BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
David Bria, 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 7:02 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski announced that Borough Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting regarding personnel, property and legal matters. She shared that no public comments were received following the September 16th public meeting or leading up to the October 7th public meeting.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Discuss and consider authorizing advertisement of an ordinance stating the Borough's intention to issue general obligation bonds and take on non-electoral debt, Patrick Scott, Obermayer

Patrick Scott, Special Counsel, reviewed the proposed ordinance which would authorize the issuance of up to $15,000,000.00 in bonds to fund the construction of the Public Safety Facility, the Road Program, the purchase of property for a Public Services facility, a fire truck, and bond issuance costs. He explained that the ordinance is similar to the one adopted in January and would authorize the necessary filings, appointment of RBC Capital Markets as underwriter, and execution of required documents. He asked Council to consider authorizing advertisement of the parameters ordinance prior to its consideration of adoption on October 21st.

Mr. Bria made a motion to authorize advertisement of the parameters ordinance that allows for the incurrence of non-electoral indebtness of the Borough in the maximum aggregate principal amount of up to $15,000,000 to be evidenced by the Borough's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2027, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Public Safety Services Facility Update, Alloy5

Giovanni Fuentes provided an update on the Borough's Public Safety Facility project, noting that it's currently in the construction documentation phase. He reviewed the project timeline, with bidding and contract award anticipated by the end of 2026 and construction scheduled to begin in spring 2027 and continue through June 2028. He asked Council to consider authorizing the advertisement of bids at the October 21st Voting Meeting. He also presented architectural renderings and the estimated construction cost. Ms. Cecco confirmed that anticipated 2027 expenses are included in the FY 2027 capital budget and that bond issuance will be coordinated with the construction schedule to ensure funds are available as needed.

a. Consider approving Resolution 2026-15 approving a waiver of subdivision and land development for the Borough of Conshohocken Public Safety Services Facility

Mr. Peters explained that the Public Safety Facility project requires a land development waiver because Borough projects are not exempt from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. He confirmed that Whitemarsh Township had approved a waiver of land development for the portion of the building located within Whitemarsh. He reviewed the proposed resolution, which would authorize the finalization and recording of the plans, consolidation of the three parcels, and coordination of all required outside agency approvals.

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-15 approving a waiver of subdivision and land development for the Borough of Conshohocken Public Safety Facility, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

b.) FY2026 Public Relations Recap, Neff Team

The Neff team presented a summary of its work for FY2026, which included social media, public relations, and email marketing. The team reported growth in social media followers and engagement, 168 media placements, over $16 million in public relations value, and an increase in email subscribers. The team discussed plans for 2027, including promoting local businesses, Borough events, and community programs, creating more video content, and growing the email subscriber list. Council members also discussed using social media, email, and public relations to inform residents about new voting districts, polling locations, changes in representation, open positions on Borough boards and commissions, and opportunities to participate in the upcoming 10-year Comprehensive Plan.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a.) Conduct interviews with applicants for the Parks and Recreation Commission

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Nina Lafferty who was present to interview for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Ms. Lafferty discussed her community involvement as co-president of the Conshohocken Elementary School PTO and a Colonial Soccer Club coach. She expressed interest in continuing to serve the community, emphasizing the need for recreational opportunities and safe gathering spaces for older children.

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Jenn Stieger who was present to interview for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Ms. Stiger discussed her background in marketing and communications. She highlighted the importance of parks in fostering community connections and supporting families. She identified accessibility, safety, and sustainability as priorities and suggested exploring a splash pad and improvements to smaller neighborhood parks.

b.) Consider rejecting all proposals received in response to the RFP for the Community Shuttle Service Renewal

Ms. Sokolowski stated that Borough Council had decided to no longer provide funding for the Conshohocken Cab in FY2027 and requested that Council consider rejecting all proposals received in response to the RFP for the shuttle service renewal.

Mr. Frey made a motion to reject all bids received in response to the RFP for the Community Shuttle Service Renewal, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Consider approving the First Addendum to the Agreement of Sale with RTI Colwell LLC for the property located at 680 Colwell Lane

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-16 approving the First Addendum to the Agreement of Sale with RTI Colwell LLC for the property located at 680 Colwell Lane subject to the final approval by the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

b.) Consider approving Resolution 2026-17 approving a supplemental appropriation for the purchase of property located at 680 Colwell Lane

Ms. Cecco stated that the purchase price is $5,900,000.00, plus closing costs. She explained that the purchase will be funded through available cash from the Borough's General Fund and Capital Fund. She added that the Borough plans to issue bonds in the coming year and may use a portion of the proceeds to reimburse the Capital Fund.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-17 approving a supplemental appropriation to the FY2026 budget for the purchase of property located at 680 Colwell Lane, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

c.) Consider accepting a resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate

Mr. Serna made a motion to accept the resignation of Chris Dearolf from the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

d.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Detective Bahn for the fall 2026 semester

Mr. Bria made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Detective Bahn for the fall 2026 semester in the amount of $1,425.00 plus the cost of books per the collective bargaining agreement, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

e.) Consider authorizing the submission of an application to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to authorize the submission of an application to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

f.) **Consider approving change order no. 4 for the Second Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza Project**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve change order no. 4 in the amount of $18,116.50 for the Second Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza Project, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

g.) **Consider approving payment application no. 6 for the Second Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza Project**

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve payment application no. 6 for the Second Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza Project in the amount of $243,403.30, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 6-0. (Chmielewski absent)

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal matters.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson provided updates on recent community events, including the annual Shredding Event, a Conshohocken Running Club 5K benefiting Team Foster, and the EAC's Community Clean-up. He provided information about the Fire Prevention Expo and encouraged residents and families to attend.

Mr. Serna shared that the EAC has three upcoming vacancies and encouraged public participation in its environmental initiatives.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary