

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President  
Tina Sokolowski, Council Vice-President  
Anita Barton, Council Member  
Stacy Ellam, Council Member  
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Member  
Adrian Serna, 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 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Leonard announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting on property acquisition and legal matters.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**a.) Swearing-in of an Animal Control Officer**

Mayor Aronson swore in Dwight Batzel Jr. as an Animal Control Officer.

**b.) Conduct interviews for Board and Commission vacancies**

Ms. Leonard introduced Bob Molony who was present to interview for the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Mr. Molony explained that, as a long-term resident of the Borough, he has a vested interest in planning for the environmental impacts of the Borough's economic growth and development. He discussed initiatives of the EAC. He shared that he has attended several EAC meetings and events, including the Lantern Fly training and Community Clean-up events. He discussed how his personal and professional attributes could contribute to the EAC.

Ms. Leonard introduced Michael Lanasa who was present to interview for the Planning Commission. Mr. Lanasa discussed his educational background in mechanical engineering and his professional work experience related to engineering, global real estate, and master planning. He reviewed goals and objectives of the Borough's 10-year Comprehensive Plan related to housing, economic development, sustainability, and transportation. He shared that he has attended a recent Planning Commission meeting and discussed recent applications considered by the Planning Commission.

Ms. Leonard introduced David Swedkowski who was present to interview for the Planning Commission. Mr. Swedkowski shared that his family has been a part of the Conshohocken community for generations. He also shared that he serves as Executive Director of St. Mary Polish American Society, which he founded to support the restoration of St. Mary's Church. He discussed his educational background in City and Regional Planning and shared that he worked with the Borough to conduct a parking study in Conshohocken and prepared a comprehensive report as part of his final project for his master's program. Mr. Swedkowski discussed his experience working with the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

**LAND USE, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

**a.) Consider approval of term sheet for purchase of tax map parcel nos. 05-00-03100-00-9, 05-00-11828-00-2, 05-00-04880-00-2, 05-00-02100-00-1, and authorize expenditure of funds for title report for same**

Mr. Peters reviewed the terms of the sale, which included a purchase price of \$600,000.00.

Ms. Ellam inquired about the funding source to acquire the parcels owned by the Weinman estate. Ms. Cecco responded that the Borough would utilize capital reserve funds.

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

**Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the term sheet for purchase of tax map parcel nos. 05-00-03100-00-9, 05-00-11828-00-2, 05-00-04880-00-2, 05-00-02100-00-1 and authorize expenditure of funds for title report for the same, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**b.) Consider approving the First Amendment to the Settlement Agreement for 401-433 Washington Street**

Mr. Peters reminded Council that the applicant is seeking to develop the property located at 401-433 Washington Street under and pursuant to a 2014 settlement agreement with certain changes to the plan related to public access and safety. Mr. Peters reviewed the terms of the proposed amendment to the settlement agreement.

**Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve the First Amendment to the Settlement Agreement for 401-433 Washington Street subject to the final review and approval of the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the January 3 Reorganization Meeting Minutes and January 19 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b.) Approve the January-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$483,647.95**

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve and adopt the January 3 Reorganization Meeting Minutes and the January 19 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the January-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$483,647.95, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a.) Consider approving 538 Spring Mill Avenue professional services escrow release in the amount of \$1,401.08**

Ms. Cecco stated that items a.) and b.) under New Business are related to escrow releases. She explained that both land development projects are complete and requested that Council consider authorizing the release of the professional services escrow in order to close out the projects.

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

**Ms. Barton made a motion to approve 538 Spring Mill Avenue Professional Services Escrow release in the amount of \$1401.08, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

- b.) Consider approving 385 East Hector Street professional services escrow release in the amount of \$794.16**

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

**Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve 385 East Hector Street professional services escrow release in the amount of \$794.16, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

- c.) Consider appointing Council Members to serve as the Voting Delegate and the Alternate Voting Delegate at the 2022 Annual PSAB Conference**

Ms. Cecco shared that Council Member Barton and Council Member Serna will be attending the 2022 Annual PSAB Conference and asked Council to consider appointing them to serve as voting delegates at the conference.

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

**Ms. Ellam made a motion to appoint Anita Barton to serve as the Voting Delegate and Adrian Serna as the Alternate Voting Delegate at the 2022 Annual PSAB Conference, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

- d.) Consider ratifying the appointment of an applicant to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks**

Ms. Cecco explained that Marissa Buck, former Chair of the recently dissolved Dog Park Committee, applied to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks. She stated that the Friends of Conshohocken Board voted to appoint Ms. Buck to the Friends of Conshohocken and asked Council to ratify the appointment of Ms. Buck.

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

**Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to ratify the appointment of Marissa Buck to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a.) Consider reappointing an applicant to the Mary Wood Park Commission**

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

**Ms. Barton made a motion to reappoint Jimmy Lynch to the Mary Wood Park Commission, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**b.) Consider appointing an applicant to the Sewer Authority Board**

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

**Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to appoint George Bass to the Sewer Authority Board, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**c.) Consider approving Resolution 2022-05 amending the Borough's Business Privilege Tax and Mercantile Tax Regulations**

Mr. Peters reviewed the proposed resolution stipulations and formula to calculate the applicable tax rebate.

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

**Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-05 amending the Borough's Business Privilege Tax and Mercantile Tax Regulations, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS**

Mayor Aronson announced that the Kiwanis Club of Conshohocken will be hosting a Mardi Gras fundraiser to support the Club's charitable activities. He shared that the Conshohocken Fire Company and Emergency Management team are hosting a Smoke Detector Giveaway and CodeRed Registration Event on February 17, 2022. Mayor Aronson also shared that he is partnering with the Mayors of West Conshohocken and Bridgeport for a Pizza Contest.

Ms. Sokolowski shared that the Borough is hosting an Autism Training and Awareness Session on February 22, 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Kosich, 227 East Hector Street, read a statement on behalf of the Conshohocken Republican Committee objecting to eminent domain of 2 Harry Street.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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Stephanie Cecco,  
Borough Secretary