

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President  
Tina Sokolowski, Vice President  
Anita Barton, Council Member  
Stacy Ellam, Council Member  
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Member  
Adrian Serna, 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 7:04 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 legal and property matters.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (for agenda items only)**

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

**LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

- a.) **Consider granting a waiver of off-street parking for 319 Forrest Street, Natalia's Muse Dance Studio**

Mr. Peters reviewed the proposed Decision, Order and Agreement for a waiver of off-street parking for 319 Forrest Street.

**Ms. Barton made a motion to approve a waiver of off-street parking for 319 Forrest Street, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a.) **Approve and adopt the October 5 and October 19 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b.) **Approve the October-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$701,292.93**

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve and adopt the October 5 and October 19 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.**

**Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the October-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$701,292.93, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a.) **Consider approving Resolution 2022-31 extending temporary to-go parking spaces on West Fourth Avenue**

**Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-31 extending temporary to-go parking spaces on West Fourth Avenue, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.**

- b.) **Consider approving Resolution 2022-32 establishing once-per-week trash and recycling collection**

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-32 establishing a permanent once-per-week trash and recycling collection schedule starting January 1, 2023, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider approving the FY2023 Proposed Budget and advertise the same as duly required

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the FY2023 Proposed Budget and advertise the same as duly required, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) Consider authorizing advertisement of an ordinance to levy real estate tax for 2023

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to authorize advertisement of an ordinance to levy real estate tax for 2023 at 4.5 mills, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- e.) Consider approving the First Amendment to the AFSCME Contract

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the First Amendment to the 2021-2023 AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- f.) Consider approving a Public Pocket Park License Agreement with 612 Fayette Association

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve a Public Pocket Park License Agreement with 612 Fayette Association, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- g.) Consider approving a Public Pocket Park and Public Parking License Agreement with Fritz Lodge

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve a Public Pocket Park and Public Parking License Agreement with Fritz Lodge, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

- h.) Consider approving a License Agreement with Fanatics for use of the Borough helipad

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve a License Agreement with Fanatics for use of the Borough helipad, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- i.) Consider approving a License Agreement with GI Aviation for use of the Borough helipad

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve a License Agreement with GI Aviation for use of the Borough helipad, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- j.) Consider approving the Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Washington Fire Company

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Washington Fire Company, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Conduct an interview for Board and Commission reappointment

Ms. Leonard introduced Marlowe Doman who was present to interview for reappointment to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Doman described the role of the Zoning Hearing Board. He explained why he has enjoyed serving on the Board. He briefly discussed various zoning issues facing the Borough.

- b.) Consider awarding a bid for the ARLE Mast Arm Grant project

Ms. Cecco shared that the Borough is the recipient of a PennDOT grant for the installation of two (2) pedestrian flashing mast arms along Fayette Street at Fourth and Seventh Avenues. She explained that the project was bid, and three (3) bids were received. She stated that the recommendation is to award the bid for the project to Lenni Electric Corp. in the amount of \$428,263.80.

Ms. Barton made a motion to award a bid for the ARLE Mast Arm Grant project to Lenni Electric Corp. in the amount of \$428,263.80 contingent upon the Contractor supplying the required contract documents including bonds and insurance, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider approving change order no. 1 which decreases the cost of CDBG Curb Ramp Project by \$29,910.80

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve change order no. 1 which decreases the cost of the CDBG Curb Ramp Project by \$29,910.80, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) Consider approving payment certificate no. 2 (final) to Ramos & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$25,667.56 for the CDBG Curb Ramp Project

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve payment certificate no. 2 to Ramos & Associates Inc. in the amount of \$25,667.56 for the CDBG Curb Ramp Project, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- e.) Consider approving 1016 Maple Street escrow release no. 1 (final) for demolition in the amount \$4,004.56

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve 1016 Maple Street escrow release no. 1 for demolition in the amount of \$4,004.56, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- f.) Consider approving zoning escrow releases for 1125 Wood Street and 20 West Sixth Avenue

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve a zoning escrow release for 1125 Wood Street in the amount of \$194.07, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve a zoning escrow release for 20 West Sixth Avenue in the amount of \$507.05, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- g.) Consider authorizing commencement of the Civil Service process for the hiring of a Lieutenant, Sergeant, and Patrol Officer in the Police Department in FY2023

Ms. Cecco stated that the FY2023 budget includes full-time additions to the personnel budget based on an analysis of Borough needs due to the estimated 35% population increase and the need to provide the same level of quality service especially as it pertains to health and safety services. She explained that the Borough will engage in promotional testing within the Police Department for the lieutenant and sergeant positions. She added that the Borough will engage in entry level testing for a new patrol officer position to fill the vacancy from the promotional appointments. Ms. Cecco confirmed that all known costs are budgeted for in the FY2023 budget. She explained the civil service process and asked Council to consider its commencement.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to authorize commencement of the Civil Service process for the hiring of a Lieutenant, Sergeant, and Patrol Officer in the Police Department in FY2023, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

#### COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson recognized Warrior Elite Cheer for hosting a successful Trunk or Treat event. He shared details about the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting.

Ms. Barton recognized the Conshohocken Community Center for hosting a successful Thanksgiving luncheon for the seniors.

Mr. Serna wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Leonard wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie Cecco,  
Borough Secretary