

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Tina Sokolowski, Council Vice-President
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member
Anita Barton, 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. Colleen Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

Ms. Sokolowski 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 regularly scheduled public meeting regarding legal and personnel matters.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Conduct an interview for reappointment to the Mary Wood Park Commission

Ms. Leonard introduced Kristen Hughes Heal who was present to interview for reappointment to the Mary Wood Park Commission. Ms. Leonard asked why she would like to continue to serve of the Commission. Ms. Hughes Heal discussed how she would like to continue working on fundraising opportunities for the Park House.

Mr. Stokley made a motion to reappoint Kristen Hughes Heal to the Mary Wood Park Commission for a two (2) year term, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 6-0. (Flanagan absent)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a.) Approve and adopt the December 4 and December 18 Regular Meeting Minutes

b.) Accept the December-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,854,599.46

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve and adopt the December 4 and December 18 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 6-0. (Flanagan absent)

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the December-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,854,599.46, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 6-0. (Flanagan absent)

NEW BUSINESS

a.) Consider approving Resolution 2020-01 authorizing the sale of a 2013 Chevy Tahoe through Municibid at a minimum sale price of \$5,000.00

Ms. Cecco shared that Borough Administration has identified a 2013 Chevy Tahoe that is no longer of use to the Borough. She asked Council to consider authorizing the sale of the vehicle on Municibid at a minimum sale price of \$5,000.00.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01 authorizing the sale of a 2013 Chevy Tahoe through Municibid at a minimum sale price of \$5,000.00, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Flanagan absent)

b.) Consider authorizing the sale and disposal of a 1997 International Dump Truck per procedures for sale of surplus personal property with fair market value of less than \$1,000.00 as designated by Resolution 14 of 2018

Ms. Cecco asked Council to consider authorizing the sale and disposal of a 1997 International Dump Truck. She confirmed that the Borough has satisfied the Borough code requirements for sale of Borough assets through the public bidding process. She explained that since the value of the vehicle is under \$1,000.00,

Administration would proceed with scraping the vehicle, per procedures designated in Resolution 14 of 2018, for an estimated profit of \$200.00.

Ms. Barton made a motion to authorize the sale and disposal of a 1997 International Dump Truck per procedures for sale of surplus personal property with fair market value of less than \$1,000.00 as designated by Resolution 14 of 2018, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 6-0. (Flanagan absent)

c.) Consider approving Amendment to the Completion Covenant, Completion Guaranty and Agreement of Sale for Keystone Property Group

Mr. Peters reviewed the proposed Amendment to the Completion Covenant, Completion Guaranty and Agreement of Sale for Keystone Property Group.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve an Amendment to the Completion Covenant, Completion Guaranty and Agreement of Sale for Keystone Property Group, seconded by Mr. Griffin. Mr. Stokley recused himself. The motion carried 5-0. (Flanagan absent)

d.) Consider approving the 2019 Fair Housing Plan Update

Ms. Cecco explained that since the Borough receives federal funds through CDBG, the Borough is required to conduct one (1) new activity per year to further affirm fair housing. She shared that the activity in 2019 was to update the Borough's Fair Housing Plan and asked Council to consider approving the updated plan.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the 2019 Fair Housing Plan Update, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 6-0. (Flanagan absent)

e.) Consider approving 204 East Eighth Avenue financial security release no. 2 in the amount of \$15,177.60

Ms. Cecco stated that the Borough Engineer inspected the completed site improvements and is recommending the release of \$15,177.60.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve 204 East Eighth Avenue financial security release no. 2 in the amount of \$15,177.60, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 6-0. (Flanagan absent)

f.) Consider authorizing the Montgomery County Saint Patrick's Parade Committee to hold the 2020 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Conshohocken

Ms. Cecco provided details about the event.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to authorize the Montgomery County Saint Patrick's Parade Committee to hold the 2020 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Conshohocken, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Flanagan absent)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Gephardt, 131 West 12th Avenue, reported an increase in the number of vehicles running red lights on Fayette Street. He asked Council to consider relocating the Police Association Conshy 5K to the east side of the Borough.

Mayor Aronson thanked the Conshohocken Police Department for their participation in arresting a suspect in connection with the vehicle break-ins along the local Regional Rail line and the Schuylkill River Trail. He shared photos from the Montgomery County Fire Police Awards Banquet. He also shared that the Conshohocken Dog Park Advisory Committee would be hosting a giveback night at the Conshohocken Brewery in lieu of their regularly scheduled January monthly meeting.

Ms. Sokolowski provided an update on the first fundraising event for the Friends of Conshohocken Parks.

Superintendent Metz announced that Officer Caleb Smith and his wife welcomed their first child.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary