

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, November 5, 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, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski announced that prior to the Work Session, Borough Council held an Executive Session on personnel and property matters and held a special public meeting for the presentation of the FY2026 proposed budget. She shared that no public comment was received following the October 15th public Voting Meeting and regarding the November 5th public Work Session.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) **Conshohocken Theater in the Parks Program, Kevin Stackhouse, President**

Representatives from the non-profit organization, Conshohocken Theater in the Parks, presented their 2026 proposal to operate a theater program through the Conshohocken Recreation Department. They outlined program goals, anticipated participation, community benefits, and planned partnerships, including educational workshops with teaching artists and local organizations. The group requested use of Borough parks for performances and a \$4,000 financial contribution. They also identified preferred venues, detailed operational plans, and noted that administrative staff had already reviewed the proposal.

Borough Council expressed support and commended the organization’s thorough proposal. Ms. Cecco noted that funding could be used from contingency funds and that the proposal would be considered at the November Voting Meeting.

b.) **Holiday House Decorating Contest Procedure, Paul Gornowski, Communications and Special Events Manager**

Paul Gornowski, Communications and Special Events Manager, presented the updated holiday house decorating contest procedures, emphasizing a more community-focused approach. He explained that residents will submit photos of their decorated homes, which will be displayed on an interactive map for online voting by residents.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a.) **Conduct interviews with applicants for the Zoning Hearing Board and Civil Service Commission Alternate Position**

Ms. Sokolowski announced that the applicant for the Civil Service Commission alternate position withdrew his application.

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Zachary Morano who was present to interview for the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Morano discussed his professional experience as a zoning and real estate attorney and expressed his desire to contribute to the Borough. He confirmed he can meet the time commitment and would recuse himself from any matters involving his firm to avoid conflicts of interest. He discussed his experience presenting before Zoning Hearing Boards and shared that he is comfortable handling contentious public input.

b.) **Conduct an interview with an applicant for reappointment to Borough Boards & Commissions**

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Allison Rehmann who was present to interview for reappointment to the Human Relations Commission. Ms. Rehmann shared that she was recently appointed Chair of the Human Relations Commission and is seeking reappointment. She emphasized her long-standing connection to the community and her desire to keep serving as a way to give back.

c.) Consider appointing applicants to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks and the Planning Commission

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to appoint Shanna Smith to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Serna made a motion to appoint Stephen Michalczyk to the Planning Commission, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Consider authorizing advertisement of bid documents for the Veterans Memorial Plaza Project

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to authorize advertisement of the bid documents for the 2nd Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza Project, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider approving the amended Police Civil Service Regulations and the proposed Fire Civil Service Regulations

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the amended Police Civil Service Regulations, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve the proposed Fire Civil Service Regulations, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider approving payment application no. 2 for the Weinmann Park Concrete Project in the amount of \$10,307.34

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve payment application no. 2 for the Weinmann Park Concrete Project in the amount of \$10,307.34, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

a.) Discuss the Third Amendment to the Settlement Agreement for 401-433 Washington Street

Mr. Peters shared that the developer for 401-433 Washington Street submitted a proposed sign package for the project. He stated that Borough Administration is recommending that the sign package be addressed under the existing Settlement Agreement through a Third Amendment. He explained that the Borough and the developer have reviewed and agreed on the sign package to support the sale and lease of the units. He discussed that under the proposed amendment, any required zoning relief will be granted, and the developer must submit all necessary permit applications before installing any signs.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson Borough highlighted recent community events and local business openings, such as the Halloween Parade and the opening of Café Neos, Neos Americana, and Cade Sushi.

Mr. Serna thanked Borough staff for ensuring a smooth and well-supported election.

Ms. Sokolowski congratulated David Bria, the newly elected Ward 4 Council member, and the re-elected Council members Stacy Ellam and Adrian Serna and Mayor Yaniv Aronson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco, Borough Secretary