

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, November 19th, 2014

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Robert Frost, Mayor
Paul McConnell, Council President
James Griffin, Council Vice-President
Karen Tutino, Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
Matthew Ryan, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Richard J. Manfredi, Borough Manager
Michael Orlor, Chief of Police
Michael Savona, Borough Solicitor
Paul Hughes, Borough Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at Conshohocken Borough Hall, 8th Avenue & Fayette Street, Conshohocken, Pa. Mr. Paul McConnell, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

2. COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made.

3. PRESENTATIONS

a. Presentation by Marriot Residence Inn

Ms. Mary Colbert and Mr. Peter Weiss presented a detailed overview on the recent renovations and refreshment of the guest rooms and public space at the Marriot Residence Inn.

b. Swearing in of Lieutenant Metz and 3 New Police Officers

Mr. Griffin made a motion to accept the promotion of Officer George Metz to Lieutenant, and the hiring of Caleb Smith, Xavier Perez, and Matthew Bahn. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Hearing on the granting of waiver of off street parking for Lucky Dog Saloon

Ms. Christine Stetler, Community Development and Zoning Officer, introduced the waiver and gave details of the establishment. The owner expects about 35 employees. There will be seating for 120 people in the dining room and 30 seats at the bar.

After some discussion, Mr. Ryan made a motion to approve the waiver of off street parking for Lucky Dog Saloon, contingent upon an agreement on parking fees, seconded by Mr. Griffin. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Hearing on Use of FY 2014 CDBG Funds

Ms. Stetler gave a detailed presentation on the Borough's 2014 Block Grant Hearing. She noted that this is the first of two public hearings. The amount the Borough will be receiving this year is \$112,295, which is slightly more than last year's grant. Activities funded with this money must benefit low and moderate-income residents such as housing or service projects. The next step in this matter is to develop the application and hold a second Public Hearing.

e. Presentation of The FY 2015 Proposed Budget

Mr. Manfredi provided a detailed presentation of the FY 2015 Proposed Budget. He summarized the budget into key cost centers: Police Department, the Public Works Department, and Community Development and Zoning. He also identified the four FY 2015 Tax Levy and Tax Revenues as General, Fire, Library, and Street Lighting. Mr. Manfredi noted that Council has done an excellent job at keeping the real estate property tax rates down. He provided a summary of the budget's operating funds, capital funds, and fiduciary funds. Mr. Manfredi emphasized the need for emergency planning and preparations in the Borough. He noted that there are specific dollars within the proposed budget to allow for this.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to accept the FY 2015 Budget for public inspection, seconded by Mr. Ryan. Motion carried 5-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Accept the Mayor and Police Reports for October 2014**
- b. Consider Council Policy and Procedures on Public Meetings and Conduct of Council Business**
- c. Waiver of Land Development for St. Matthews Church**
- d. Draw Funds Associated with the Shaffer Project on East 7th Avenue for Completion of Punch List Work**

- e. **Reaffirm Borough Manager to Serve as Borough Treasurer**
- f. **Approval to have All Seasons Landscaping complete the punch list work for the Shaffer Project**

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve and accept the consent agenda as read, seconded by Mr. Ryan. Motion carried 5-0.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Consider approval of parking lot adjacent to 51 Washington**

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the installation of parking lot adjacent to 51 Washington, seconded by Ms. Barton. Motion carried 5-0.

- b. **Consider authorizing solicitor to proceed with drafting zoning amendment to create an SP 4 District**

Mr. McConnell noted that this item relates to a proposal for a large development at 1st & Fayette Street. Mr. McConnell clarified that this motion is merely to authorize the solicitor to proceed with working on this project so that it may move forward.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Ryan made a motion to authorize the solicitor to proceed with drafting zoning amendment to create an SP 4 District, seconded by Ms. Barton. Motion carried 5-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Leo Costello, Fire Chief, announced that the annual visit from Santa would be held on Friday, November 28th at 6:30pm. Santa would also be riding around town on Saturday December 13th. The Fire Company and Police Department will be holding a toy collection on this day.

Mr. Frank Garland noted the great turnout at the Halloween Parade. He expressed his disappointment that not many council members were present.

Mayor Frost asked Council if they were aware why the company Cardionet has left town, in hopes that this could be prevented going forward.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary