

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
David Bria, Council Member
Alan Chmielewski, Council Member
Stacy Ellam, Council Member
Adrian Serna, Council Member

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 called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski announced that Borough Council held an Executive Session prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting on personnel, property and legal matters. She stated that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the March 18th public meeting or regarding the April 1st public meeting agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Swearing-in of Police Lieutenant, Sergeant, Parking Enforcement Supervisor, and Fire Police Officer

Brittany Rogers, Executive Assistant to the Borough Manager and Notary, swore in Eric Hall as Lieutenant, William Walter as Sergeant, Mark Chambers as Parking Enforcement Supervisor, and Dennis Brady as Fire Police Officer.

b.) Presentation of Proposed Redistricting Maps, Evan Campbell, Redistricting Task Force Chair

Evan Campbell, Redistricting Task Force Chair, outlined the development of three (3) final ward maps based on 2020 Census data and applicable legal requirements. He presented each map for Council's consideration, noting that all meet standards for population balance, contiguity, and compactness, and fall within the 10% deviation limit. He explained that while future development was considered, the maps could not legally account for projected population changes. He explained that the differences among the proposals primarily relate to boundary lines and how growth areas are addressed. Brian Magrann, Redistricting Force Member, discussed the potential addition of descriptive ward names to improve clarity for residents. He noted that this concept could be considered separately by Council at a later date. Council agreed to advertise all three maps for public comment. Ms. Cecco reviewed the next steps in the process.

c.) Discussion on Census Block Alterations Proposal for the 2030 Census, Aaron Nelson and Sarah Steers, Curtin & Heefner

Aaron Nelson and Sarah Steers, Special Counsel for the Redistricting process, outlined the process for proposing adjustments through the Census Bureau's Block Boundary Suggestion Project. They noted that six (6) total proposals were developed, including three modifications to Census Bureau recommendations and three new proposals intended to better reflect local geography and anticipated future population growth in the Borough. Ms. Cecco added that the proposals would be considered at the April voting meeting agenda for approval prior to submission to the Commonwealth by the May deadline.

d.) FY 2026 Emergency Management Presentation

Representatives from Police, Fire, Emergency Management and EMS were present to provide an emergency management operations update for FY 2026. Frank Perry, Director of Public Services, reviewed the department's role in event safety and snow response. Representatives of the Fire Department reported rising call volumes with solid response times, ongoing training, equipment upgrades, and plans to add a fourth full-time firefighter. They discussed the arson detection K9 program and the continued success of the volunteer stipend program. Emergency Management representatives outlined 2026 priorities, including radio system upgrades, a planned tabletop exercise, and continued training. They shared that the drone program has been an essential tool with surveillance, search and rescue, and event management. Al Davey of Narberth Ambulance provided an overview of EMS services, staffing structure and demand. Ray Sokolowski, Emergency Management Coordinator, discussed AI and stressed the need to adapt and stay prepared.

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.) Consider awarding a bid for the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Phase II Project

Karen MacNair, Borough Engineer, provided the anticipated timeline for construction.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to award a bid for the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Phase II Project to Joseph J. Danielle LLC in the amount of \$29,057.21 for all items under the base bid, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Frey absent)

b.) Discussion on Requests for Proposals for an Intake Coordinator and Environmental Testing Firm related to the Borough's Housing Rehabilitation Program

Ms. Cecco reviewed the RFPs for the Housing Rehab Program Intake Coordinator and Environmental Testing Firm.

c.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Detective Bahn for the 2026 spring semester

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Detective Bahn for the spring 2026 semester in the amount of \$1,365 plus the cost of books, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 6-0. (Frey absent)

d.) Consider approving the PennDOT Policy and Procedure form for selecting a consultant to provide traffic engineering services for the Fayette Street Road Diet Project

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the PennDOT policy and procedure form for selecting a consultant to provide Traffic Engineering Services for the Road Diet Project, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Frey absent)

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

a.) Discussion on Procedures for Establishing Residential Permit Parking, Chief Lennon

Chief Lennon explained that the Borough received a request to establish residential permit parking on the 200 and 300 blocks of East Elm Street. He noted that, in response, the Police Department developed a process for reviewing such requests. He outlined the plan, which included initial data collection and ongoing observations to assess demand and usage, a temporary 90-day trial permit program, and a post-evaluation recommendation. Ms. Cecco discussed an additional area under consideration at 400 West Elm Street. She explained that there are currently 20 public parking spaces designated for trail use only, and that the Borough is exploring the implementation of overnight residential permit parking for those spaces as well.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mr. Serna shared information about Greenfest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt O'Hanlon, 340 East 7th Avenue, urged Council to take action on an unresolved construction site at Seventh and Jones Street. Mr. O'Hanlon cited ongoing safety risks to residents and children. Mr. Peters confirmed the developer has been declared in default and legal action is underway. Ms. Sokolowski emphasized the need to follow formal processes.

Ed Zale, 200 West Elm Street, reported that the flashers on traffic sign on West Elm Street were not working. Chief Lennon confirmed that the lights would be inspected and addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary