

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL

JUNE 17, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The President, Richard S. Turkington, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Stephen B. Black, Mayor
Mr. Richard S. Turkington, President
Mrs. Barbara Wood, Vice President
Mr. Chris Ferrier
Mr. Joe Colon
Mr. Clyde Jacobs
Mr. Mark Johnson
Ms. Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary
Mr. Timothy R Nichols, Superintendent

VISITORS:

Mahmood & Lorraine Sami: Mr. & Mrs. Sami discussed with Borough Council their property located behind the Yerkes Insurance Building located on Route 841. The property is located in the C-3 Commercial District which does not permit town homes. Mr. & Mrs. Sami inquired if the Borough Council would consider permitting 8 to 10 town homes on this property. He feels that there is not a market for business offices. Borough Council had concerns about getting a highway occupancy permit from PennDOT because of the location to the intersection of Evergreen Street and Route 841. Mr. Sami said that they would authorize a right turn only driveway. Borough Council also had concerns about the marketability of residential units on the property. President Turkington informed Mr. & Mrs. Sami that he would talk to the Borough's solicitor about his request.

Tom Lowry, Zoning Officer:

- 1. Uncertified Buildings:** Mr. Lowry discussed with Borough Council that Pennsylvania amended the administrative section of the International Building Code for specific requirements. One of the requirements addresses a building which, prior to April 9, 2004, was not approved for use and occupancy by the PA Department of Labor & Industry or a municipality which was enforcing a building code. These buildings are classified as an uncertified building. If a non-residential building is subject to renovation, additions, alterations or change in use or occupancy the entire building must comply with the current building code. This requirement can be financially burdensome and quite difficult to the applicant/owner. A provision is provided that a municipality can utilize less stringent requirements if an Ordinance is adopted by a municipality. Mr. Lowry recommends that Borough Council should proceed with adopting an Ordinance to utilize the less stringent requirements.

- 2. Historic Structures:** Mr. Lowry also recommended that the Borough adopt a resolution to develop a list of Historic Structures. By providing this listing it permits the Code Official to permit leniency in the enforcement of the Building Code. This resolution would assist any historic Church should they undertake renovations to the structure.

President Turkington informed Mr. Lowry that Borough Council would take in consideration his recommendations.

Morningside Court – proposed parking regulations: Several residents from Morningside Court attended the meeting concerning the proposed parking regulations on Morningside Court. The Borough received a Morningside Court Parking Petition signed by eight of the homeowners on Morningside court to adopt a No Parking Ordinance for Morningside Court to be applicable to both sides of the street and to be in effect from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on weekday, excluding holidays. Mr. & Mrs. Zunino presented a letter requesting that No parking between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., except by Permit; and excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Federal Holidays. Borough Council decided to refer the matter to the Chief of Police to insure that Emergency Vehicles will be able to access the homes on Morningside Court.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS – OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Black administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Civil Service Commissioners: Brinis Miller, Jill Callahan, and Brad Hartz.

BOROUGH OF WEST GROVE –SECCRA BOARD MEMBER:

Mr. Ferrier moved and Mrs. Wood seconded to accept Tim Nichols resignation with regret as the Borough's representative on the SECCRA Board.

Motion Passed

Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Ferrier seconded to appoint Mark Johnson as the Borough of West Grove's representative on the SECCRA Board.

Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Colon moved and Mrs. Wood seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary

