

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, August 5th, 2015

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: James Griffin, Council Vice-President
Karen Tutino, Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
Matthew Ryan, Council Member
Edward Phipps, Council Member
Robert Stokley, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Richard J. Manfredi, Borough Manager
Michael Savona, Borough Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at Conshohocken Borough Hall, 8th Avenue & Fayette Street, Conshohocken, Pa. Mr. James Griffin, Council Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

Mr. Phipps read the Prayer for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATIONS

a) Hearing regarding a waiver of off-street parking for 128 Fayette Street, El Limon

Ms. Christine Stetler gave a detailed presentation on the waiver of off-street parking for 128 Fayette Street. She added that the proposal is to designate two spaces in the parking lot to El Limon for restaurant use. Mr. Manfredi noted that Mr. Stokley had left the dias because of a conflict of interest and that Mr. Stokley had submitted a letter of recusal for this project. Mr. Steve Vecchio, owner of 128 Fayette Street, and Ms. Karina Vargas, owner of El Limon, both presented. Mr. Griffin closed the hearing. With no comment from the public, Mr. Manfredi announced that this item will be voted on in two weeks.

b) Discuss awarding LeeLand Manor market Analysis and feasibility assessment, Paul Vernon KSK Planners Architects Historians

Mr. Paul Vernon provided a brief summary on the two proposals. The cost of the RES/PKF proposal is \$17,500 without expenses, while the Urban Partners proposal is \$16,500 with expenses included. He added that the Urban Partners' proposal is more thorough overall. This item will be voted upon in two weeks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Approve or reject change orders for the Borough Hall Project

Mr. Greg Kane of Keystone Property summarized each of the seven change orders. Mr. Hughes provided some details on COR #17007-2 for \$169,934.00, which is a not to exceed number. He also explained the retaining wall issues in detail and a discrepancy in the credits for this project. The seven change orders total \$369,513.60, however this number will be revised. Mr. Kane stated that the Tele-Data Bid, for the telephone and data cabling, received 5 bidders. The low bidder was Fraser. Mr. Manfredi suggested that COR # 17094 for \$16,630.80 should be removed and be considered "in dispute".

NEW BUSINESS

a) Request for letter of support to rename the Matsonford Bridge

Ms. Jane Dougherty was present to explain this item. She proposed that the bridge be renamed the Clayborne-Dougherty Bridge. Mr. Griffin and Mr. Stokley were both verbally in agreement. A resident, Ms. Rosemary Northcutt, commented that changing the bridge's name would take away from its historical significance because it has ties to the Revolutionary War. Council gave Mr. Manfredi permission to draft a letter supporting Ms. Dougherty's proposal to rename the bridge.

b) Consider First Avenue and Wood Street plans for minor subdivision land development, LD-2015-03, Amy Mayer, Borough Planner

Mr. Vernon presented on behalf of Ms. Amy Mayer. The applicant, Mr. Jason Catania, was also present to provide further details. Mr. Savona proposed having Mr. Phipps and Ms. Tutino visit the location and review the plans with the applicant. After some discussion about allowing parking in the cul-de-sac, Council stated that this would be voted on in two weeks.

c) Consider bid proposals for the 2015 Paving Project and Infrastructure Project

Mr. Hughes gave a detailed presentation on this item. He noted that the low bidder for the 2015 Paving Project was Kehoe Construction and recommended that Council approve the notice of intent to award in two weeks. Mr. Manfredi added that the landscape architect would be present to give a presentation of the plan for Hector Street at the next Council meeting. Mr. Manfredi clarified that all trees on Hector Street will be removed and the road will be repaved prior to determining the future landscaping.

Mr. Dennis Beaver shared public comment in regards to Hector Street. Mr. Joe Fiorello also commented on this issue.

MANAGER MATTERS

a) Approve July 2015 Minutes

b) Approve June-ending Treasurer's Report

c) St. Paul's Baptist Church fee waiver

d) Set a date for Planning Commission vacancy issues

e) Consider a tax petition filed for Ram's Recycling

Mr. Manfredi noted that items (a) through (e) would be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

f) Emergency Management Co. Mass Casualty Drill

Mr. Robert Zinni announced that this Drill will be open to Council, but not the public. It will be held on October 18th from 9am-1pm. Mr. Zinni also discussed details of the Pope's visit and commented that the Borough may become gridlocked during the visit.

g) YMCA Corporate Office move-in to New Borough Hall 8/10/15

Mr. Manfredi and Ms. Barton have reviewed a few options for a special parking area along Forrest Street for YMCA vehicles. They have also planned to provide shuttling for the contractors. Council consented to this plan.

h) Ice Rink at B Field idea from Business Development Commission

Mr. Manfredi provided background on this item. He added that this rink will cost \$13,000 and the Business Development Commission has already paid \$6,000. Mr. Ryan suggested that Council support this event, but let the businesses assist with the remaining cost.

LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal matters to discuss.

COUNCIL MEMBER & MAYOR MATTERS

Mr. Ryan announced that he will be moving out-of-state, and will therefore be resigning from Council as of August 19, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dennis Beaver inquired about the impact of the Borough's redevelopment on all residents, especially seniors. He added that Council should give these projects more consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary