BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
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. 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 no public comments were received following the October 7th Work Session or regarding the October 21st public meeting agenda.

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

There was no public comment.

**PRESENTATIONS**

a.) **Proclamation 2026-08 Recognizing October 18-24, 2026 as Business Women's Week**

Mayor Aronson read a proclamation recognizing October 18-24 2026, as Business Women's Week in the Borough of Conshohocken. He presented the proclamation to Donna Jones with the Greater Conshohocken Professional Business Women.

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Proclamation 2026-08 recognizing October 18-24th as Business Women's Week in the Borough of Conshohocken, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.**

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

a.) **Consider adopting Ordinance 2026-03 stating the Borough's intention to issue general obligation bonds and take on non-electoral debt**

Council discussed the proposed general obligation bond ordinance with the Borough's Bond Counsel, Patrick Scott, and Financial Consultant, Garrett Moore. Mr. Moore explained that while the ordinance allows borrowing up to $15,000,000, the Borough expects to borrow about $12,500,000 for road improvements, fire equipment, a property purchase, and the construction of the Public Safety Facility project. He explained why the Borough plans to spread borrowing over several years and use a 25-year repayment term. Mr. Moore discussed the Borough's strong credit rating, the decision to work with RBC, and the possible increase in tax millage over several years. He noted that other revenue sources may help reduce the impact on residents. Ms. Cecco confirmed that the bond purchase agreement was posted on the Borough's website for public review.

**Mr. Bria made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-03 stating the Borough's intention to issue general obligation bonds and take on non-electoral debt, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

a.) **Approve and adopt the September 2 and September 16 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 23 Special Budget Meeting Minutes**
b.) **Approve the September-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**

**Mr. Serna to approve and adopt the September 2 and September 16 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 23 Special Budget Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.**

**Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the September-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of $2,905,675.60, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**a.) Conduct interviews for Board and Commission reappointments**

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Dennis Fay who was present to interview for reappointment to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Fay shared that he would like to continue serving on the Zoning Hearing Board because he enjoys being involved in the community. He explained that the time commitment has been manageable and encouraged others to consider joining the Board. He noted that his professional and personal experience has helped him understand zoning matters.

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Harry Ogletree who was present to interview for reappointment to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks. Mr. Ogletree shared updates on Friends of Conshohocken Parks, highlighting its fundraising, tree planting, and park improvement projects. He explained that the group works together to develop ideas that benefit the community and looks forward to collaborating with the Parks and Recreation Commission on future projects.

**b.) Consider authorizing advertisement for bids for construction of the Public Safety Facility**

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to authorize advertisement for bids for construction of the Public Safety Facility, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.**

**c.) Consider approving Resolution 2026-18 authorizing the submission of the 2026 CDBG application**

**Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-18 authorizing the submission of the 2026 CDBG application, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.**

**Consider approving the Borough's Three-Year Community Development Plan for the CDBG Program**

**Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the Borough's Three-Year Community Development Plan for the CDBG program, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.**

## NEW BUSINESS

**a.) Conduct an interview with an applicant for the Zoning Hearing Board**

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Keith Pagnotto-Hammitt who was present to interview for the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Pagnotto-Hammitt discussed his background in education and his family's experience in construction and real estate. He shared that he is interested in learning more about the rules and procedures and explained how his experience working through disagreements could be helpful. He discussed his appreciation for the community and confirmed he was willing to serve in either the regular or alternate position.

## COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson shared updates on recent community events, including a 5K race benefiting the Alyssa Rose STEM Foundation, Pumpkins in the Park, and the Halloween parade. He provided information about the upcoming food drive for the Colonial Neighborhood Council (CNC).

Mr. Serna encouraged all voters to check their polling locations before the election.

Ms. Sokolowski reminded drivers to use caution on Halloween night to help keep children safe.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary