

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL

November 22, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday, November 22, 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: 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

VISITORS:

Mr. Robert Weer, West Grove Fire Company Chief discussed with Borough Council the request on behalf of the West Grove Fire Company Ambulance Division for additional funding to pay for paid ambulance employees. Borough Council agreed to the option of 2012 population and calls formula of \$27,674.

2012 BOROUGH OF WEST GROVE BUDGETS: Borough Council discussed the pros and cons of raising the 2012 Real Estate Millage. The Water and Sewer Funds do not require a rate increase as part of the 2012 budget. The General Fund receipts have decreased and the expenses have increased largely due to the economy. The transfer taxes, earned income taxes and interest income have decreased and expenses including Emergency Services Contracts, gasoline and fuel costs are rising. The proposed increase would raise the Real Estate Tax Millage from 3 mills to 3.5 mills for 2012. The General Fund Budget include police protection, refuse collection, administration costs, zoning & building, Chester County SPCA, West Grove Fire Company and Ambulance Contracts, Southern Chester County Medic 94 contract, Avon Grove Library Contribution, highway maintenance, debt principal and interest, insurance and pension costs. The millage increase per each \$100,000 property assessment would be \$50.00. The Borough of West Grove has not raised Real Estate Taxes since 2006.

2012 REAL ESTATE MILLAGE:

Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to authorize the advertisement of the 2012 Real Estate Tax Millage – 3 mills General Fund and .5 mills for the Street Light Fund.

Motion Passed

2012 Tentative Budget Adoption:

General Fund: Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Wood seconded to tentatively adopt the 2012 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,706,664.

Motion Passed

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Street Light Fund: Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Freese seconded to tentatively adopt the 2012 Street Light Budget in the amount of \$50,500.

Motion Passed

Water Fund: Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to tentatively adopt the 2012 Water Fund Budget in the amount of \$510,350.

Motion Passed

Sewer Fund: Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to tentatively adopt the 2012 Sewer Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,223,750.

Motion Passed

Motor License Fund: Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to tentatively adopt the 2012 Motor License Fund Budget in the amount of \$85,500.

Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Freese seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary