

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, December 17, 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 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 there were no public comments received following the December 3rd public meeting or pertaining to the December 17th public meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*for agenda items only*)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Recognition of Anita and Rick Barton for their years of service to the Borough of Conshohocken

a. State Representative Greg Scott

State Representative Greg Scott presented Anita and Rick Barton with commendations recognizing their years of service.

b. Tina Sokolowski, Council President

Ms. Sokolowski recognized Anita and Rick's service to the Borough of Conshohocken and presented them both with plaques.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-37 approving minor subdivision for 110 East Seventh Avenue

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-37 approving a minor subdivision for 110 East Seventh Avenue, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider authorizing advertisement of an ordinance stating the Borough's intention to issue general obligation bonds and take on non-electoral debt

Ms. Barton made a motion to authorize advertisement of an ordinance stating the Borough's intention to issue general obligation bonds and take on non-electoral debt, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the November 5 and November 19 Regular Meeting Minutes and the November 5 Special Meeting Minutes**
- b.) Approve the November-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**
- c.) Approve and adopt the FY2026 Budget**
- d.) Approve Resolution 2025-38 to levy real estate tax for 2026 and fix the rate thereof**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the November 5 and November 19 Regular Meeting Minutes and the November 5 Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the November-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,198,955.68, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve and adopt the FY2026 budget, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-38 to levy real estate tax for 2026 and fix the rate thereof, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving the Conshohocken Pocket Park and Porch Festival special event request

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the Conshohocken Pocket Park and Porch Festival special event request subject to final review and approval of event details by Borough Administration, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-39 authorizing a supplemental appropriation from general fund to capital fund

Ms. Cecco indicated that the resolution authorizes the transfer of up to \$4,000,000 of general fund balance to the capital fund in order to fund the FY2026 capital budget.

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-39 authorizing a supplemental appropriation from the general fund to the capital fund, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider approving and authorizing advertisement of the 2026 meeting schedules for Borough Council and Borough Boards and Commissions

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and authorize advertisement of the 2026 meeting schedules for Borough Council and Borough Boards and Commissions, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving SORA West professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$1,305.69

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve the SORA West professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$1,305.69, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider approving change order no. 3 and payment certification no. 3 (final) for the Harry Street Rehabilitation Project

Ms. Cecco noted that the contractor remains unresponsive on the submission of certain closeout documents, and completion is required for the final payment. She mentioned that this delay may result on the potential carryover of costs into 2026.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve change order no. 3 and payment certification no. 3 (final) in the amount of \$92,382.86 for the Harry Street Rehabilitation Project subject to receipt of project close out documents certified by the Borough Engineer, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) Consider approving zoning escrow releases for 16 East First Avenue, 101 Fayette St and 524 East Elm St

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve zoning escrow releases for 16 East First Avenue in the amount of \$1,039.86 plus interest; 101 Fayette Street in the amount of \$1,053.18 plus interest; and 524 East Elm Street in the amount of \$1,064.28 plus interest, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Officer Walter for the 2026 spring semester

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Officer Walter for the 2026 spring semester in the amount of \$7,766.88 per the Police collective bargaining agreement, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- e.) Consider accepting the resignation of a Zoning Hearing Board member

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to accept the resignation of David Bria from the Zoning Hearing Board effective December 31, 2025, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- f.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-40 authorizing the sale of a Police vehicle on Municibid

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-40 authorizing the sale of a 2019 Chevy Tahoe Police vehicle on Municibid, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- g.) Consider approving the Civil Service Commission certified hire lists for the positions of Battalion Chief and Fire Captain and appoint applicants to those positions**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the Civil Service Commission certified hire list appointing Steve Young as Battalion Chief and Megan Klosterman as Fire Captain, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- h.) Consider approving updated Civil Service Regulations for Fire Services**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve updated Civil Service Regulations for Fire Services, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joseph Craney-Monticelli, Ward 5, thanked Vice President Kinglsey for her service with the U.S. Postal Service. He voiced support of the tuition reimbursement for Detective Walter, praising his professionalism and dedication. He raised concerns about vehicles backing into driveways at 222 East 7th Avenue and noted his right to be present at Council meetings under the First Amendment and the Pennsylvania Constitution.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson highlighted recent events held in the Borough including, a holiday breakfast event at the newly reopened Willow B&B, Winter Wonderland at the Community Center, and the Menorah Lighting at the Mary Wood Park. He thanked Anita for her service, noted the high regard residents have for her work and wished her and Rick a well-earned retirement.

Mr. Frey thanked Anita for her 13 years of service and highlighted a resident's feedback about the senior transportation program with the Conshohocken Cab as an example of her positive impact on the community.

Ms. Ellam thanked Anita for her dedication, mentorship, and personal support and wished her and Rick well in retirement.

Ms. Kingsley expressed thanks to Anita and extended holiday wishes to all residents.

Mr. Serna thanked Anita for her guidance and support, especially as a mentor to new council members.

Mr. Chmielewski thanked Rick and Anita for their leadership and mentorship and expressed gratitude for their service and collaboration.

Ms. Sokolowski praised Anita for being a dedicated public servant and advocate for her residents. She wished residents a happy, healthy holiday season and expressed excitement for 2026.

Ms. Barton thanked Borough staff and residents and expressed appreciation for the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary