

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Tina Sokolowski, Council Vice President
Anita Barton, Council Member
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Member
Adrian Serna, 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 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Council President announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for agenda items only)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Recognition of Chief Metz for 38 years of service

Borough Council and Mayor Aronson recognized George Metz for his 38 years of service and dedication to the Borough of Conshohocken as a Patrol Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Police Chief for the Conshohocken Police Department.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

There were no land use matters, public hearings and ordinances.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the May 3 and May 17 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b.) Approve the May-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$666,210.11**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the May 3 and May 17 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the May-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$666,210.11, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

NEW BUSINESS

a.) Conduct an interview for ZHB Alternate position

Ms. Leonard introduced Carmen Musitano who was present to interview for the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) Alternate position. Mr. Musitano discussed his interest in the position and reviewed the role of the ZHB. He stated that he has attended ZHB meetings in the past.

- b.) Consider approving 331 West Seventh Avenue professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$3,572.21**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 331 West Seventh Avenue professional services escrow release no. 1 (final) in the amount of \$3,572.21, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

- c.) Consider approving payment application no. 1 for Lenni Electric Corp., Inc., for the Fayette Street Pedestrian Crossings Project

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve payment application no. 1 for Lenni Electric Corp., Inc., for the Fayette Street Pedestrian Crossing Project in the amount of \$134,869.50, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

- d.) Consider authorizing a stipulation agreement to reduce the assessment value for 191 Washington Street

Ms. Barton made a motion to authorize a stipulation agreement to reduce the assessment value for 191 Washington Street to \$8,000,000 resulting in a total decrease in tax value of \$21,910.50 for tax years 2022 and 2023, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

- e.) Consider approving the Second Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for AFSCME

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the Second Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the AFSCME Union for years 2024, 2025 and 2026, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

- f.) Consider approving a Pole Attachment Agreement with PECO for the installation of license plate recognition cameras

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve a pole attachment agreement with PECO for the installation of the license plate recognition cameras contingent upon final approval by PECO and review by the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

- g.) Consider approving the Deed of Dedication, Land Swap Deeds and Amendment to the Access Easements for 51 Washington Street

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the Deed of Dedication, Land Swap Deeds and Amendment to the Access Easements for 51 Washington Street contingent upon approval by the Borough Engineer and subsequently recorded in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

- h. Consider approving 51 Washington Street financial security escrow release no. 4 (final) in the amount of \$282,582.23

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 51 Washington Street financial security escrow release no. 4 (final) in the amount of \$282,582.23 contingent upon the Developer providing updated legal descriptions and related exhibits based on the as-built conditions for the deed of dedication, easements, and land swaps for review and approval by the Borough Engineer and subsequently recording them in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving Resolution 2023-15 approving an amendment to the approval of preliminary/final subdivision and land development for Matson Mill

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-15 approving an amendment to the approval of preliminary/final subdivision and land development for Matson Mill, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

- b.) Consider appointing an applicant to the EAC

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to appoint Mia Barbaro to the EAC, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson formally delegated duties of the Police Department to Lieutenant Lennon and delegated him as Acting Chief effective July 1, 2023.

Ms. Barton congratulated Dave Lennon on his role as Acting Chief.

Ms. Kingsley thanked Chief Metz for his years of service to the Borough and congratulated Dave Lennon on his new position of Acting Chief.

Mr. Serna wished everyone a safe Fourth of July. He announced an upcoming public hearing by the DEP concerning air quality around the local Cleveland Cliffs facility.

Ms. Tutino announced that a Work Session will not be held in July.

Ms. Leonard reminded everyone about the Fireworks event and the Soapbox Derby.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary