

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council Vice-President
Anita Barton, Council Member
Stacy Ellam, Council Member
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Member
Karen Tutino, Council Member

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, Council Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting on property and legal matters.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a.) Conduct interviews for Borough Board and Commission vacancies

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Gerhart Arndt who was present to interview for the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Mr. Gerhart stated that he owns a lawn and landscaping business that focuses on sustainability. He discussed that the company uses battery powered lawn and landscaping equipment and focuses on planting native plants to restore local ecosystems. He explained how he would like to share his knowledge of sustainability and native planting with the EAC to protect and improve the Borough's environment.

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Nancy DeVitis who was present to interview for the Mary Wood Park Commission. Ms. DeVitis shared her personal history with the Mary Wood Park House, stating that she attended programs and events held at the Park House. She discussed how she would like to contribute to the Commission's goal of ensuring that the Park House meets the needs of the community.

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Consider authorizing issuance of a notice of intent to award the contract for the 2023 Liquid Fuels Road Program

Ms. Cecco shared that the Borough received a total of three (3) bids for the 2023 Liquid Fuels Road Program that ranged from \$472,287.50 to \$606,294.00. She stated that the apparent low bidder is Scott Contractors, Inc. She asked Council to consider authorizing issuance of a notice of intent to award the contract for the 2023 Liquid Fuels Road Program to Scott Contractors, Inc. She stated that bid documents would be provided for public inspection prior to the award of the contract.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to authorize issuance of a notice of intent to award the contract for the 2023 Liquid Fuels Road Program to Scott Contractors, Inc., seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 5-0. (Leonard and Serna absent)

b.) Consider approving a towing agreement with EVB Towing

Ms. Cecco explained that the current towing agreement with EVB Service Center is set to expire at the end of the year. She asked Council to consider continuing its working relationship with the service provider by entering into a new three (3) year agreement. She detailed the exceptional service provided by EVB Towing over the last several years.

- c.) Consider approving 144 West Ninth Avenue financial security escrow release no. 2 in the amount of \$18,015.30

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve 144 West Ninth Avenue financial security escrow release no. 2 (final) in the amount of \$18,015.30, seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 5-0. (Leonard and Serna absent)

- d.) Discussion on an RFP for engineering services for the 2022 CDBG curb ramp project

Ms. Cecco shared that the Borough is the recipient of grant dollars for the installation of curb ramps to improve accessible routes in the Borough. Ms. Cecco explained that engineering services are required for the design of the project, assistance with bidding and contracting, and for construction supervision of the project. Therefore, she asked Council to consider issuing an RFP for engineering services related to the curb ramp project. She reviewed the RFP timeline and the proposed scope of work for the project.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

- a.) Presentation on Conshohocken Aggressive Driving Campaign

Chief Metz shared that the Conshohocken Police Department (CPD) will be implementing a community driven program to address aggressive driving in the Borough. He reviewed examples of aggressive driving, such as excessive speeding, weaving in and out of traffic, racing to beat red lights and running stop signs. He stated that the CPD plans to launch an online portal where citizens can report aggressive driving. He explained that the information will be utilized by the CPD to target enforcement areas. Chief Metz explained that the goal of this campaign to reduce motor vehicle collisions and enhance road safety for all road users and work in collaboration with the community to achieve that goal.

LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal matters.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Ms. Barton announced that the Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 10:00am at the Community Center.

Ms. Kingsley shared that the Budweiser Clydesdales are coming to Fayette Street between East First Avenue and East Second Avenue on Friday, April 7th from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

On behalf of Mayor Aronson, Ms. Sokolowski wished everyone a happy Passover.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary