

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL

November 2, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The President, Richard S. Turkington, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Stephen Black
Mr. Richard S. Turkington, President
Mrs. Barbara Wood, Vice President
Mr. David Prosser
Mr. Christopher Freese
Mr. Mark Johnson
Mr. Joe Colon
Ms. Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary

MINUTES:

October 5, 2011: Mr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2011 Borough Council Meeting and was seconded by Mr. Freese.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve the October Financial Report.

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Freese moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to approve the November transfers.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve the November bills.

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Henry Stoltzfus, West Grove Farmer's Market, discussed with Borough Council the possibility of moving the West Grove Farmer's Market back to the center of town. Mr. Stoltzfus discussed using the paved parking lot next to the railroad tracks for the market. President Turkington recommended that they come up with a proposed layout for the vendor and parking using the plan for purchasing the property from East Penn Railroad.

PA DEP Public Notification Letter concerning the West Grove Borough Water

System: Several Borough residents expressed their concerns over the letter sent to them concerning the Borough of West Grove Water System. Both the Borough Council President and Borough Manager apologized for not sending out a cover letter explaining the reasons for the PA DEP letter. The Superintendent, Mr. Nichols, explained to the residents the reasons for the notice and explained in no uncertain terms that the Borough's water is safe to drink. It was also noted that the Borough has an automatic

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dialing system set up to notify residents of any emergencies concerning our Borough Water System.

FINANCE ISSUES:

PA – DEP Recycling Program Performance Grant: The Borough of West Grove received an Act 101 Recycling Program Performance Grant from PA Department of Environmental Protection for the calendar year 2009 in the amount of \$2,561.00. The Borough of West Grove Grant reflects the 186.0 tons of residential and commercial materials recycled by the citizens and businesses and saved the Borough \$11,067 in landfill fees.

SPCA 2012 Contract: Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve the 2012 SPCA Contract – Option 1 in the amount of \$2700.

Motion Passed.

2012 BOROUGH OF WEST GROVE BUDGETS: After a lengthy discussion concerning the West Grove Fire Company Ambulance Contribution and the 2012 Budgets, Borough Council decided to continue the 2012 Budget discussion at a rescheduled Borough Meeting and Workshop on Tuesday, November 22, 2011. The water and sewer rates for 2012 are not expected to increase. Borough Council is looking at the 2012 Real Estate Tax Rate because revenues have definitely decreased including earned income tax collection, investment interest, and real estate assessments with an increase in overall expenditures.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Parkway Avenue – Resurfacing Scheduled: Mr. Nichols, Superintendent announced that Parkway Avenue will be resurfaced on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Garage Community & Youth Center: The Garage Community & Youth Center has received their use and occupancy permit and is able to open.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary

