

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, October 15, 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 called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Sokolowski shared that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the October 1<sup>st</sup> public meeting or regarding the October 15<sup>th</sup> public meeting agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (*for agenda items only*)**

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- a.) **Proclamation 2025-09 Recognizing October 19–26, 2025 as Businesswomen’s Week, Donna Jones, President of the Greater Conshohocken Chapter of Business and Professional Women**

Mayor Aronson spoke about the significant contributions and influence of businesswomen. Ms. Barton read a proclamation declaring Businesswomen’s Week in Conshohocken and presented the proclamation to Donna Jones, President of the Greater Conshohocken Chapter of Business and Professional Women.

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Proclamation 2025-09 recognizing October 19-25, 2025 as Businesswomen’s week in Conshohocken, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.**

**LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

- a.) **Consider adopting Ordinance 04-2025 amending the Boroughs traffic and parking ordinance to make the E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue one-way traffic pattern permanent along with the addition of 15-minute To-Go parking spaces on E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and a stop sign at W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Forrest Street**

Mr. Peters reviewed the stipulations of the amended ordinance. Ms. Sokolowski asked Council if they had received any comments regarding the proposed ordinance. Mr. Frey shared that Mr. Piermani mentioned he had not seen a significant business impact but still preferred the previous setup.

**Mr. Serna made a motion to adopt Ordinance 04-2025 amending the Borough’s Traffic and Parking ordinance to make the E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue one-way traffic pattern from Fayette Street to Harry Street permanent along with the addition of four (4) 15-minute to-go parking spaces on East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, two (2) 15-minute to-go parking spaces on East 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and installation of a stop sign at W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Forrest Street, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.**

- b.) **Consider adopting Ordinance 05-2025 establishing a Civil Service Commission for Fire Services**

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to adopt Ordinance 05-2025 establishing a Civil Service Commission for Fire Services, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a.) **Approve and adopt the September 3 and September 17 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 24 Special Meeting Minutes**

**b.) Approve the September-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**

**Mr. Frey made a motion to approve and adopt the September 3 and September 17 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 24 Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.**

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the September-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$3,218,161.27, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a.) Consider approving the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2026-2028**

Ms. Cecco stated that the Drug and Alcohol Policy is being vetted by the bargaining unit and labor attorney. She explained an agreed upon drug testing policy would be established no later than 120 days from the approval of this agreement.

**Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2026, 2027 and 2028 subject to final review and approval by the Borough Manager and Borough Labor Attorney, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.**

**b.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-33 authorizing the submission of the 2025 CDBG application**

**Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-33 authorizing the submission of the 2025 CDBG application, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.**

**c.) Consider approving the CDBG Three Year Community Development Plan**

**Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve the Three-Year Community Development Plan for the CDBG program, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.**

**d.) Consider approving documents associated with the Conshohocken Rowing Center Reorganization and authorizing the Borough Manager and Solicitor to execute applicable documents**

**Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the following documents associated with the Conshohocken Rowing Center Reorganization and authorize the Borough Manager and Solicitor to execute applicable documents: Letter of Resignation of the Borough of Conshohocken from the Conshohocken Rowing Center; Written Consent of the Members; Amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement; Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation; Second Amended and Restated Bylaws; Lease Agreement; and Operating Agreement for the Boathouse, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a.) Conduct interviews with applicants for the Friends of Conshohocken Parks and Planning Commission**

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Shanna Smith who was present to interview for the Friends of Conshohocken Parks. Ms. Smith shared some personal background and spoke about her professional experience in sales. She highlighted how her skills in fundraising, event planning, and communication could support the parks through sponsorships and community engagement. She also spoke about the appeal of the parks for people of all ages.

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Stephen Michalczyk who was present to interview for the Planning Commission. Mr. Michalczyk shared some personal background and spoke about his profession as a civil engineer. He explained that he hopes to apply his land development experience to serve the community while learning from the municipal perspective. He also disclosed his employment with Pennoni Associates and confirmed that no conflict of interest exists.

**b.) Conduct interviews with applicants for the Civil Service Commission**

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Gary Davis who was present to interview for the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Davis shared that he is a career firefighter for Spring Mill Fire Company. He discussed his decades of experience in fire services.

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Ryan Belcher who was present to interview for the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Belcher shared some personal background, noting that he has served as a firefighter for over 15 years and currently holds the rank of Lieutenant. He discussed his experience in firehouse leadership and employee hiring and expressed a desire to give back to the Borough in another capacity.

Ms. Cecco discussed next steps and explained that the Commission would serve both police and fire civil service needs.

**Mr. Serna made a motion to appoint Gary Davis and Ryan Belcher to the Civil Service Commission, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.**

**c.) Conduct an interview with an applicant for reappointment to Borough Boards & Commissions**

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Marlowe Doman who was present to interview for reappointment to the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB). Mr. Doman expressed his interest in being reappointed to the ZHB, citing his five years of experience and current role as Vice Chair. He emphasized the importance of fairly balancing the interests of applicants and opponents, maintaining reliability and consistency in decision-making, and preserving institutional knowledge as senior members leave.

Ms. Cecco stated that Borough Council would consider his reappointment at the Reorganization meeting in January.

**d.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-34 authorizing the disposal of records as recommended by Administration and permissible per the Pennsylvania Municipal Records Manual**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-34 authorizing the disposal of records as recommended by Administration and permissible per the PA Municipal Records Manual, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

**e.) Consider approving an amendment to Gilmore & Associates contract for engineering services for Phase 2 of the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Installation Project**

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve an amendment to Gilmore and Associates contract for engineering services for Phase 2 of the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Installation Project, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

**f.) Discuss and consider approving the January 2026 meeting schedule for Borough Council**

Ms. Cecco stated that, in accordance with Pennsylvania state law, the Borough will hold its Reorganization Meeting on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, she explained that the regularly scheduled Work Session on January 7<sup>th</sup> will be canceled.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the January 2026 meeting schedule for Borough Council, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

**g.) Consider accepting the resignation of the Planning Commission member**

Ms. Ellam made a motion to accept the resignation of Daniel McArdle from the Planning Commission, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

**h.) Consider approving a zoning escrow release for the Millennium M4 Office Building Development**

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve a zoning escrow release for Millenium M4 Office Building Development in the amount of \$609.73 plus interest, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

**COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS**

Mayor Aronson highlighted the success of recent events, including the Fire Prevention Expo and pumpkin painting at the Community Center. He reminded everyone about the upcoming Halloween Parade.

Ms. Barton shared that the residents of Sutcliffe Lane will be getting curb ramps through the Borough's CDBG Program.

Mr. Serna reminded everyone to vote on Election Day.

Ms. Cecco provided an update on the Redistricting Task Force.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rose Mary Pecharo, 300 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, inquired about alley ownership and repairs. It was explained that alleys are owned and maintained by the property owners. Ms. Pecharo also asked why the trashcan cleaning service does not cover all roads and raised concerns about overgrown weeds and enforcement of property maintenance. Council emphasized that residents should inform them of such concerns so they can be addressed. Ms. Cecco responded that she would follow up with Ms. Pecharo regarding her concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie Cecco, Borough Secretary