

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Robert Frost, Mayor  
Paul McConnell, Council President  
Karen Tutino, Council Member  
Anita Barton, Council Member  
Matthew Ryan, Council Member  
Robert Stokley, Council Member  
Edward Phipps, Council Member

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at Conshohocken Borough Hall, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Fayette Street, Conshohocken, Pa. Mr. Paul McConnell, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**PRAYER FOR COUNCIL**

Ms. Deborah Stovall, former Councilwoman, read a prayer for Council.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1. COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements made.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**a.) Presentation of a resolution of appreciation to Vivian Angelucci for her many years of dedicated service to the Borough of Conshohocken.**

Paul McConnell announced that the Council would begin the meeting by honoring Vivian Angelucci. Mr. McConnell then read and presented Borough of Conshohocken Resolution 2015-02 to Ms. Angelucci.

Paul McConnell presented flowers to Ms. Angelucci and introduced Mayor Frost who read a second resolution in honor of Ms. Angelucci from Senator Vincent Hughes honoring Ms. Angelucci.

Before reading the resolution, Mayor Frost commented that he and Vivian had worked together for many years, especially on the sesquicentennial celebration that was celebrated in 2000; the celebration was the culmination of 8 years of planning of which Ms. Angelucci played an integral part.

Representative Mary Jo Daley presented a resolution to honor Ms. Angelucci and mentioned that Ms. Angelucci was one of the first people she met in the borough and that Ms. Angelucci shared her love of Conshohocken with Ms. Daley.

Mr. McConnell presented a plaque to honor Ms. Angelucci.

Mr. McConnell opened the floor for any other comments on Ms. Angelucci's notable service. Ms. Deborah Stovall commented to Ms. Angelucci that she was her first introduction to public service in Conshohocken and that they had met 15 years ago when Ms. Stovall moved to the 300 Block of Elm Street. Ms. Stovall added that the Borough was blessed to have her leadership, knowledge, vision, and commitment.

Ms. Angelucci commented that that she would like to thank members of Borough Council, all present at that meeting, Council President Paul McConnell and Chris Stetler for the excellent job she has done as Zoning Officer. Ms. Angelucci also mentioned the other members and stated that she will be coming in as a resident and not a member of the Zoning Board to their future meetings.

Mr. McConnell introduced the next order of business from the Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2 about the new fire truck.

**b.) Representatives of Conshohocken # 2 re: fire truck.**

John Costello, Treasurer of Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2, presented and noted that President of Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2, Jackie Pierce was also in attendance. Mr. Costello stated that he would like thank Borough Council for purchasing the new Pierce fire apparatus for their company.

He added that it took about two years to get through writing the spec, the bid and the award and an additional nine months for Pierce to build the truck for the company. He thanked Councilman Phipps for going along on two trips to the factory in Appleton, WI to view prints and to inspect the final truck.

Mr. McConnell asked if there were any questions or comments from Council and Mayor Frost commented that the purchase was "Money well spent." Mr. McConnell thanked the local fire companies for their public service.

**c.) Hearing to review the past performance of the cable operator, Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania, LLC, and to identify the community's future cable-related needs.**

Mr. McConnell introduced the next agenda item, a hearing about the cable operator Comcast and invited Mr. Manfredi to introduce the item.

Mr. Manfredi shared that, as we work through the new Comcast cable agreement, one of the first requirements is a public hearing regarding the renewal of the franchise agreement. Mr. Manfredi stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to review the past performance of the cable operator, identify future cable-related needs and to provide the public an opportunity to make Council aware of their needs and comment on the service. Mr. Manfredi also noted that there was a public notice in the newspaper directing residents to contact him directly with any comments and that none were received prior to the meeting.

Mr. McConnell asked if anyone had any comments on Comcast and none were shared.

Mr. Manfredi advised that the record should reflect that the hearing was opened and the hearing was closed with no public in attendance to make comment.

Mr. McConnell then introduced the consent agenda items which were discussed at the meeting two weeks ago.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a.) Consider request to waive back taxes, penalty and interest owed by Michael John.
- b.) Consider request to waive NextDocs Corporation's 2012 and 2013 Business Privilege Tax penalties and interest.
- c.) Consider request to waive MEO & Associates' 2013 Business Privilege Tax penalty and interest.
- d.) Consider adopting the 401-433 Washington Street sewer facilities module resolution.
- e.) Consider Minutes for the January 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting.
- f.) Consider the Change Order Request # 2 for the Borough Hall Project.

**A motion to accept the consent agenda as read was made by Robert Stokley and seconded by Anita Barton. The motion carried 6-0.**

Mr. Ryan asked for clarification that the intention of the motion was to reject items a., b., and c. Mr. McConnell explained that Mr. Ryan's understanding was correct and added that the motion was also meant to accept items d., e., and f.

### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. McConnell allowed Borough Manager, Mr. Manfredi, to introduce the unfinished business item. Mr. Manfredi stated that Council decided last year to interview all candidates for all vacancies on board and commissions as requested by Council. Two candidates had conflicts and their interviews never occurred, and in accordance with the Sunshine Act, these must be discussed publicly. The question as to whether or not Council would like to conduct the interviews for the Planning Commission and Civil Service vacancy was put before Council.

**Mr. Ryan made a motion to reappoint both cases. The motion was seconded by Robert Stokley. The motion carried 6-0.**

The motion was amended into two separate motions. Mr. Savona clarified that the first motion is to appoint David Bertram to the Planning Commission vacancy with a term that he is to fill. The second motion is to appoint Marty Eckert to the Civil Service Commission vacancy with a term that he is to fill.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McConnell introduced new business and Mr. Manfredi shared that he attended a meeting that day and was invited by PennDOT to discuss the FedEx Ground Facility Distribution Center that is going to be located in Upper Merion Township. It will be a large facility with a lot of trucks primarily coming from Hagerstown to the facility which will put traffic onto 23 which may drive traffic from West Conshohocken to Conshohocken's Fayette Street. PennDOT invited Conshohocken as well as Whitmarsh Township to the discussion because they are aware of the traffic issues PennDOT tried to

drive home the need for a regional view of traffic and transportation and asked if Conshohocken would consider sending a letter to Upper Merion asking them to think about the regional impact on traffic. Mr. Manfredi asked if Council had any objection to sending the letter asking that they be thoughtful to their neighboring municipalities that would be circulated to Council before it was sent to Upper Merion.

Mayor Frost asked how many square feet the facility would be and Mr. Manfredi said that that was not yet discussed. Mr. Ryan asked how many trucks and Mr. Manfredi responded that there are over 1100 but they are staggered.

Mr. McConnell asked if there was any other new business that required Council's attention and Mr. Savona mentioned that the Vivian Angelucci resolution was first adopted last fall, but that it needs to be adopted as a 2015 Resolution. Mr. McConnell added that someone would need to make a motion, second, and vote on re-adopting that resolution.

**Mr. Phipps made a motion to re-adopt it that was seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 6-0.**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment shared.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary