utilize should he be called upon to fill a vacancy on Borough Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary