

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

PUBLIC MEETING held via Webex video/teleconference

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Tina Sokolowski, Council Vice-President
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
James Griffin, Council Member
Jane Flanagan, 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 remotely using the Webex platform. Ms. Colleen Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Leonard thanked everyone for attending the virtual Council meeting. She reviewed the meeting logistics and participation instructions. She announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting regarding personnel matters.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Proclamation 2020-02 designating April as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month"

Ms. Cecco shared that Borough Administration received a request from the state to designate April as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month." She read the proclamation.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Proclamation 2020-02 designating April as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month", seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

LAND USE, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

There were no land use, public hearings and ordinances.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the February 5, February 19 and March 4 Meeting Minutes
- b.) Ratify the February-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$560,291.81
- c.) Approve the March-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$834,706.49

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve and adopt the February 5, February 19 and March 4 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to ratify the February-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$560,291.81, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the March-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$834,706.49, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Consider adopting Ordinance 01-2020 amending powers and operational procedures of the EAC

Ms. Cecco explained that the proposed Ordinance has been advertised and reviewed twice publicly by Borough Council. She reviewed the proposed revisions to the existing ordinance.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2020 amending powers and operational procedures of the EAC, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider approving Resolution 2020-10 authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the ARLE Grant Agreement and all future grant-related documents

Ms. Cecco reminded Council that the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant Program would provide funds for pedestrian flashing warning devices along Fayette Street, at the intersections of 4th Avenue and 7th Avenue. She reviewed cost sharing contributions for the project.

Ms. Flanagan made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-10 authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the ARLE Grant Agreement and all future grant-related documents, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider approving the ARLE Project Funding Agreement

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the ARLE Project Funding Agreement, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a.) Consider accepting the resignation of a member of the Dog Park Advisory Committee

Ms. Cecco shared that Borough Administration received Sarah Kratz's resignation from the Dog Park Advisory Committee.

Ms. Leonard made a motion to accept the resignation of Sarah Kratz from the Dog Park Advisory Committee, seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider approving a request of the Friends of Conshohocken Parks

Ms. Sokolowski shared that the Friends of Conshohocken Parks would like to start a t-shirt fundraiser campaign to raise awareness and money for the Borough's non-profit organization. She explained that the Board is requesting to utilize non-profit funds to hire a graphic designer to create a t-shirt design for a cost not to exceed \$50.00.

Ms. Flanagan made a motion to approve a request of the Friends of Conshohocken Parks to utilize non-profit funds for professional t-shirt design services at a not to exceed cost of \$50.00, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brittany Rogers, Executive Assistant to the Borough Manager, announced that no public comment was received via email submission.

Scott Langstein, 200 West Elm Street, inquired about the status of the Maple Street parking regulations. Ms. Tutino replied that the proposed ordinance and resolution relative to Maple Street have been tabled. She added that the regulations would be re-evaluated at the next meeting of the Parking Task Force.

Mayor Aronson recognized residents for their patience while following coronavirus-related guidelines during the ongoing pandemic.

Mr. Stokley thanked residents for their compliance with COVID-19 regulations and encouraged everyone to continue social distancing.

Ms. Barton thanked emergency services personnel for continuing to protect and serve residents during the ongoing pandemic.

Ms. Sokolowski stressed the importance of following CDC guidelines in order to prevent the spread of the virus.

Ms. Flanagan provided an update on the Sewer Authority. She announced that the Authority Board of Directors extended the sewer payment deadlines and the discount period due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She shared some of the Authority's community involvement efforts.

Mr. Griffin encouraged everyone to remain committed to ongoing mitigation measures.

Ms. Tutino thanked residents for adhering to guidelines and following best practices to slow the spread of the virus.

Superintendent Metz expressed his gratitude to Borough elected officials for their support of the Conshohocken Police Department at this time.

Ms. Leonard encouraged everyone to stay safe and healthy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary