

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President  
Tina Sokolowski, Council Vice-President  
Anita Barton, 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 7:00 PM.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Council President announcements.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**a.) Recognition of 2022 Fire Stipend Recipients**

Tim Gunning, Fire Chief, provided an overview of the fire stipend program, discussed how the program has helped with recruitment and retention, and thanked Council for approving the institution of the program. Mr. Gunning read the list of 2022 fire stipend recipients.

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

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

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

There was no Council business.

**MANAGER MATTERS**

**a.) Discussion on an Addendum to the Animal Control Officer Agreement**

Ms. Cecco explained that the proposed addendum extends the agreement through 2023 and increases the yearly rate to \$26,000.00. She asked Council to consider approving the agreement at the Voting Meeting in December.

**b.) Discussion on the 2023 meeting schedules for Borough Council and Boards & Commissions**

Ms. Cecco reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for Borough Council, which included meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month and two (2) special budget meetings in September and November. She added that the schedule does not include a Work Session in July. She reviewed proposed meeting schedules for Boards and Commissions. Ms. Cecco asked Council to consider approving and authorizing advertisement of the proposed 2023 meeting schedules at the Voting Meeting in December.

**c.) Discussion on Borough Board and Commission reappointments**

Ms. Cecco reviewed list of applicants seeking reappointment to Borough Board and Commissions. She asked Council to consider reappointing applicants at the Voting Meeting in December.

**d.) Consider approving SORA West financial security escrow release no. 10 in the amount of \$74,847.65**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the SORA West financial security escrow release no. 10 in the amount of \$74,847.65, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

**e.) Consider approving 150 West Ninth Avenue demolition escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$3,530.48**

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve 150 West Ninth Avenue demolition escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$3,530.48, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- f.) Consider approving 1125 Wood Street demolition escrow release no. 1 in the amount of \$4,015.96

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve 1125 Wood Street demolition escrow release no. 1 in the amount of \$4,015.96, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- g.) Consider approving 212 Wood Street professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$1,245.45

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve 212 Wood Street professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$1,245.45, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- h.) Consider approving Resolution 2022-33 authorizing the purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer

Ms. Cecco shared that the FY2023 budget includes the addition of one (1) code enforcement officer/commercial building inspector with an anticipated start date of January 1, 2023. She explained that the Borough needs to provide a vehicle for this employee to utilize as of the hire date.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-33 authorizing the purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$39,052.00 from the FY2022 Capital Fund, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- i.) Consider approving the revised 2023 MMO for the Borough's non-uniform pension plan

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve the revised 2023 MMO for the Borough's non-uniform pension plan in the amount of \$217,379.00, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- j.) Consider approving Resolution 2022-34 authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement for a multi-municipal application to the DEP for Recycling Program Performance Grant

Ms. Cecco shared that the Borough annually applies for a DEP recycling grant based on total tons recycled and the Borough's recycling rate. She stated that the Borough has been approached to submit an intergovernmental grant application with Norristown and West Norriton, which would increase the grant dollars received by the Borough. Ms. Cecco asked for Council to approve the agreement and its execution.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-34 authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement for a multi-municipal application to the DEP for Recycling Program Performance Grant, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- k.) Consider approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for a multi-municipal application to the DEP for Recycling Program Performance Grant

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for a multi-municipal application to the DEP for Recycling Program Performance Grant, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

#### DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal matters.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Ms. Leonard, on behalf of Mayor Aronson, shared that the VFW held a holiday card making event for troops stationed overseas. She thanked everyone who shopped local on Small Business Saturday and shared pictures from the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Ms. Ellam shared that the Conshohocken Fire Department will be hosting Santa Around Town on Saturday, December 10th beginning at 1:00pm. She explained that while on route, they will be collecting new and unwrapped toys for underprivileged families in Conshohocken. She reminded everyone that the Menorah Lighting Ceremony will be held on Monday, December 19th at 5:30pm in front of the Mary Wood Park House.

Ms. Leonard shared information about upcoming events at the Community Center, including the Senior Holiday Luncheon and the Winter Wonderland.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie Cecco,  
Borough Secretary