

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Jane Flanagan, Council Vice-President
Anita Barton, Council Member
Tina Sokolowski, Council Member
James Griffin, 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 7:09 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Leonard announced that there was an Executive Session held immediately prior to the meeting regarding IT administrative matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

a.) Consider adopting Ordinance 01-2019 amending Section 27-310 of the Borough Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Peters explained that the Ordinance amends the regulations relating to municipal-owned property and clarified that municipal-owned property is subject to the requirements of Part 17 FP- Floodplain Conservation District of the Zoning Ordinance. He noted that the amendment is a requirement of the Corrective Action Plan with FEMA.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2019 amending Section 27-310 of the Borough Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Stokley absent)

b.) Consider adopting Ordinance 02-2019 amending the Solid Waste Ordinance

Ms. Cecco invited Ray Sokolowski, Director of Public Services, to the podium. He provided reasoning for the elimination of commercial trash and recycling collection. He confirmed that business owners were notified and provided with a list of waste management service providers.

Ms. Barton made a motion to adopt Ordinance 02-9019 amending the Solid Waste Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 6-0. (Stokley absent)

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Narberth Ambulance Update, Chief Christopher Flanagan

Narberth Ambulance Chief, Chris Flanagan, and Chief Assistants, Robert Weber and William Weber, were present. Chief Flanagan reviewed the history of Narberth Ambulance and provided an overview of the emergency medical services provided to the Borough. He explained that Narberth has opted out of utilizing the newly implemented Montgomery County Emergency Dispatch System. He discussed his concerns with the new system, which included GPS system integration, being pulled from current coverage area, and costs associated with participation. He confirmed that Narberth may reconsider their participation once more

data is collected and a more comprehensive evaluation is completed. William Weber provided an overview of community outreach activities.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a.) Consider reappointing members to various boards and commissions

b.) Consider appointing an applicant for the Planning Commission vacancy

Ms. Cecco listed the individuals who were interviewed in December for reappointment and appointment to various Borough boards and commissions. The individuals included: Nicholas Cirulli and Jessica Roth for the Dog Park Advisory Committee; Richard Barton and Gregory Scharff for the Zoning Hearing Board; Carol Smith for the Sewer Authority Board; Brian Tobin for the Planning Commission; Matthew Breidenstein and Domenic Rocco for the Environment Advisory Council; and Jacqueline Rocco for the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Ms. Leonard made a motion to appoint members to various boards and commissions, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. Ms. Barton recused herself. The motion carried 5-0. (Stokley absent)

c.) Consider reappointing Rudolph Clarke as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor at the submitted rate schedule

Ms. Barton made a motion to reappoint Rudolph Clarke as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor at the submitted rate schedule, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 6-0. (Stokley absent)

d.) Consider Remington & Vernick Engineers, Inc. as alternate Borough Engineer for General Engineering Services at the submitted rate schedule

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to appoint Remington & Vernick Engineers, Inc. as alternate Borough Engineer for General Engineering Services at the submitted rate schedule, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 6-0. (Stokley absent)

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Consider authorizing the tuition reimbursement for Detective William Walter

Ms. Cecco asked Council to consider authorizing the tuition reimbursement for Detective William Walter. She noted that education reimbursement is an approved expense per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Ms. Barton made a motion to authorize the tuition reimbursement for Detective William Walter, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 6-0. (Stokley absent)

b.) Consider 212 Wood Street Phase I Financial Security Release in the amount of \$26,899.00

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to authorize release of 212 Wood Street (Phase I) Financial Security Escrow in the amount \$26,89.00, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 6-0. (Stokley absent)

c.) Adopt the 2019 Fee Schedule

Ms. Leonard made a motion to adopt the 2019 fee schedule, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 6-0. (Stokley absent)

d.) Consider adopting revisions to the 2019 Subdivision and Land Development Fees and 2019 Zoning Fees

Ms. Cecco explained that Borough Administration and the Borough Zoning Officer are in the process of evaluating current fees related to subdivision and land development and zoning. Ms. Cecco shared that recommended revisions would be presented to Council for adoption within the next several weeks.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

There were no Council Member and Mayor matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Costello, 431 East 10th Avenue, made a recommendation to advertise in the Borough Newsletter that the Borough would no longer be collecting grass clippings.

Mayor Aronson announced that he officiated his first wedding ceremony at the Mary Wood Park House.

Council and Superintendent Metz wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary