

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
David Bria, 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, opened the second public hearing on the Borough's 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. She presented the Borough's proposed \$150,645 application, which would fund administration, housing rehabilitation, and curb ramp improvements. She explained the CDBG income eligibility requirements and the need for administrative funding to cover the program's extensive compliance and reporting requirements. Kathleen Hawk, 132 East 6th Avenue, asked about other eligible uses and administrative costs. No further comments were received.

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, Borough Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski announced that Borough Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting regarding legal matters. She stated that no public comments were received following the September 2nd Work Session or regarding the September 16th public meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT *(for agenda items only)*

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Proclamation 2026-07 Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Mr. Serna 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 2026-07 Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the August 5 and August 19 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b.) Approve the August-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the August 5 and August 19 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the August-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$989,104.18, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) **Conduct an interview with an applicant for the Parks and Recreation Commission**

Ms. Sokolowski introduced Lauren Moran who was present to interview for a position on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Ms. Moran, a longtime Borough resident, discussed her interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission. She highlighted her experience in landscape design, urban planning, site planning, and wayfinding, and expressed interest in using that expertise to improve Borough parks. She also suggested using a community-wide survey to identify residents' priorities.

b.) **Consider authorizing advertisement of a Request for Proposals for Comprehensive Planning Services**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to authorize advertisement of a Request for Proposals for Comprehensive Planning Services, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) **Consider approving the Borough's 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO)**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the Borough's 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligations in the amounts of \$942,500 for the Police Pension Plan Obligation; \$66,016 for the Fire Pension Plan Obligation; and \$409,595 for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan Obligation, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a.) **Consider approving 400 West Elm Street professional services escrow no. 2 (final) in the amount of \$4.08**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 400 West Elm Street professional services escrow no. 2 (final) in the amount of \$4.08, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) **Consider approving zoning escrow releases for 235 East Sixth Avenue, 261-263 East Elm Street, and 114 East Fourth Avenue**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve zoning escrow releases for 235 East Sixth Avenue in the amount of \$89.23 plus interest; 261-263 E. Elm Street in the amount of \$833.31 plus interest; and 114 E. 4th Avenue in the amount of \$109.95 plus interest, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) **Consider approving 720 Spring Mill Avenue financial security escrow release no. 9 in the amount of \$41,408.60**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve 720 Spring Mill Avenue financial security escrow release no. 9 in the amount of \$41,408.60 conditioned upon the developer replenishing the engineering and legal and administrative expenses escrow, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) **Consider approving change order no. 3 for the Second Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve change order no. 3 for the Second Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza in the amount of \$22,310.06, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

e.) **Consider approving payment application no. 5 for the Second Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza Project**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve payment application no. 5 for the Second Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza Project in the amount of \$398,093.67, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Ms. Kingsley encouraged residents to volunteer for vacancies on the EAC.

Mr. Serna reminded the community of the EAC meeting scheduled for September 19th at Borough Hall.

Ms. Sokolowski reminded everyone about the September 23rd Budget Workshop to discuss goal setting and FY2027 operating and capital budgets.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ty Borkowski, President of Tyson Homes, addressed delays at 720 Spring Mill Avenue due to unexpected stormwater culvert conditions, plan revisions, and contractor scheduling. He disputed claims of incomplete work and raised concerns about project costs and sidewalk accessibility.

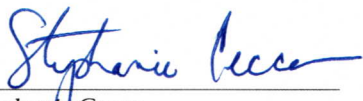
Darren Ross, 72 Poplar Street, raised concerns about speeding and stop-sign violations at East Elm and Poplar Streets, as well as parking on Poplar Street. Chief Lennon noted that speed data shows no speeding issue but offered to increase stop-sign enforcement. Ms. Cecco stated that Public Services will assess adding parking lines and confirmed that permits are not currently required in the area.

Kathleen Hauk, 132 East 6th Avenue, shared that heavy construction equipment associated with the construction of new homes is causing damage to the alley between East 6th and 7th Avenues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary