

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

PUBLIC MEETING held via GoToMeeting video/teleconference

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Tina Sokolowski, Council Vice-President
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
James Griffin, Council Member
Kathleen Kingsley, 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 remotely using the GoToMeeting platform. Colleen Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

Ms. Sokolowski read a Prayer for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Leonard thanked everyone for attending the virtual Council meeting. She reviewed the meeting logistics and participation instructions.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations

LAND USE, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

There were no land use matters, public hearings and ordinances.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Leonard read and reviewed the items included on the consent agenda.

- a.) **Approve and adopt the September 1 and September 15 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 22 Special Meeting Minutes**
- b.) **Approve the September-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve and adopt the September 1 and September 15 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 22 Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the August-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,803,980.84, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

a.) Consider interviews for Board and Commission reappointments

Ms. Leonard introduced Jane Flanagan who was present to interview for reappointment to the Mary Wood Park Commission. Ms. Flanagan expressed her passion for continuing the legacy of Mary Wood. She discussed her role in collaborating with new Commission members and shared short-term goals for the Mary Wood Park House, including interior restoration and maintenance repairs.

Ms. Leonard introduced John Costello who was present to interview for reappointment to the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Costello discussed the strengths of the Borough.

b.) Consider SORA West financial security escrow release no. 7 in the amount of \$238,597.20

Ms. Cecco stated that the Borough Engineer inspected the completed site improvements and is recommending the release of financial security escrow in the amount of \$238,597.20.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve SORA West financial security escrow release no. 7 in the amount of \$238,597.20, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider approving Resolution 2021-28 authorizing the submission of the CDBG Application

Ms. Cecco explained that the Borough has been preparing a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for community development activities. She asked Council to consider authorizing the submission of the grant application.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-28 authorizing the submission of the CDBG Application, seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) Consider approving the CDBG Three-Year Community Development Plan

Ms. Cecco explained that as part of the application for CDBG funds, the Borough is required to prepare a three-year Community Development Plan, which examines and determines how and where CDBG funds can be spent. She asked Council to consider approving the CDBG Three-Year Community Development Plan to be submitted with the CDBG grant application.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the CDBG Three-Year Community Development Plan, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson recognized the Recreation Department for hosting a successful Pumpkin Painting event at the Community Center. He shared that the EAC held its Community Cleanup event and collected 300 lbs. of trash and recycling. He thanked the volunteers, including the local Cub Scouts and Cadets, who participated in the event. Mayor Aronson reminded everyone that the Conshohocken Halloween Parade is Saturday, October 23, 2021 and provided event details.

Mr. Stokley encouraged everyone to vote on Election Day.

Ms. Barton thanked the Conshohocken Police Department for ensuring the safety of residents.

Mr. Griffin encouraged everyone to vote on Election Day.

Superintendent Metz acknowledged the passing of Colin Powell and recognized the former U.S. Secretary of State for his life of service.

Ms. Leonard announced that in-person public meetings will resume at Borough Hall on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. She added that masks and social distancing will be required. She also announced that a Special Budget Meeting will also be held at Borough Hall at 6:00pm on November 3, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brittany Rogers, Executive Assistant to the Borough Manager, stated that no written public comment was received.

Dianne Piccone, 821 Harry Street, asked if the proposed animal control ordinance was going to be discussed at the meeting. Ms. Cecco responded that Borough Administration is revising the ordinance based on the comments and concerns received from residents and that the ordinance would be on an agenda for discussion in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary