

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: James Griffin, Council President
Karen Tutino, Council Vice-President
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
Tina Sokolowski, Council Member
Colleen Leonard, Council Member
Jane Flanagan, Council Member
Robert Frost, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Cecco, Interim Borough Manager
Michael J. Savona, 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. Mr. James Griffin, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

Ms. Anita Barton read a Prayer for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Stokley asked that Council observe a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Gary DeMedio who had passed away and who had done a lot for the community.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Griffin announced there was an Executive Session prior to the meeting on legal matters.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Presentation of a Proclamation for Colonial Neighborhood Council's 50 Years of Service to the Borough.

Ms. Cecco asked that Ms. Fryer and Mr. Heebner approach the podium. Mayor Frost and Ms. Sokolowski read and presented a proclamation to honor the Colonial Neighborhood Council's 50 years of service to the Borough. Ms. Fryer announced that there would be a block party the next evening from 4-8 PM as well. Ms. Cecco thanked Mr. Jack Coll for preparing the proclamation and Mayor Frost and Ms. Sokolowski for spearheading the recognition.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Cecco then read and reviewed the matters included on the consent agenda.

- a.) Approve and adopt the May 3rd and May 17th Meeting Minutes
- b.) Accept the May-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable.
- c.) Approve the waiver of off-street parking for 4 East 1st Avenue, Kristel Closets, Inc.
- d.) Support the Zoning Hearing Board Application for 345 E. 8th Avenue.
- e.) Support the Zoning Hearing Board Application for 130 W. 5th Avenue.
- f.) Approve formulation of a Fire Services Agreement.
- g.) Approve the auction of an Inferno Fire Truck through Municibid.
- h.) Approve Parkmobile implementation and adopt Ordinance No. 2017-06: Traffic Ordinance Amendment
- i.) Award the CDBG curb ramp project contract.

- j.) **Approve Resolution 2017-11 Real Estate Certification Checklist.**
- k.) **Ratify engagement of Obermayer relative to 7 Tower Bridge foreclosure.**
- l.) **Approve Resolution 2017-12 approving certain supplemental appropriations to the FY17 annual budget.**
- m.) **Approve formation of a "Friends of Mary H. Wood Park" Fund.**

Mr. Stokley made a motion to approve and adopt the consent agenda items as read, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) **Consider appointing Dog Park Advisory Committee Members**

Ms. Cecco commented that the Borough would be setting up interviews for applicants and that they would hopefully be able to consider appointments at the next meeting.

- b.) **Approve Resolution 2017-13 Unincorporated Association – Fulton Bank Money Market**

Ms. Cecco explained that, as part of the process to move the Borough’s cash management to Fulton Bank, to open and operate both the money market and checking accounts, Council needs to approve a resolution for that purpose with signatures from the President, Vice-President, and Interim Borough Manager. Ms. Cecco then requested that Council make a motion to approve Resolution 2017-13 Unincorporated Association – Fulton Bank Money Market and approve Resolution 2017-14 Unincorporated Association – Fulton Bank Checking Accounts simultaneously.

Ms. Leonard made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-13 Unincorporated Association – Fulton Bank Money Market and approve Resolution 2017-14 Unincorporated Association – Fulton Bank Checking Accounts, seconded by Mr. Stokley. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) **Approve Resolution 2017-14 Unincorporated Association – Fulton Bank Checking Accounts**

This matter was addressed with item b.)

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) **Consider approving appropriation of funds for tree maintenance at Mary H. Wood Park (Council Member Flanagan)**

Ms. Flanagan requested that the original matter regarding tree maintenance be tabled. Ms. Flanagan shared that, now that the Council has made Mary H. Wood Park dog-friendly, the poles with the dog disposal bags need to go in. Mr. Sokolowski approached the podium to discuss the matter. Mr. Sokolowski commented that it would cost \$360 for one container unit and bags; he estimated \$650-\$700 to start with two for the park. Mr. Sokolowski explained plans to update trash receptacles in the next budget.

Ms. Barton made a motion to authorize appropriation of funds for the poles for dog disposal and the bags, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Cecco added that she would like to notify the public about the launch of the Borough App. Ms. Sokolowski shared that she is very excited and was very thankful that the Borough Administration was able to make it possible. Ms. Sokolowski then introduced Ms. Kate Kosmin, Communications Manager, to continue the discussion on the new Borough App. Ms. Kosmin shared that the app can be downloaded to Apple and Android devices and shared its features.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Costello requested that someone check on Cherry Street, as you are travelling from Washington Street to East Elm Street and crossing the bike path, the high growth there makes it impossible to see anyone on your left. Mr. Hughes, Director of Engineering, Licenses and Inspections, commented that he would look into it.

Mayor Frost asked if there were any shredding events coming up. Sergeant Connor responded that there was one two months ago but, if another one was needed, they can request it. Mayor Frost also shared that a resident asked about the spraying for mosquitoes at Sutcliffe Park; Mr. Sokolowski commented that it is done every month and signs go up when it takes place. Mr. Sokolowski discussed the treatment measures that the Borough takes at all parks.

Ms. Sokolowski added that there is a large pit near the railroad tracks that looks like a large water basin because of all the rain that the Borough has recently experienced; there are residents that are concerned about stagnant water and what can be done about it. Ms. Barton also mentioned a trench along the railroad tracks that collects water. Mr. Savona shared that there was a recent staff meeting with Roseland, who bought the development from Mr. O'Neill, and that they are working to finalize details of the parking lot with SEPTA and the site work should get started soon. Mr. Paul Hughes, Director of Engineering, Licenses and Inspections, explained the genesis of the hole that Ms. Sokolowski mentioned and shared that he would reach out to the developers about it the next day.

Mr. Stokley commented that he wanted to thank Public Services for what they had done at Sutcliffe and all of the parks. He also shared that a resident asked if Council could speak up at the meetings since they still have trouble hearing. Mr. Stokley also shared that there was a gate at the top of 7th Avenue and a chain across Sutcliffe Lane and there are cars going down there to unload so the gate needs to go back up. Ms. Cecco responded that, if it is Council's wish, administration can research pricing to replace the gate and chain.

Ms. Flanagan shared that there is an area of the website where citizens can make a concern and that a woman named Emily had expressed one but the contact information that she provided is not valid; Ms. Flanagan requested that Emily please call her or Ms. Cecco so that they could address the matter.

Ms. Tutino asked Mr. Sokolowski, Director of Public Services, about the playground equipment and the stones that are placed around it. Mr. Sokolowski commented that the stone is temporary and that it would be removed after the 4th of July.

Ms. Barton thanked Public Services for their work at the parks.

Ms. Sokolowski commented that she is very excited because the Borough is three weeks away from the Odor Control System at the Sewer Authority.

Mr. Griffin shared that it is very hot and that Monday, July 3rd, would be a holiday so trash should not be left curbside. Mr. Griffin also commented that he was approached by a resident that shared that there are trucks going up her street knocking down wires and she was able to provide the license plate number and a description of the truck. Because she was prepared, the police were able to help. He requested that other residents that experience something similar also take down the truck information.

Mr. Griffin shared that the 4th of July Fireworks would take place on the 3rd in Sutcliffe and the Soapbox Derby takes place on the 4th. Ms. Sokolowski asked how residents can get involved in the Soapbox Derby and Mr. John Costello approached the podium to answer her questions. Mayor Frost also shared details of how to participate.

Mr. Joe Malzita of Wood Street shared that advertising should go on the monument sign outside of the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Interim Borough Secretary