

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President  
Jane Flanagan, Council Vice-President  
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member  
Anita Barton, Council Member  
Tina Sokolowski, Council Member  
James Griffin, 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. Colleen Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

**PRAYER FOR COUNCIL**

Ms. Barton read a Prayer for Council.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Leonard announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the meeting regarding a property matter and legal matter.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a.) **Approve and adopt the July 17 Regular Meeting and July 24 Special Meeting Minutes**
- b.) **Accept the July-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,832,435.67.**

**Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a.) **Conduct an interview for the Dog Park Advisory Committee**

Ms. Leonard introduced Celia King who was present to interview for the Dog Park Advisory Committee. Ms. King shared some information about herself. Ms. Flanagan asked what her top priority would be as a member of the Committee. Ms. King stressed the importance of creating a dialogue with community members about the dog park.

- b.) **335 East Hector Street Zoning Hearing Board Application**

Ms. Leonard invited Chris Stetler, Zoning Officer, to the podium to introduce the application. Ms. Stetler stated that the owner of the property is requesting zoning variances for built area and impervious coverage. She added that off-street parking is also being requested. Ms. Stetler explained that the dwelling size and configuration do not meet the needs of the current family. She added that an interpretation of the Ordinance regarding the location of the decks is required.

The property owner, Ricole Morgan, was present to answer any questions. Ms. Barton asked questions about impervious coverage and the proposed parking pad, which Ms. Stetler answered.

- c.) **Consider the resignation of a Dog Park Advisory Committee Member**

Ms. Leonard shared that administration received notification of the resignation of Kaitlin Rosen from the Dog Park Advisory Committee.

**Ms. Barton made a motion to accept the resignation of Jessica Roth from the Dog Park Advisory Committee, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

- d.) **Consider approving a block party request for the 200 block of East Eighth Avenue**

Ms. Cecco stated neighbors of the 200 block of East Eighth Avenue are requesting approval to hold a block party on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. Ms. Flanagan mentioned that the event is a recurring request.

**Ms. Flanagan made a motion to approve a block party request for the 200 block of East Eighth Avenue, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**e.) Consider authorizing the purchase of a dump truck for the Public Services Department**

Ms. Cecco explained that the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-550 dump truck would replace a 1999 dump truck that currently requires over \$21,000.00 in repairs. She confirmed that the total cost of the truck including the cost of the fit out, would be \$99,135.00.

**Mr. Stokley made a motion to authorize the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-550 dump truck in the amount of \$99,135.00, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a.) Consider appointing applicants to Boards and Commissions**

**Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to appoint Mark BonavitaCola to the Board of Code Appeals, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**Ms. Flanagan made a motion to appoint Celia King to the Dog Park Advisory Committee, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**b.) Consider authorizing advertisement of an RFP for towing services**

**Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to authorize advertisement of an RFP for towing services, seconded by Mr. Stokley. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

Ms. Cecco added two (2) items to the agenda.

Ms. Cecco asked Council to consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Washington Fire Company. **Ms. Leonard made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Washington Fire Company, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

Ms. Cecco asked Council to consider approving the terms of the loan agreements with Seven Tower Bridge and the Oliver Tyrone Pulver Corporation and authorizing the Borough Manager and Solicitor to finalize the terms and agreements in preparation for closing. Ms. Cecco reviewed the terms of the loan agreements. Ms. Sokolowski requested that a provision be added to the parking agreements, which would allow the Borough to amend the parking enforcement and regulation terms. Mr. Peters confirmed that the requested provision would be added to the agreements. **Ms. Leonard made a motion to approve the terms of the loan agreements with Seven Tower Bridge and the Oliver Tyrone Pulver Corporation and authorize the Borough Manager and Solicitor to finalize the terms and agreements, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 6-0. (Tutino absent)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Makoid, 112 West 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, shared data from a 2017 report from Covanta to the DEP, which lists the types of emissions and pollutants that are released from the plant. He reviewed the proximity of the facility to elementary schools, playgrounds and parks. Mr. Makoid discussed resident concerns relating to Covanta Plymouth, which included air pollution-related illnesses and systems failures and uncontrolled shutdowns in the plant. Ms. Barton confirmed that Plymouth Township is hiring a firm to evaluate the operation of the plant. Mr. Stokley shared that several members of Council toured the Covanta facility.

Mayor Aronson shared that the Dog Park Advisory Committee held their Roundtable Discussion on August 20, 2019. He also shared that Sarah Aronson would be holding a suicide prevention and awareness event on September 10, 2019 at the Plymouth Community Center.

Mr. Stokley reminded all residents to avoid distractions while driving and to obey traffic signs and signals.

Ms. Sokolowski urged motorists to exercise caution as the 2019-2020 school year begins.

Ms. Flanagan reminded residents that October 7, 2019 is the last day to register to vote before the November 5, 2019 election.

Superintendent Metz shared that Coldwell Banker Preferred in conjunction with the Police Department will be hosting a shredding event on September 14, 2019 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Ms. Cecco reminded everyone that Funfest is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2019 on Fayette Street.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie Cecco,  
Borough Secretary