

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
Anita Barton, Senior 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, Borough Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski announced that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the April 2nd public meeting or regarding the April 16th public meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*for agenda items only*)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Swearing-in of a Patrol Officer, Gabriel Rossi

Mayor Aronson swore in Gabriel Rossi, new Patrol Officer for the Conshohocken Police Department.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Consider authorizing advertisement of an ordinance vacating a paper street and watercourse associated with the Conshohocken Italian Bakery

Mr. Peters provided an explanation on vacating a portion of the paper street and watercourse associated with the Italian Bakery's approved consolidation and subdivision application.

Ms. Kinsley made a motion to authorize advertisement of an ordinance vacating a paper street and watercourse associated with the Conshohocken Italian Bakery project subject to final review and approval by the Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the March 5 and March 19 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b.) Approve the March-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the March 5 and March 19 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the March-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,608,848.17, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Consider appointing an applicant to the Mary Wood Park Commission

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to appoint Jack Hasler to the Mary Wood Park Commission, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider awarding a bid for the public space trash receptacles

Mr. Serna made a motion to award a bid for the public space trash receptacles to BigBelly in the amount of \$79,555.25, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider awarding a bid for the replacement of windows at the A-Field

Mr. Frey made a motion to award a bid for the replacement of windows at the A-Field to Joseph DelBuono Inc in the amount of \$30,500.00, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) Consider appointing Michael Miller of Eckert Seamans as special counsel to amend the Police Civil Service regulations and generate Fire Civil Service regulations

Ms. Barton made a motion to appoint Michael Miller of Eckert Seamans as special counsel to amend the Police Civil Service regulations and generate Fire Civil Service regulations, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- e.) Consider authorizing advertisement of an RFP for Bond Counsel and Financial Advisory Services related to the Public Safety Services Facility Project

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to authorize advertisement of an RFP for Bond Counsel and Financial Advisory Services related to the Public Safety Services Facility Project, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- f.) Consider authorizing advertisement of a bid for construction services for the Harry Street Road Improvement Project

Ms. Barton made a motion to authorize advertisement of a bid for construction services for the Harry Street Road Improvement Project, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- g.) Consider approving an Agreement of Sale between Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2 and the Borough of Conshohocken for the purchase of the current fire station

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve an Agreement of Sale between Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2 and the Borough of Conshohocken for the purchase of the current fire station subject to final review and approval by the Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving a donation request from the Conshohocken Elementary Parent Teacher Organization for the annual Spring Carnival

Ms. Sokolowski shared that she received a request from the Conshohocken Elementary PTO for a donation to the Spring Carnival. Ms. Cecco explained that this request is slightly different than other requests received throughout the year because the Borough and the Colonial School District have a reciprocal aid agreement already in place. Council agreed to a \$1,000.00 donation.

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Conshohocken Elementary Parent Teacher Organization for the carnival at Conshohocken Elementary School, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-10 authorizing the submission of a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant Application for the Veteran's Memorial Plaza Project

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10 authorizing the submission of a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant application in the amount of \$250,000 for the Veteran's Memorial Plaza Project, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider accepting the resignation of a Friends of Conshohocken Parks member

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to accept the resignation of Adrian Kurtz from the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) Consider approving zoning escrow releases for 140 East Sixth Avenue, 224 Maple Street, 310 West Fifth Avenue, 400 East Tenth Avenue and Millennium M4 Office Building

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve zoning escrow releases for the following: 140 East Sixth Avenue in the amount of \$319.70 plus interest; 224 Maple Street in the amount of \$303.64 plus interest; 310 W. 5th Avenue in the amount of \$305.83 plus interest; 400 E. 10th Avenue in the amount of \$1,069.70 plus interest;

and Millenium M4 Office Building Development in the amount of \$212.25 plus interest, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson shared photographs from the 2025 Donofrio Tournament and the Easter event at the VFW. He shared information about the Easter Flower Sale at Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2.

Mr. Serna provided event details for Greenfest.

Ms. Sokolowski reminded drivers to obey speed limits to ensure safety on the road.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Zale, 200 West Elm Street, asked if additional speed limit signage could be installed on Fayette Street. Chief Lennon responded that the placement of the speed limit signs, along Fayette Street, complies with PennDOT’s regulations as it relates to signage. Mr. Sokolowski responded that speed limit pavement markings can be added to the traffic lanes to remind drivers of the regulatory speed limit. Mr. Zale asked for an update regarding vehicular and pedestrian safety enhancements on Fayette Street. Ms. Cecco discussed the status of the Fayette Street Road Diet project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary