

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
David Bria, 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. Kingsley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kingsley stated that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the May 20th public meeting or regarding the June 3rd public meeting agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Swearing-in of a Career Firefighter and a Fire Police Officer

Mayor Aronson swore in Joseph Valyo as a Career Firefighter and Howard Daywalt as a Fire Police Officer.

b.) Montgomery County America250 Presentation, Tessa Robinson, Valley Forge Tourism & Convention Board

Tessa Robinson and Aja Cramer were present on behalf of the Valley Forge Tourism & Convention Board. They provided an overview of the organization's tourism marketing efforts and membership. They discussed resources for local businesses, America 250 plans, and ways to attract visitors through events, sports, and historic attractions.

c.) Discussion on an RFP for the Conshohocken Cab Shuttle Program, Kaitlin Valliere, GVF

Kaitlin Valliere with GVF provided an overview of the RFP for service renewal for the Conshohocken Cab Shuttle Program. She reviewed the shuttle stops for both daytime and nighttime routes and explained provisions for flexibility, including accommodations for Borough special events and door-to-door service for seniors attending Borough events. She also discussed average quarterly ridership. Mr. Bria discussed adding a non-appropriation clause allowing termination if funding is not approved in future budgets. Mr. Frey stressed the importance of establishing performance goals for the service moving forward. Ms. Cecco explained that the RFP process would continue through the bidding process before budget decisions are made. Ms. Valliere shared that GVF was awarded a \$427,000 grant for the "My School in Motion" program, supporting pedestrian and bicycle safety education in local school districts, including Conshohocken Elementary.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a.) Discussion on a special event application for a block party on the 200 Block of West Fourth Avenue

The applicant, Austin Murphy, reviewed his request to hold a block party on August 16, 2026 from noon to 6pm. He provided details about the event and requested the closure of West 4th Avenue between Wood Street and Maple Street. Mr. Murphy and members of Council discussed the importance of fostering community connections among residents. Ms. Cecco stated that Borough Council would consider approving the application at the June Voting Meeting.

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Review and discuss proposals received in response to the RFP for Traffic Engineering Services for the Fayette Street Road Diet Project

Ms. Cecco reviewed the three (3) proposals received for traffic engineering services for the Fayette Street Road Diet Project. She explained that, because the project is funded through a PennDOT MTF grant, the proposals must be evaluated based on qualifications and technical merit rather than cost. She reported that two (2) firms met the project requirements, while one did not meet the proposed construction timeline. Ms. Cecco recommended awarding the bid to Pennoni Associates based on the firm's comprehensive proposal, demonstrated experience with similar projects, strong institutional knowledge, and clear understanding of the project schedule, grant requirements, and PennDOT requirements. She asked Council to consider awarding the contract to Pennoni Associates at the June Voting Meeting. She also noted that coordination with neighboring municipalities would be needed for portions of the project that extend beyond the Borough boundaries.

- b.) **Consider approving 440 East Ninth Avenue financial security escrow release no. 1 in the amount of \$67,220.00**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 440 East Ninth Avenue financial security escrow release no. 1 in the amount of \$67,220.00, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 6-0. (Sokolowski absent)

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

- a.) **Discussion on an amendment to the Parks and Recreation Ordinance**

Mr. Peters discussed the growth of the Recreation Department and the need to amend the ordinance to better reflect the department's current operations. He reviewed a proposed amendment to the Borough's Parks and Recreation Ordinance that would update regulations governing Borough parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities, clarify the role and responsibilities of the Recreation Department, and replace the Mary Wood Park Commission with a Parks and Recreation Commission to provide oversight of all Borough parks and recreational facilities. Mr. Peters asked Council to consider authorizing advertisement of the proposed ordinance amendment at the June Voting Meeting.

- b.) **Discussion on a resolution establishing rules and regulations in Borough parks, playgrounds and recreational areas**

Mr. Peters explained that, in conjunction with the proposed Parks and Recreation Ordinance amendment, Borough administration is recommending the addition of several new park rules and regulations to address the feeding of animals, e-bikes, food trucks, and inflatables. He asked Council to consider approving a resolution authorizing the establishment of these rules and regulations for Borough parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas at a future meeting.

- c.) **Discussion on a resolution authorizing a Mutual Aid Agreement with Whitemarsh Township for emergency services**

Mr. Peters stated that Conshohocken and Whitemarsh would like to formalize their mutual aid relationship through a written agreement. He explained that the intent of the agreement is to facilitate the sharing of personnel, equipment, and other resources during emergencies. He asked Council to consider approving a resolution authorizing the proposed agreement at the June Voting Meeting.

- d.) **Discussion on a resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Whitemarsh Township for code and inspection enforcement related to 401-433 Washington Street**

Mr. Peters explained that 60 apartment units within Building 6 of the land development project located at 401-433 Washington Street are situated in Whitemarsh Township. He reviewed the terms of a proposed intergovernmental agreement with Whitemarsh Township that would establish provisions for inspection and code enforcement services for those 60 units. He asked Council to consider approving a resolution authorizing the proposed agreement at the June Voting Meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson congratulated Rick's Tavern on its grand opening and shared photos from the event. He highlighted upcoming community events, including the Flyers Alumni Event and the Arts Festival, Car Show, and Bike Race. He shared that he participated in a Montgomery County Community College podcast focused on the importance of local government.

Ms. Kingsley recognized the Recreation Services staff on hosting a successful Senior Barbeque Luncheon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary