

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, August 2, 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

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.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Leonard announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting on personnel and legal matters.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Waiver of Land Development Application for 227 Washington Street: Morgan Properties Acquisition Company LLC, Applicant

Matt McHugh, attorney for the applicant, stated that Morgan Properties is in the process of relocating their headquarters into the building. He explained that renovations are nearing completion and that the proposed building additions are part of those renovations. He reviewed the proposed improvements which included two building extensions, stormwater management and modifications to pedestrian walkways and landscaping. Mr. McHugh explained that the applicant would comply with all comments in the review letters of the Borough's professionals and staff. Jon Nickel, representative for the applicant, discussed timelines for construction and occupancy.

b.) Discuss an amendment to the Parking Ordinance

Mr. Peters reviewed proposed revisions to the Borough's Parking Ordinance, which included the addition of a stop sign on Hallowell at 12th Avenue and on West 1st Avenue at Forrest and the creation of 15 minute to-go parking on West 4th Ave at Fayette Street. He stated that the proposed ordinance also provides for the ability of the Fire Marshal to enforce fire lane parking restrictions. He clarified for Council that Fire Marshal enforcement is limited to area marked fire lanes. He explained that Borough Administration is working through commercial vehicle parking regulations with respect to parking commercial vehicles in the Borough.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Refresh-A-Can Presentation, Tom Nader

Tom Nader, owner of Refresh-A-Can, shared that the Borough partnered with Refresh-A-Can on a pilot program to provide Borough residents with trash can cleaning, disinfecting, and deodorizing. Mr. Nader explained the cleaning process and discussed benefits of having trash cans professionally cleaned. He provided results of the trial period to-date, which included high participation rate and number of bins cleaned. He shared reviews from residents. Ms. Cecco stated that Borough Council will consider including this service in the FY 2024 budget.

b.) Emergency Management Update, Emergency Management Personnel

Ray Sokolowski, Executive Director of Operations, discussed plans for community outreach in FY2024.

Dave Lennon, Acting Police Chief, discussed partnership with Eastern Montgomery County EMC. He provided an update on the Borough's Drone Unit.

Steve Young, Deputy Fire Marshal, discussed how the Emergency Management Department is partnering with Borough professionals and community members to identify, assess, and reduce risk through hazard mitigation planning and implementation. He shared that the Borough in conjunction with United States Geological Survey will install and monitor a flood gauge on the Schuylkill River. He discussed the

benefits of utilizing a flood gauge and provided an update on the Borough's High Water/Swift Water Training.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a.) Conduct an interview for ZHB alternate position

Ms. Leonard introduced David Bria who was present to interview for the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) Alternate position. Mr. Bria shared his experience serving as a Council Member in Yardley Borough. He discussed his familiarity with the technical and legal aspects of municipal zoning ordinances.

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Consider approving a block party request for the 200 block of East Eighth Avenue

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve a block party request for the 200 block of East Eighth Avenue contingent upon final administrative review and approval, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider approving Resolution 2023-17 designating a Section 504 Officer

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-17 designating Christine Stetler as the Borough's Section 504 Officer, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Officer Smith for the 2023 fall semester

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement request for Officer Smith for the 2023 fall semester in the amount of \$3,761.89, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal matters.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

There were no Council Member and Mayor matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary