

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

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 7:03 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting on property, legal and personnel matter.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Swearing-in of Police Chief David Lennon, Mayor Aronson

Mayor Aronson swore in David Lennon as the Chief of Police of the Conshohocken Police Department.

b.) Proclamation 03-2024 designating April as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month

Ms. Barton read a Proclamation designating April as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Proclamation 03-2024 designating April as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month in the Borough of Conshohocken, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Presentation on Feel the Beat special event, Beats for Bella & HeartWorks, Erin Borkowski

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Erin Borkowski to present the Beats for Bella and HeartWorks special event request. Ms. Borkowski stated that Beats for Bella, a local non-profit organization, and HeartWorks would like to host an event to connect with families who are affected by congenital heart defects. She shared that the event would be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at the Community Center and Mary Wood Park. Additional event details were discussed.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Consider approving a resolution authorizing the submission of the COVID Multipurpose Community Facilities Grant application

Ms. Cecco explained that air conditioning units for the gymnasium at the Community Center were an approved capital budget item for FY 2024. She added that the heating unit for the gymnasium has stopped working. Ms. Cecco shared that administration is recommending that Borough Council consider replacing the heating unit with a dual heating and air conditioning unit. She explained that the scope of work for the HVAC replacement project meets the requirements for the COVID-19 ARPA Capital Projects Fund Multi-Purpose Community Facilities grant. Ms. Cecco stated that, if awarded the grant, \$250,000 could be received for the project. She explained that \$130,000 was already budgeted in 2024 capital items for the addition of air conditioning units. She asked Council to consider approving a resolution to approve the submission of the grant at the Voting Meeting in April.

b.) Consider appointing an applicant to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks

Mr. Serna made a motion to appoint Eileen Fay to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) **Consider approving the first and final professional services escrow release for 227 Washington Street sketch plan in the amount of \$1,800.26 plus interest**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the first and final professional services escrow release for 227 Washington Street sketch plan in the amount of \$1,800.26 plus interest, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

- a.) **Discuss a Third Addendum to the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Covanta**

Mr. Peters asked Council to consider approving a Third Addendum to the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Covanta for the additional 5-year option period as specified in the original agreement from 2014. Mr. Peters explained that the agreement provides for no rate increase in 2025 and a 3% increase each year through 2029.

Mr. Chmielewski asked if administration looked into alternative options for trash disposal. Ms. Cecco shared that an analysis of available options in 2020 revealed the most cost-effective option is Covanta.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson shared pictures from the Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Center. He thanked the Recreation Department for hosting a successful event. He also shared that Discover Conshohocken is hosting a Borough wide Book Signing event on April 6, 2024. He explained that book signings by local authors would be held all over Conshohocken at local businesses. Mayor Aronson reminded everyone that Conshy Baseball and Softball League Opening Day is April 13, 2024.

Mr. Serna announced that the EAC GreenFest is on April 27, 2024 at Mary Wood Park and the Community Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary