

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President  
Kathleen Kingsley, Vice President  
Anita Barton, Council Member  
Alan Chmielewski, Council Member  
Stacy Ellam, Council Member  
Ralph Frey, Council Member  
Adrian Serna, 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. Sokolowski, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Sokolowski announced that there was an executive session prior to the regularly scheduled Work Session on property, personnel, and legal matters.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (for agenda items only)**

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**a.) Swearing in of Fire Marshals, Mayor Aronson**

Ms. Sokolowski invited Mayor Aronson to the podium. Mayor Aronson swore in Timothy Gunning and Megan Klosterman as Fire Marshals for the Borough of Conshohocken.

**b.) Commendation for SWAT Officer of the Year to Officer Caleb Smith, Chief David Lennon**

Ms. Sokolowski invited Chief Lennon to the podium. Chief Lennon issued a Commendation to Officer Caleb Smith for SWAT Officer of the Year.

**c.) Commendation for Life Saving Actions at the November 1, 2023 Fayette Street Incident, Chief David Lennon**

Ms. Sokolowski invited Chief Lennon to the podium. Chief Lennon issued Commendations to police officers, EMS, and civilians for life saving actions at the November 1, 2023 incident on Fayette Street.

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

**a.) Consider adopting Ordinance 01-2024 revising the Borough's shade tree regulations.**

Mr. Peters summarized the ordinance revisions and the advertisement requirements that were met.

Ms. Barton made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2024 revising the Borough's Shade Tree Regulations, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the December 6 and December 20 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b.) Approve the December-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve and adopt the December 6 and December 20 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the December-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$698,238.83, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- a.) **Consider approving the annual Montgomery County Saint Patrick's Parade in Conshohocken on March 16, 2024.**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the annual Montgomery County Saint Patrick's Parade in Conshohocken on March 16, 2024, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) **Consider approving Washington Street Associates escrow release in the amount of \$187,213.68 plus interest.**

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve the Washington Street Associates escrow release in the amount of \$187,213.68 plus interest, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) **Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Officer Caleb Smith for the completed 2023 Fall semester and consider approving his request for enrollment for the 2024 Spring semester.**

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Officer Caleb Smith for the completed 2023 fall semester in the amount of \$3,761.89 and approved his request for enrollment and reimbursement for the 2024 spring semester in the amount of \$3,812.85 per the collective bargaining agreement stipulations upon successful completion of the course, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) **Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Officer Eric Hall for the 2024 Spring semester.**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve an enrollment request and tuition reimbursement for Officer Eric Hall for the 2024 spring semester in the amount of \$1,860 plus the cost of the books per the collective bargaining agreement stipulations upon successful completion of the course, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- e.) **Consider approving Resolution 01-2024 to appoint David Bria to the Zoning Hearing Board**

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve Resolution 01-2024 formally appointing David Bria to the current permanent vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- f.) **Ratify the court ordered settlement stipulation for a tax assessment decrease for the property at 2 Ash St.**

Ms. Barton made a motion to ratify the court ordered settlement stipulation for a tax assessment decrease for the property at 2 Ash Street in the amount of \$6,419.59 seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- g.) **Consider approving the designation of Senior Council Member in the Borough Council Structure**

Ms. Sokolowski reviewed the proposed Senior Council Member Job Description

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve the designation of Senior Council Member in the Borough Council structure per the outlined job description, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Serna made a motion to appoint Anita Barton as the Senior Council Member for the 2024 and 2025 fiscal years, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- h.) **Consider approving 109 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave zoning escrow release in the amount of \$197.40 plus interest**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve 109 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue zoning escrow release in the amount of \$197.40 plus interest, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- i.) **Consider approving 223 East 11<sup>th</sup> Ave zoning escrow release in the amount of \$193.63 plus interest**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 223 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue zoning escrow release in the amount of \$193.63 plus interest, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

#### COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson announced that Little League registration for Spring 2024 was now open. He also thanked public works for an amazing job with snow removal.


#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Stephanie Cecco,  
Borough Secretary