

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, December 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 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski stated that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the November 19th public meeting or regarding the December 3rd public meeting agenda.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Presentation on a Minor Subdivision Application for 110 East Seventh Avenue, HPA Tax Sale 2024 LLC, Applicant

Brad Grauel, the applicant's engineer, explained that the property currently consists of one lot with an existing attached single-family dwelling and an adjacent vacant portion. He reviewed the proposal which would subdivide the property into two lots, one containing the existing home and the other intended for future development of a single-family home. Council asked questions regarding driveway access, off-street parking, lot widths, and zoning compliance. Mr. Grauel explained that the existing home will retain its driveway and parking, while the new lot is planned to include a driveway and one-car garage with a modified curb cut. He confirmed that zoning relief was previously obtained for parking and that no additional relief is required. Ms. Sokolowski stated that Council would consider approving the application at the December Voting meeting.

b.) Discussion of an ordinance stating the Borough's intention to issue general obligation bonds and take on non-electoral debt, Patrick Scott, Obermayer

Patrick Scott, Bond Counsel, discussed an ordinance to authorize the issuance of up to \$12 million in general obligation bonds to fund the Public Safety Services Facility, the Veterans Memorial Plaza, and a road program. He explained the ordinance's purpose, technical requirements, and timeline, noting adoption is expected in January 2026, with bonds sold and proceeds available in early spring. Council asked questions regarding the underwriter selection, coordination with DCED, and project cost estimates. Ms. Cecco stated that Council would consider authorizing advertisement of the ordinance at the December Voting meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Conshohocken Pocket Park and Porch Festival Proposal, Kevin Tierney, Burb Media

Mr. Tierney presented a proposal for a Porch Festival in Conshohocken, designed as a community-focused event combining music performances on residential and commercial porches with the Borough's pocket parks. He explained that the event would run from late morning to early evening, with two blocks selected on each side of town for performances and would encourage local dining and shopping. Safety, particularly pedestrian crossing, and potential vendor and restaurant involvement were discussed. Council expressed support, highlighting the festival's potential to showcase pocket parks, encourage walkability, and engage local musicians. Ms. Cecco stated that Council would consider approving the special event request at the December Voting meeting.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was no Council business.

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Consider approving Resolution 2025-37 approving a supplemental appropriation from general fund to capital fund

Ms. Cecco discussed processing a supplemental appropriation of excess revenues from the FY2025 general fund to the capital fund in order to fund FY2026 approved capital expenditures. She requested the transfer of up to \$4,000,000.

b.) Discussion on the 2026 meeting schedules for Borough Council and Boards & Commissions

Ms. Cecco reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for Borough Council, which included meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month and two (2) special budget meetings in September and November. She added that the schedule does not include Work Sessions in January and July. She reviewed proposed meeting schedules for Boards and Commissions. Ms. Cecco asked Council to consider approving and authorizing advertisement of the proposed 2026 meeting schedules at the Voting Meeting in December.

c.) Discussion on applicants seeking reappointment to Borough Boards & Commissions

Ms. Cecco reviewed the list of applicants seeking reappointment to Borough Boards and Commissions and asked Council to consider their reappointment at the Reorganization Meeting in January. She also reviewed the list of Board and Commission vacancies.

d.) Consider approving payment application no. 3 (final) for the Weinmann Park Concrete Project in the amount of \$9,347.48

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve payment application no. 3 (final) for the Weinmann Park Concrete Project in the amount of \$9,347.48, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

e.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Officer Montowski for the 2026 spring semester

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Officer Montowski for the 2026 spring semester in the amount of \$3,000 plus the cost of books, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal matters.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson shared highlights from the Christmas Tree Lighting, Small Business Saturday, and the “Meet Our Community Heroes” event hosted by the United Methodist Church. He also reminded residents about the upcoming Menorah Lighting and provided information about a holiday card writing event for the troops at the VFW.

Mr. Frey reminded everyone about the Santa Around Town event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matthew O’Hanlon, 340 East 7th Avenue, expressed concern and frustration over an excavated sidewalk near his home that has remained open for approximately eight months. He discussed safety risks, impacts to his property, and a lack of communication. Ms. Cecco acknowledged the issue and explained that the sidewalk cannot be restored until repairs to an underlying culvert are completed by the developer. She confirmed that the developer has an approved plan but has not provided a construction schedule. Mr. Peters noted that enforcement options are available under the land development agreement, and Council directed Borough Administration to escalate legal enforcement efforts to pursue a resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco, Borough Secretary