

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 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  
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, Borough Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Sokolowski stated that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the April 1<sup>st</sup> public meeting or regarding the April 15<sup>th</sup> public meeting agenda.

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

Marlowe Doman, 19 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, voiced support for Redistricting Map 2, noting that it is the most compact option and features clear, well-defined boundaries. He acknowledged that all three maps have limitations due to constraints such as population balance requirements. He explained that concerns related to future growth would need to be revisited and addressed following the 2030 census.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**a.) Swearing-in of a Fire Police Officer**

Mayor Aronson swore in Pete Trynkiewicz as a Fire Police Officer.

**b.) Proclamation 2026-04 Recognizing April 19-25, 2026, as National Library Week**

Mayor Aronson read a proclamation recognizing April 19-25, 2026, as National Library Week and presented the proclamation to Holly Holst, Conshohocken Library Branch Manager. Ms. Holst shared the planned activities and events scheduled at the library for National Library Week.

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Proclamation 2026-04 recognizing April 19-25, 2026 as National Library Week in the Borough of Conshohocken, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.**

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the March 4 and March 18 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b.) Approve the March-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable

**Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the March 4 and March 18 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.**

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the March-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$992,565.54, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a.) Consider approving the selection of one proposed Task Force Redistricting Map

Ms. Sokolowski explained that the purpose of the redistricting process is to address population imbalances across wards and ensure fair, geographically balanced representation. She outlined the process, including the formation of a community Task Force to develop map options and the presentation of three draft maps for Council review. She summarized the ten (10) comments received during the public review period. She shared that Map 2 received the most support, Map 3 received some support, and Map 1 received no support. She shared that some comments opposed all the proposed maps and suggested implementing at-large representation.

Members of Council discussed legal and procedural requirements, noting that redistricting must prioritize roughly equal population distribution, comply with census block boundaries, and stay within acceptable variance standards, rather than focusing strictly on registered voter counts. Members also noted that the process relies on 2020 census data, which may not reflect recent growth. They explained that additional adjustments would need to be made after the 2030 census.

Council discussed the idea of an at-large structure. Several council members raised concerns that this would make neighborhoods less accessible, constituent services less effective, and running for office more difficult for candidates. Council members shared that the ward system helps support local representation and stronger community engagement.

Council agreed that all three (3) proposed maps improve the current ward boundaries, though each comes with tradeoffs related to population balance, neighborhood cohesion, and future growth. During the discussion, Map 2 received the most support for its balance and flexibility, Map 3 was recognized for better representing apartment-heavy areas, and Map 1 received the least support.

A vote was taken. Map 1 - no votes. Map 2 - Serna, Bria, Sokolowski and Ellam. Map 3 - Chmielewski, Kingsley and Frey.

**Mr. Bria made a motion to approve the selection of Map 2 to move forward in the reapportionment process, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 6-1. Kingsley opposed.**

- b.) **Consider authorizing advertisement of an ordinance approving the reapportioning of voting districts into districts with compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable as finally and officially reported in the 2020 federal decennial census**

**Mr. Serna made a motion to authorize advertisement of an ordinance approving the reapportioning of voting districts into districts with compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable as finally and officially report in the 2020 federal decennial census, seconded by Mr. Bria. The motion carried 7-0.**

- c.) **Consider approving census block proposed revisions for the 2030 census and authorize submission to the Census Bureau**

**Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve census block proposed revisions for the 2030 census and authorize submission to the Census Bureau, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.**

- d.) **Consider authorizing advertisement of Requests for Proposals for an Intake Coordinator and Environmental Testing Firm related to the Borough's Housing Rehabilitation Program**

**Mr. Serna made a motion to authorize advertisement of requests for proposals for an intake coordinator and environmental testing firm related to the Borough's Housing Rehabilitation Program, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a.) **Consider approving the resignation of Officer Rossi**

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the resignation of Officer Rossi from the Police Department, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 7-0.**

- b.) **Consider approving a conditional offer of employment for the position of Patrol Officer from the Civil Service certified eligibility list**

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve a conditional offer of employment for Chynna Adorno for the position of Patrol Officer from the Civil Service certified eligibility list, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 7-0.**

- c.) **Consider approving a special event request for a block party for the 400 block of East Ninth Avenue**

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve a special event request for a block party for the 400 block of East Ninth Avenue, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.**

- d.) **Consider approving West First Avenue and Wood Street professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$732.21**

**Mr. Serna made a motion to approve West First Avenue and Wood Street Professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$732.21, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.**

- e.) Consider approving 203 East 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue professional services escrow release no. 1 in the amount of \$10,533.21**

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve 203 East 12<sup>th</sup> avenue professional services escrow release no. 1 in the amount of \$10,533.21, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS**

Mayor Aronson shared that he attended an FBI alumni networking event. He highlighted the Easter egg hunt event at the Community Center and shared information about Conshohocken Night at the Reading Phils in July.

Mr. Frey shared that pavers were installed at Sutcliffe Park leading up to the batting cages.

Mr. Serna reminded everyone about Environmental Advisory Council's Greenfest.

Ms. Sokolowski shared information about an upcoming Montgomery County Boroughs Association dinner for elected officials.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie Cecco,  
Borough Secretary