

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, October 4, 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 7:00 PM.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**a.) Colonial Area Anti-Racism and Social Equity Alliance (CAARSEA) Presentation, Gail Plant and Lorrie Scott**

Ms. Gail Plant and Ms. Lorrie Scott presented CAARSEA, which is a volunteer led nonprofit organization that works to create community engagement within the Colonial School District area to overcome racial injustices in the community.

Ms. Plant and Ms. Scott went through the organizations multiple areas of work such as, their houseless outreach work, elections and policies, youth and schools and, policing. They also explained the CAARSEA Community Cares program, which works to identify and provide the current needs of lower income students.

They continued to go through the organizations recent activities and accomplishments.

**b.) Discover Conshohocken Presentation, Lily Amberg**

Matt Natalie, who stepped in for Lily Amberg, presented on the Discover Conshohocken group and their upcoming events.

**c.) Presentation of the Shuttle RFP Results, Maureen Farrell, GVF**

Maureen Farrell reviewed the bid tabulation and recommendations for the Shuttle RFP

**LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

**a.) Consider adopting Ordinance 01-2023 accepting the dedication and opening of Oak Street**

Mr. Serna made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2023 accepting the dedication and opening of Oak Street, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

**b.) Consider adopting Ordinance 02-2023 amending the Borough's Parking Ordinance**

Mr. Serna made a motion to adopt Ordinance 02-2023 amending the Borough's Parking Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

**c.) Consider approving Resolution 2023-21 establishing residential permit parking on East Eighth Avenue between Fayette Street and Harry Street**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-21 establishing residential permit parking on East Eighth Avenue between Fayette Street and Harry Street, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**a.) Conduct an interview for a vacancy on the Friends of Conshohocken Parks**

Ms. Leonard introduced Annika Petroski who was present to interview for a vacancy on the Friends of Conshohocken Parks. Ms. Petroski expressed her interest in joining the Friends of Conshohocken Parks committee. She has been a Conshohocken resident since 2009 and has a background in meetings and events planning.

b.) Consider interviews for Board and Commission reappointments

Ms. Leonard introduced Ashley Gaydos who was present to interview for reappointment to the Human Relations Commission.

Ms. Leonard introduced Carol Smith who was present to interview for reappointment to the Sewer Authority Board. Ms. Smith gave a summary of her background and what made her so passionate about Conshohocken and its community.

**MANAGER MATTERS**

a.) Discuss an RFP for Labor Attorney Services

Reviewed draft RFP for Labor Attorney Services, specifically contract negotiations. Added to the October 18<sup>th</sup> Voting Session.

b.) Consider approving Resolution 2023-22 adopting the Montgomery County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-22 adopting the Montgomery County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider approving Resolution 2023-23 authorizing the submission of the 2023 CDBG application

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-23 authorizing the submission of the 2023 CDBG application, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) Consider approving the CDBG Three-Year Community Development Plan

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the CDBG three- year community development plan. Seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

e.) Consider approving payment certificate no. 2 (final) for the Aubrey Collins Park Retaining Wall Replacement Project

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve payment certificate no. 2 (final) for the Aubrey Collins Park Retaining Wall Replacement Project in the amount of \$11,850, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

**DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

There were no department matters.

**LEGAL MATTERS**

a.) Consider approving an agreement with Tri-State Financial Group, LLC for Business Privilege Tax, Mercantile Tax, and Local Services Tax collection services

Mike Peters reviewed the draft agreement with Tri-State Financial Group for tax collection services. This matter was added to the October 18<sup>th</sup> Voting Session.

b.) Consider approving an amendment to the site security agreement for the 51 Washington Street Project

Mike Peters reviewed the reasoning for an amendment to the site security agreement for the 51 Washington Street Project.

Mr. Serna made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to amend the site security agreement for the 51 Washington Street Project and execute upon completion, seconded by Ms. Ellam The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Discuss a One-Time Use License Agreement for use of the Borough helipad

Mike Peters reviewed the draft one-time use license agreement for use of the Borough helipad. This matter was moved to the October 18<sup>th</sup> Voting Session.

**COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS**

Mayor Aronson recapped Conshohocken's annual shredding event and congratulated 13 circles on their 1-year anniversary. He also gave a reminder for the Conshohocken Halloween parade on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Serna gave a reminder for the EAC's west side clean up event on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie Cecco,  
Borough Secretary