

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
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 shared that no public comment was received following the September 17th public Voting Meeting and no public comment was received following the September 24th public budget meeting. She also stated that no public comment was received regarding the October 1st public Work Session.

Ms. Sokolowski recognized and thanked Paul Gornowski for all of his hard work in organizing this year's FunFest event.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a.) Discussion on the amended Police Civil Service Regulations and the proposed Fire Civil Service Regulations, Michael McAuliffe Miller, Eckert Seamans

Mr. McAuliffe Miller reviewed updates to the amended Police Civil Service Regulations and the proposed Fire Civil Service Regulations, noting that these regulations guide the hiring of paid public safety personnel.

b.) Discuss and consider authorizing advertisement of an amendment to the Fire Services Ordinance, Michael McAuliffe Miller, Eckert Seamans

Mr. McAuliffe Miller discussed an ordinance to establish a Fire Civil Service Commission, including alternate members to ensure quorum. He explained that once adopted, the Commission would finalize regulations for Council's approval to enable recruitment and hiring.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to authorize advertisement of an amendment to the Fire Services Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Chmielewski absent)

c.) Discussion on Future Financing Options for Capital Projects, PFM, Zach Williard, Managing Director

Garrett Moore with PFM presented the Borough's long-term financing plan, outlining three phased borrowings totaling approximately \$30 million for major projects including the Public Safety Services Facility, road improvements, a fire truck purchase, and the Veterans Plaza project. Mr. Moore explained that the plan is designed to minimize budget impact, maintain reserves, and preserve borrowing capacity, with an estimated millage increase of 2.14–2.34 mills by 2029. Following discussion, Council agreed to include the Veterans Plaza project in the financing package and directed staff to proceed accordingly.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Presentation on the Borough's Interactive Map, Paul Gornowski, Communications Manager

Mr. Gornowski presented an interactive map of the Borough showcasing businesses, parks, parking areas, and other points of interest. He demonstrated the map's features, explained its potential use by visitors, and described how the MapMe service can be utilized for other functions and events.

b.) Presentation of a Modified 175th Anniversary Seal for Future Use, Paul Gornowski, Communications Manager, and Shauna Wylesol, Executive Assistant for Operations

Mr. Gornowski and Ms. Wylesol presented a modified 175th anniversary seal that will be used for future events and marketing purposes.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Discuss and consider approving Resolution 2025-32 amending the Redistricting Task Force Resolution

Ms. Cecco shared that Borough Administration is requesting an amendment to the Redistricting Task Force resolution to reduce the number of Task Force members from nine to seven. She explained that applications were not received from each of the seven wards, and to keep the process moving forward, Administration is recommending that Council approve the amended resolution.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-32 amending the Redistricting Task Force Resolution, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Chmielewski absent)

b.) Review applicants for the Redistricting Task Force and consider appointing members

Ms. Cecco reviewed the applicants for the Redistricting Task Force. Votes were cast for each applicant, and the individuals receiving the highest number of votes were appointed.

Mr. Serna made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Redistricting Task Force: Brian Magrann, Jack Hasler, Ashley Gaydos, Evan Campbell, Marlowe Doman, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Chmielewski absent)

c.) Consider appointing an applicant to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to appoint Evan Shreffler to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Chmielewski absent)

d.) Consider approving change order no. 2 for the Harry Street Rehabilitation Project

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve change order no. 2 for the Harry Street Rehabilitation Project that reflects adjustments to the scope of work and balances original contract quantities to the actual field measured quantities, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Chmielewski absent)

e.) Consider approving payment certification no. 2 for the Harry Street Rehabilitation Project

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve payment certification no. 2 for the Harry Street Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$232,131.17, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Chmielewski absent)

f.) Consider ratifying change order no. 2 for the Weinmann Park Concrete Project

Ms. Ellam made a motion to ratify change order no. 2 for the Weinmann Park Concrete Project in the amount of \$1,600.00, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Chmielewski absent)

g.) Consider approving payment application no. 1 for the Weinmann Park Concrete Project

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve payment application no. 1 for the Weinmann Park Concrete Project in the amount of \$73,819.98, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Chmielewski absent)

h.) Consider approving 720 Spring Mill Avenue financial security escrow release no. 7 in the amount of \$143,903.63

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve 720 Spring Mill Avenue financial security escrow release no. 7 in the amount of \$143,903.63, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Chmielewski absent)

i.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Detective Bahn for the 2025 fall semester

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Detective Bahn for the 2025 fall semester in the amount of \$1,365 plus the cost of books, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Chmielewski absent)

j.) Consider accepting the resignation of a Zoning Hearing Board Member

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to accept the resignation of Rick Barton from the Zoning Hearing Board following the December 2025 Zoning Hearing Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Chmielewski absent)

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

- a.) Discuss the following items regarding the Reorganization of the Conshohocken Rowing Center:
- a. Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation
 - b. Second Amended and Restated Bylaws
 - c. Amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement
 - d. Lease Agreement
 - e. Operating Agreement for the Boathouse

Mr. Peters reviewed all relevant documents related to the withdraw of the Borough as a member of the Conshohocken Rowing Center.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson thanked staff and volunteers for a successful Funfest. He discussed the recent town hall with State Representative Greg Scott, highlighted Hispanic Heritage Month activities, and announced that a proclamation recognizing Businesswomen’s Week would be presented at the October Voting Meeting.

Mr. Frey shared a resident’s suggestion to adjust the Conshohocken Cab schedule to support seniors attending activities at the Community Center.

Mr. Serna discussed upcoming events, including the EAC Cleanup, Fire Prevention Expo, and Halloween Parade.

Ms. Sokolowski reported a resident concern regarding Amazon delivery vehicles blocking streets. Chief Lennon responded that the Police Department contacted Amazon to resolve the issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary