

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President  
Tina Sokolowski, Council Vice-President  
Anita Barton, Council Member  
Stacy Ellam, Council Member  
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Member  
Adrian Serna, 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 7:03 PM.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Leonard announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting on legal, property and personnel 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**

There was no Council business.

**MANAGER MATTERS**

**a.) Consider awarding a contract for the 2023 Liquid Fuels Road Program**

Ms. Cecco shared that the Borough received bids for the 2023 Liquid Fuels Road Program. She explained that the bids were reviewed and required Responsible Contractor Ordinance documentation was received. She confirmed that there were no discrepancies in the bid submitted by the apparent low bidder, Scott Contractors, Inc. She stated that the contractor submitted their bid for the Base Bid work in the amount of \$472,287.50, for Alternate Bid No. 1 in the amount of \$47,027.50.

**Mr. Serna made a motion to award the Base Bid and Alternate Bid No. 1 in the total amount of \$519,315.00 to Scott Contractors, Inc. contingent upon funds being available and upon receiving authorization to award from all funding agencies, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.**

**b.) Consider approving Conshohocken Electric Force special event application for a Juneteenth Celebration Event**

Ms. Cecco shared that the Conshohocken Electric Force Track Club submitted a special event application to hold a Juneteenth Celebration event at Aubrey Collins Park on June 17, 2023. She explained that the Electric Force is requesting a road closure on the 200 block of East Elm Street from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. She stated that local businesses in the area of the park have signed off on the event and that Police and Emergency Management personnel would be on site to assist with the road closure and re-opening.

**Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the Conshohocken Electric Force special event application, waiver of associated fees, and closure of the 200 block of east Elm Street for a Juneteenth Celebration at Aubrey Collins Park on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 12-5pm contingent upon final administrative review, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.**

**DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

There were no department matters.

**LEGAL MATTERS**

**a.) Discussion on the Borough's Cable Franchise Renewal with Comcast**

Mr. Peters shared that Cohen Law Group has reached an agreement with Comcast on a 10-year Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement. He provided a summary of the major provisions contained in the new agreement. He explained that the agreement allows the Borough to assess a franchise fee of up to five percent (5%) of the cable operator's "gross revenue" received from cable services derived from the municipality. He stated that that the agreement includes customer service standards and provisions for repair of the Borough's right-of-way if Comcast does work in the right-of-way and causes damage. He explained that the agreement also includes reporting and cable system requirements. Mr. Peters discussed the educational and governmental (EG) channel and associated capital grant in support of the local EG channel. He reviewed provisions related to liquidated damage for violations, a performance bond and competitive equity.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS**

Mayor Aronson congratulated the EAC on hosting Greenfest. He shared that July 30, 2023 is Conshohocken Night at the Reading Phils. He also shared information on how to get free tickets to the game. He invited everyone to join him and Chief Metz at Izenberg's on May 12, 2023 at 9:00am for coffee and cookies. He announced the musical acts scheduled to perform at the Conshohocken Arts Festival and Car Show on June 3, 2023.

Mr. Serna thanked all parties responsible for making the EAC Greenfest a success.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joi Manas, 222 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, shared that the Greenfest was a great event. She had some questions about the upcoming Arts Festival and Cars Show and Conshohocken Night at the Reading Phils. She reported recent power outages at her home. Borough Council recommended that she contact PECO. She shared that she used the police portal to report drivers not stopping at the stop sign at the intersection of West 6th Avenue and Colwell Lane. She discussed commercial vehicles utilizing Colwell Lane.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie Cecco,  
Borough Secretary