

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, March 20, 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
Karen Tutino, 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. Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

Ms. Sokolowski read a Prayer for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Council President announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Conduct interviews for Board and Commission vacancies

Ms. Cecco introduced Deborah Stovall who was present to interview for the vacancy on the Human Relations Commission. Ms. Leonard asked why she would like to serve on the Human Relations Commission. Ms. Stovall discussed her passion for public service. She provided an overview of her educational and professional experience and reviewed her background as a civil servant and non-profit board member. Ms. Stovall described the role of the Human Relations Commission. Ms. Flanagan asked what her top priority would be as a member of the Commission. Ms. Stovall replied ensuring a due diligence process for each and every complaint.

Ms. Cecco introduced Holly Holst who was present to interview for the vacancy on the EAC. Ms. Leonard asked if there is anything that she would like to accomplish as a member of the EAC. Ms. Holst responded that she would like to continue to build on community engagement and public programming, specifically with the youth. She discussed working for the National Parks Service and providing educational opportunities for youth to learn about environmental conservation, pollution prevention, natural resources and stewardship. Ms. Sokolowski asked if there is a particular initiative of the EAC that she is most passionate about. Ms. Holst discussed family-centered activities, such as the community cleanup events.

b.) Presentation of a Proclamation for PA One Call

Ms. Cecco read a proclamation, which designated April as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month."

Mr. Stokley made a motion to adopt the Proclamation designating April as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the January 2 and January 16 Meeting Minutes and the February 6 Regular Meeting and Special Meeting Minutes**
- b.) Accept the February-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$386,363.65**

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve the consent agenda items a.) and b.), seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Consider 134 West First Avenue Maintenance Security in the amount of \$5,742.72.**

Ms. Cecco shared that the Borough received a request for a release of maintenance security for the land development project located at 134 West First Avenue. She explained that the Borough Engineer inspected the completed site improvements and prepared a recommended escrow release for approval by Council.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to authorize the release of 134 West First Avenue Maintenance Security in the amount of \$5,742.72, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider approving the Police Association Conshy 5k**

Ms. Cecco shared that the Conshy Running Club and Conshohocken Police Department requested approval to host the Conshy 5k race on April 27, 2019. She reviewed the event timeline and race course, which was approved by the Police Department. She added that all proceeds go to the Conshohocken Police Association and ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve the Police Association Conshy 5k on April 27, 2019 and waive all associated fees, seconded by Mr. Stokley. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Consider appointing applicants to various Board and Commission vacancies**

Ms. Barton made a motion to appoint Deborah Stovall to the Human Relations Commission, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Leonard made a motion to appoint Sarah Kratz to the Dog Park Advisory Committee, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to appoint Timothy Snyder to the Environmental Advisory Council, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider authorizing advertisement of an RFP for Police Consulting Services**

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to authorize advertisement of an RFP for Police Consulting Services, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) OPEB Trust**

- a. Consider approving the creation of a GASB qualified Trust for Other Post Employment Benefits**

Ms. Flanagan made a motion to approve the creation of a GASB qualified Trust for Other Post Employment Benefits, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- b. Consider approving the investment advisory agreement with PFM Asset Management for the Borough's OPEB Trust**

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the investment advisory agreement with PFM Asset Management for the Borough's OPEB Trust, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 7-0.

- c. Consider authorizing the Borough Manager to serve as the Borough's authorized officer and plan administrator for the Other Post Employment Benefits Plan**

Ms. Tutino made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to serve as the Borough's authorized officer and plan administrator for the Other Post Employment Benefits Plan, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- d. Consider authorizing the Borough Manager to execute documents related to the generation of the OPEB Trust**

Mr. Griffin made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to execute documents related to the generation of the OPEB Trust, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Cecco added an additional agenda item relative to the OPEB Trust. She asked Council to consider approving the Section 115 Trust Agreement with US National Bank Association.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve the Section 115 Trust Agreement with US National Bank Association, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stacy Ellam, 334 West 10th Avenue, requested that the Borough properly notify residents of any road closures for the Conshy 5k.

Mayor Aronson thanked all parties responsible for making the St. Patrick's Day Parade a success. He reminded everyone about the CPR Class on March 23, 2019 at the Conshohocken Brewing Company. He announced that the Dog Park Advisory Committee is hosting Pints with Pups on March 24, 2019 to meet residents and discuss the Riverside Dog Park.

Mr. Stokley, Ms. Barton, Ms. Sokolowski, Mr. Griffin, Ms. Tutino and Superintendent Metz spoke about the success and attendance of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Ms. Flanagan shared that the Mary Wood Park Commission and Friends of Conshohocken Parks continue to plan for the Mary Wood Park Centennial Celebration. She acknowledged the participation of the Conshohocken Police Department in a statewide aggressive-driving enforcement initiative.

Ms. Cecco stated that PennDOT would not begin re-pavement of West Elm Street on March 25, 2019. She shared that information regarding the start date of this improvement project would be posted to the Borough's website and social media pages.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary