

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
Anita Barton, Senior Council Member
Alan Chmielewski, Council Member
Stacy Ellam, Council Member
Ralph Frey, Council Member
Adrian Serna, 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. Sokolowski, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski stated that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the April 16th Public Meeting or regarding the May 7th Public meeting agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Proclamation 2025-04 recognizing the 100th Anniversary of St. Paul's Baptist Church

Mayor Aronson read a proclamation recognizing the 100th Anniversary of St. Paul's Baptist Church in the Borough of Conshohocken.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Proclamation 2025-04 recognizing the 100th Anniversary of St. Paul's Baptist Church, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Proclamation 2025-05 recognizing National Police Week

Mayor Aronson read a proclamation recognizing National Police Week in the Borough of Conshohocken.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Proclamation 2025-05 recognizing National Police Week in the Borough of Conshohocken, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Presentation on the Borough's 175th Anniversary Celebration, Shauna Wylesol, Executive Assistant for Operations, and Paul Gornowski, Communications Manager

Shauna Wylesol, Executive Assistant for Operations, and Paul Gornowski, Communications Manager, discussed event details for the Simon's Heart Conshy Classic Bike and the 175th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

d.) Discussion on a fundraising initiative and expenditure request from the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, Brian Magrann, President

Brian Magrann, President of the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, discussed a fundraiser initiative to raise funds for exterior repairs to the Mary Wood Park House. He requested to utilize \$300.00 towards promotional materials for the organization and asked Council to approve a schedule change to a monthly meeting for the Friends of Conshohocken Parks starting in January of 2026.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve a request to utilize \$300 towards the purchase of magnets and stickers for the organization; approve a request to host a July 3rd Fireworks Fundraiser with proceeds benefiting the future exterior renovation of the Mary Wood Park House; and approve a schedule change to a monthly meeting starting in January of 2026, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

e.) Presentation on the Redistricting Process and Task Force Resolution, Brendan Flynn, Special Counsel, Curtin & Heefner LLP

Brendan Flynn, Special Counsel to the Borough, was present to provide information pertaining to the redistricting of the Borough's ward map. Mr. Flynn provided an overview of the restricting process. He

discussed the standards for acceptable maps and provided a tutorial of putting together a local map in Dave's Redistricting App.

Mr. Peters discussed the stipulations included in the Redistricting Task Force Resolution, such as the composition and duties of the Task Force.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was no Council business.

MANAGER MATTERS

- a.) **Consider approving 203 East 12th Avenue financial security escrow release no. 1 in the amount of \$85,795.93**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 203 E. 12th Avenue financial security escrow release no. 1 in the amount of \$85,795.93, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) **Consider approving payment application no. 4 for the Traffic Signal Modernization Project along East and West Elm Streets**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve payment application no. 4 for the Traffic Signal Modernization Project along East and West Elm Streets in the following amounts: E. Elm and Harry Street in the amount of \$166,388; W. Elm and Colwell in the amount of \$71,561.50; W. Elm and Maple in the amount of \$2,768.93; and W. Elm and Oak in the amount of \$28,680.21, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) **Consider approving Resolution 2025-11 authorizing the sale of Police vehicles on Municibid**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-11 authorizing the sale of two police vehicles on Municibid, specifically a 2018 Chevy Tahoe and a 2014 Chevy Equinox, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) **Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Officer Walter for the 2025 summer semester**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Officer Walter for the 2025 summer semester in the amount of \$3,576.28 plus the cost of books, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- e.) **Consider approving change order no. 5 for the Sutcliffe Park Trail Reconstruction and BMP Project**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve change order no. 5 for the Sutcliffe Park Trail Reconstruction and BMP project for the stone installation by inlet #1 in the amount of \$6,713 and a no cost extension of the contract times, with substantial completion by May 30, 2025, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- f.) **Discussion on bids received for architectural services for the Public Safety Services Facility**

Ms. Cecco stated that an RFP for architectural services related to the Public Safety Services Facility project was advertised on March 21, 2025. She shared that the Borough received 18 proposals. Ms. Cecco discussed the responses received, timeline and action plan moving forward, and administrative recommendations regarding firms to interview.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

- a.) **Discussion on a resolution approving a supplemental appropriation for the purchase of an Emergency Services Fire Chair, Raymond Sokolowski, Executive Director of Operations**

Ray Sokolowski, Executive Director of Operations, and Bill Weber, Assistant Chief of Operations for Narberth Ambulance discussed the need for the purchase of the Emergency Response fire stair chairs. Ms. Cecco asked Council to consider approving a supplemental appropriation from the Capital Fund.

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-12 approving a supplemental appropriation for a not to exceed cost of \$30,000.00 for the purchase of stair chairs, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal matters.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson shared that volunteers, including members of the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, helped to install a pollinator garden around the Conshohocken Free Library. He shared that Discover Conshohocken held a sidewalk sale event. He provided information about the 2025 flag planting event hosted by the VFW. He shared the list of musicians scheduled to perform at the 2025 Arts Festival and Car Show.

Mr. Frey acknowledged his daughters who were viewing the livestream of the Council meeting.

Ms. Barton shared the Recreation Department hosted a Family Bingo Night at the Community Center.

Mr. Serna thanked everyone for attending the EAC’s Greenfest.

Ms. Sokolowski encouraged everyone to attend the Simon’s Heart Conshy Classic Bike Race and the Borough’s 175th Anniversary Celebration.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary