

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
Anita Barton, Senior Council Member
Alan Chmielewski, Council Member
Stacy Ellam, Council Member
Ralph Frey, 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. Sokolowski, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Council President announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a.) Conduct an interview for a vacancy on the Friends of Conshohocken Parks

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Harry Ogletree who was present to interview for a vacancy on the Friends of Conshohocken Parks. Mr. Ogletree explained that if appointed his focus would be on fundraising opportunities in an attempt to generate funds to help improve our parks and recreational facilities. He shared that he has been volunteering with Mayor Aronson for Destination Conshohocken for several years.

b.) Conduct an interview for a vacancy on the Mary Wood Park Commission

Ms. Sokolowski introduced John Pedicino who was present to interview for a vacancy on the Mary Wood Park Commission. Mr. Pedicino expressed his interest in preserving the history of Mary Wood Park while contributing to the ongoing development and maintenance of the facility and park. He shared his experience in communications as an appointed member of the Whitemarsh Township's Media and Communications Advisory Board.

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Discussion on Marketing Services RFP results

Ms. Cecco stated that an RFP for social media/marketing services was advertised on June 24, 2024. She shared that the Borough received nine (9) proposals ranging from \$24,000 per year to \$180,000 per year. Ms. Cecco reviewed the bid tabulation which included the firm, contact information, location, specifications of RFP, tailored response to Borough, expertise, approach, cost, proposed hours, and administrative comments. After discussing the proposals, Borough Council selected Neff, Aliya Hammond Consulting, beMarketing and Savvy Marketers to interview with Borough Council on October 16, 2024.

b.) Discuss the Borough's 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO)

Ms. Cecco explained that the Borough is required to annually satisfy Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO) for its pension plans. She reviewed the financial requirement for Police, Fire and Non-Uniform pension plans. She stated that the MMO values will be included in the FY2025 budget.

c.) Consider approving 203 East 12th Avenue (LD-2021-01) professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$1,602.98 plus interest

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve 203 E. 12th Avenue professional services escrow release no. 1 in the amount of \$1,602.98 plus interest, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) **Consider approving tuition reimbursements for Officer Smith and Sergeant Hall for the 2024 fall semester**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Officer Smith in the amount of \$3,997.50 plus the cost of books for the Fall 2024 semester, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Sergeant Hall in the amount of \$1,878.00 plus the cost of books for the Fall 2024 semester, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

- a.) **Consider accepting dedication and land swap for realignment of Washington Street in the area of the 51 Washington Street land development.**

Mr. Peters stated that the 51 Washington Street land development project would be closed out in the near future. He shared that a few business items remain per the property's development agreement that need to be finalized now that all associated construction on the project is complete. He explained that a portion of Washington Street associated with the project needs to be dedicated and opened formally as a portion of the Borough's street system. He discussed a deed of dedication and associated ordinance that would require Council's approval in order to formalize the transaction of the real property from the developer to the Borough of Conshohocken. Mr. Peters also discussed a small piece of land leading into the property's garage that needs to be deeded from the Borough of Conshohocken to the property owner.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson shared photos from the 200 East Ninth Avenue block party and the Movie in the Park event. He reminded everyone about upcoming events including, the Conshohocken Police Department's shredding event and Conshohocken Destination's Conshy Strong Bingo, which supports local restaurants.

Mr. Serna shared that a resident reached out to thank the Conshohocken Police Department for helping him find his lost dog.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary