

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 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

PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG APPLICATION

Chris Stetler, Community Development and Grant Management Coordinator, announced that the Borough is eligible to receive \$149,273.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). She explained that the Borough is proposing that the funds be utilized for housing rehabilitation. She reviewed program costs for administration and construction. There was no public comment.

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 called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski expressed condolences following the fatal police shooting in York County. She announced that Borough Council held an Executive Session prior to the Voting Meeting on property and legal matters. She stated that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the September 3rd public meeting or regarding the September 17th public meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*for agenda items only*)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Proclamation 2025-08 Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Ms. Barton read a proclamation celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. The proclamation was presented to Jacqueline Rocco, President and CEO of the Hispanic Heritage Association.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Proclamation 2025-08 designating September as Hispanic Heritage Month in the Borough of Conshohocken, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-28 approving preliminary/final minor subdivision and land development for 140 East Sixth Avenue

Mr. Peters reviewed the requested waivers and conditions of approval per the proposed resolution.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-28 approving preliminary/final minor subdivision and land development for 140 East Sixth Avenue, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider adopting Ordinance 03-2025 amending the Borough's Solid Waste Ordinance

Mr. Serna made a motion to adopt Ordinance 03-2025 amending the Borough's Solid Waste Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider authorizing advertisement of amendment to the Borough's Traffic/Parking Ordinance to make the E. 2nd Avenue one-way traffic pattern permanent along with the addition of 15-minute To-Go parking spaces on E. 2nd Avenue and E. 1st Avenue and a stop sign at W. 2nd Avenue and Forrest Street

Mr. Peters reviewed stipulations of the proposed amendment to the Borough's Traffic and Parking Ordinance. Ms. Sokolowski asked Council if they had received any comments regarding the proposed ordinance. Ms. Kinglsey reported hearing from a resident on East 8th Avenue who opposed the proposal, citing concerns about parking and the potential negative impact on Piermani & Son. Mr. Frey shared that Mr. Piermani mentioned he had not seen a significant business impact but still preferred the previous setup. Mr. Frey also reiterated the traffic engineer's findings from the trial period, which highlighted potential safety concerns with the planned Veterans Memorial Plaza due to increased pedestrian traffic. Ms. Sokolowski encouraged additional public comment during the advertisement period.

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to authorize advertisement of an amendment to the Borough's Traffic and Parking Ordinance to make the E. 2nd Avenue one-way traffic pattern permanent along with the addition of 15-minute To-Go parking spaces on E. 2nd Avenue (4 spaces) and E. 1st Avenue (2 spaces) and a stop sign at W. 2nd Avenue and Forrest Street, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) **Approve and adopt the August 6 and August 20 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b.) **Approve the August-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve and adopt the August 6 and August 20 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the August-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$758,230.25, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) **Consider approving the Borough's 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO)**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the Borough's 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$951,239; Fire Pension Plan in the amount of \$67,767; and Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$379,455, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) **Consider approving Resolution 2025-29 extending temporary one-way traffic regulations on East Second Avenue**

Ms. Cecco stated that Borough Administration is requesting that Council consider extending the temporary one-way traffic regulations on East Second Avenue for an additional 90 days to allow adequate time to complete the process of advertising and adopting an ordinance amendment.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-29 extending temporary one-way traffic regulations on East Second Avenue, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) **Consider approving Resolution 2025-30 extending temporary traffic and parking regulations in the Borough**

Ms. Cecco stated that Borough Administration is requesting that Council consider extending temporary 15-Minute To-Go Parking spaces on East Second Avenue and a stop sign at West Second Avenue and Forrest Street for an additional 90 days to allow adequate time to complete the process of advertising and adopting an ordinance amendment.

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-30 extending temporary traffic and parking regulations in the Borough consisting of four (4) 15-minute to-go parking spaces on East Second Avenue and a stop sign at West Second and Forrest Street, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) **Conduct an interview with an applicant for the Friends of Conshohocken Parks**

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Evan Shreffler who was present to interview for a vacancy on the Friends of Conshohocken Parks. Mr. Shreffler expressed a strong interest in community involvement and environmental work. He discussed his background in environmental studies, his current role with the Department of Environmental Protection, and his continued volunteer efforts, including the recent tree planting. He indicated that he is familiar with the group's goals and assured Council that he has the availability to commit the necessary time. Mr. Shreffler also noted his fundraising experience and emphasized the communication skills he uses in his job.

- b.) **Consider approving Resolution 2025-31 designating a Section 504 Officer**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-31 designating Christine Stetler as the Borough's Section 504 Officer, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion 7-0.

c.) Consider ratifying change order no. 1 for the Weinmann Park Concrete project

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to ratify change order no. 1 for the Weinmann Park Concrete project in the amount of \$3,285.00, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) Consider approving change order no. 1 for the Harry Street Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve change order no. 1 for the Harry Street Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$3,000.00, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

e.) Consider approving payment certification no. 1 for the Harry Street Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve payment certification no. 1 for the Harry Street Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$115,085.43, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 7-0.

f.) Consider approving tuition reimbursements for Officers Perna and Walter

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Officer Perna in the amount of \$1,624.00 plus the cost of books and a tuition reimbursement for Officer Walter in the amount of \$3,883.44 plus the cost of books, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

g.) Consider approving 401-433 Washington Street financial security escrow release no. 2 in the amount of \$1,527,835.82

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve 401-433 Washington Street financial security escrow release no. 2 in the amount of \$1,527,835.82, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

h.) Consider approving zoning escrow releases for 241 West Sixth Avenue, 113 West Eighth Avenue, 261-263 East Elm Street, 110 East Seventh Avenue and 720 Fayette Street

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve zoning escrow releases for 241 W. 6th Avenue in the amount of \$171.77 plus interest; 113 W. 8th Avenue in the amount of \$898.41 plus interest; 261-263 Elm Street in the amount of \$910.82 plus interest; 110 E. 7th Avenue in the amount of \$178.34 plus interest; and 720 Fayette Street in the amount of \$919.58 plus interest, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

i.) Consider approving SORA West maintenance bond release in the amount of \$656,448.00

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve SORA West maintenance bond release in the amount of \$656,448 contingent upon removal of forms and related restoration, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

j.) Consider approving payment application no. 2 (final) for the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Installation project

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve payment application no. 2 (final) for the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Installation project in the amount of \$4,907.33, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson shared highlights from the West Conshohocken 9/11 Memorial Service and recognized St. Mary & St. Mercurius Coptic Orthodox Church for hosting a successful Egyptian Festival. He also recapped the Police Department's annual shredding event and announced that he and State Representative Greg Scott will host a Constituent Services Town Hall on September 22 at Borough Hall.

Mr. Serna shared that new flyers have been posted on Borough park signs to promote upcoming community events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Craney, Ward 5, raised concerns about lack of transparency with public meeting materials, unsafe conditions from a demolition project on East 7th Street, and traffic signal issues near the Matsonford Bridge. He praised the Conshohocken Police Department for past work handling serious cases. He expressed concern that exercising his free speech rights on the Schuylkill River Trail could lead to being wrongfully stopped or cited by police, which he believes would violate his First Amendment rights.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary