

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, September 3, 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 7:05 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski announced that Borough Council held an Executive Session prior to the Work Session on personnel, property and legal matters.

Ms. Sokolowski stated that Borough Administration received one (1) public comment following the August 20th meeting regarding the CDBG grant application from Ms. Elizabeth Meister at 337 West 6th Avenue.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Proclamation 2025-07 recognizing the 20th Anniversary of Pepperoncini

Mr. Serna read a Proclamation recognizing the 20th Anniversary of Pepperoncini.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Proclamation 2025-07 recognizing the 20th anniversary of Pepperoncini, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

a. Consider a block party request from Pepperoncini in celebration of the anniversary

Paul DiBona, owner of Pepperoncini, reviewed the plans for the restaurant's upcoming 20th anniversary celebration, which is scheduled to take place on Sunday, October 12th, from 2pm to 6pm. Ms. Cecco stated that Pepperoncini is requesting to close Elm Street between Ash and Poplar Streets from noon to 7:00pm to accommodate the event.

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve a block party request from Pepperoncini in celebration of their 20th anniversary on October 12th from 12:00pm to 7:00pm, seconded by Ms. Barton.

b.) Wait Until 8th Campaign, Sarah Frey

Sarah Frey, resident at 115 East 10th Avenue, spoke about the Wait Until 8th Campaign, a digital wellness initiative focused on educating and supporting parents. She expressed a desire to raise awareness by promoting screen-free events that encourage delaying smartphone use among children. She shared relevant statistics highlighting the benefits of postponing smartphone access and requested a potential partnership with the Borough to support these efforts. Borough Council expressed its support and agreed to collaborate on the initiative.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Presentation on the Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision and Land Development Application for 140 East Sixth Avenue: Ratoskey & Trainor Inc., Applicant

Robert Ratoskey, representative for the applicant, explained that the proposal involves subdividing the existing lot into two (2) separate lots and constructing two (2) single-family homes. He noted that the existing single-family home on the property has already been demolished. He explained that a variance was granted by the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) to allow for lot widths of 30 feet and that all other aspects of the application comply with the zoning ordinance. Mr. Ratoskey stated that an infiltration bed is being proposed to address stormwater management. He shared a rendering of the proposed development and briefly discussed the waivers being requested. He further explained that each lot would include a garage and a paved parking space with paved access to the rear alley. Mr. Ratoskey stated that the proposed public

improvements include replacing the concrete sidewalk along the property frontage and planting one additional street tree. He concluded by reviewing the anticipated construction timeline.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a.) 2026 Borough Marketing Phase II Recommendation Presentation, Neff Team

The Neff team presented their Phase II marketing plan for the Borough, building upon their initial social media campaign. They outlined that the goal of Phase II is to develop a comprehensive, integrated marketing strategy that includes social media, public relations, and email marketing. The Neff team explained that Year 1 achieved strong growth across social media platforms and positive community engagement. They discussed that Phase II aims to expand on that momentum by introducing new tools such as e-newsletters, event e-blasts, and broader media outreach.

b.) Final Design Presentation for the Veteran’s Memorial Plaza on West Second Avenue, Karen MacNair, Borough Engineer

Chris Greene from Gilmore & Associates presented the final design for the Veteran’s Memorial Plaza on West Second Avenue. Ms. MacNair discussed the budget and project schedule.

c.) Presentation of One-Way Traffic Pattern Trial Results on East Second Avenue, Brian Keaveney, Traffic Engineer

Brian Keaveney, Borough Traffic Engineer, presented the findings from the one-way traffic pattern trial on East Second Avenue. He outlined several benefits of the one-way conversion, including enhanced pedestrian safety and improved vehicular flow due to the elimination of turning conflicts at the intersection of East Second Avenue and Fayette Street. He explained that vehicles previously turning from East Second Avenue onto Fayette Street are now rerouted via East First or East Third Avenues, both of which are signalized, improving traffic control. He also noted a reduction in conflicts caused by delivery trucks and double-parked vehicles along East Second Avenue. Mr. Keaveney anticipated an increase in pedestrian activity with the completion of the Veteran’s Memorial Plaza on West Second Avenue. Based on these findings, he recommended that Council consider making the one-way traffic pattern permanent.

d.) Consider appointment of Chair of the Conshohocken Human Relations Commission

Mr. Frey made a motion to appoint Allison Rehmann as the Chair for the Conshohocken Human Relations Commission, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 7-0.

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Consider approving 720 Spring Mill Avenue financial security escrow release in the amount of \$539,595.25

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the 720 Spring Mill Avenue financial security escrow release in the amount of \$539,595.25, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Discussion on the Borough’s 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO)

Ms. Cecco explained that the Borough is required to annually satisfy Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO) for its pension plans. She reviewed the financial requirement for Police, Fire and Non-Uniform pension plans. She stated that the MMO values will be included in the FY2026 budget.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal matters.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson recapped the successful Conshy Strong Bingo Night which raised money for the Colonial Neighborhood Council. He shared that the Police Department joined the Conshohocken Running Club to discuss trail safety. He reminded everyone about the upcoming Police Department shredding event, as well as the Constituent Services Town Hall he is co-hosting with the State Representative Greg Scott.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary