

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Tina Sokolowski, Council Vice President
Anita Barton, Council Member
Stacy Ellam, 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

PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG APPLICATION

Chris Stetler, Community Development and Grant Management Coordinator, shared that the Borough is eligible to receive \$153,141.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). She explained that the funds must be used to benefit low- and moderate-income residents and areas of the community. Ms. Stetler explained that the purpose of the hearing is to solicit input on how the CDBG funds should be used. She reviewed program eligibility requirements. She discussed uses for CDBG funds and provided examples of projects previously funded by the CDBG grant. She also discussed requirements related to emergency work.

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 7:15 PM.

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 on personnel and property matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for agenda items only)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

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 June 7 and June 21 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b.) Approve the June-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$997,875.03

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the June 7 and June 21 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the June-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$997,875.03, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving terms of compensation for Acting Chief of Police

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the terms of compensation for Acting Chief of Police, David Lennon, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider approving zoning escrow releases for 227 Washington Street and 111 West Tenth Avenue

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve zoning escrow releases for 227 Washington Street in the amount of \$1,031.33 plus interest and 111 West Tenth Avenue in the amount of \$242.33 plus interest, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider approving SORA West financial security escrow release no. 12 in the amount of \$8,930.00

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve SORA West financial security escrow release no. 12 in the amount of \$8,930.00, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) Consider approving Resolution 2023-16 supporting the Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-16 supporting the Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

e.) Consider approving payment certificate no. 1 for the 2023 Liquid Fuels Road Program

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve payment certificate no. 1 for the 2023 Liquid Fuels Road Program in the amount of \$134,027.74, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

f.) Consider approving an expenditure request from the Friends of Conshohocken Parks

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve a \$125.00 expenditure request for the Friends of Conshohocken Parks for the shoe drive fundraiser with Got Sneakers, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

g.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Detective Walter for the 2024 winter semester

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Detective Walter for the 2024 winter semester in the amount of \$1,194.05, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson recognized Borough staff for their hard work with the Fireworks Event and Soapbox Derby. He reminded everyone about Sprinkler Nights and the Borough's Summer Concert Series.

Ms. Barton shared that Borough Council installed benches at Sutcliffe Park and Aubrey Collins Park in recognition of former Council Members Robert Stokley and James "Ike" Griffin. She thanked Borough staff for making the Fireworks Event a success.

Ms. Tutino shared that Borough Council recognized Robert Stokley and James "Ike" Griffin for their years of service as Council Members by installing benches at Sutcliffe Park and Aubrey Collins Park.

Ms. Sokolowski reminder residents to report concerns or requests for service on the Borough's online portal. She added that the Police Department also has a portal for residents to report traffic concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary