

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL

REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2014

The Reorganization Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Monday, January 6, 2014, in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The Mayor, Stephen B Black, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Stephen Black
Mr. Richard S. Turkington
Mr. Mark Johnson
Mr. Christopher Freese
Mr. Clyde Jacobs
Mr. Brian Knezek
Mr. Michael Ranieri
Ms. Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary

ADMINISTERING OATHS OF OFFICE: Mayor Black administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Borough Council Members: Richard S Turkington, Charles Freese, and newly elected Borough Auditor, Sharon Johnson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Borough Council President: Mayor Black announced that nominations were open for the office of Borough Council President.

Mr. Turkington nominated Mr. Johnson for President of Borough Council.

Mayor Black closed the nominations, and called for a vote to elect Mr. Johnson as Borough Council President.

Motion Passed

Mayor Black turned the meeting over to the Borough Council President, Mr. Johnson.

Borough Council Vice President: President Johnson announced that nominations were open for the office of the Borough Council Vice President.

Mr. Knezek nominated Mr. Turkington for Vice President of Borough Council.

President Johnson closed the nominations, and called for a vote to elect Mr. Turkington as Borough Council Vice President.

Motion Passed

MINUTES:

December 4, 2013: Mr. Freese moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2013 Borough Council Meeting and was seconded by Mr. Knezek.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ranieri moved and Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve the December Financial Report.
Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Jacobs moved and Mr. Ranieri seconded to approve the January transfers.
Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Ranieri seconded to approve the January bills.
Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Kristin Proto, the Garage Representative, informed Borough Council that they are thinking about purchasing the small garage off of Bushong Alley to use as an annex to the existing Garage Community & Youth Center. President Johnson informed Mrs. Proto that Borough Council supports the proposed project.

FINANCE ISSUES:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Employee: Mr. Ranieri moved and Mr. Jacobs seconded to authorize the advertisement for a full-time public works employee.

Motion Passed

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr. Turkington requested that Mayor Black inform the Police Department that the Public Works Employees need some assistance in reminding Borough residents to not push the snow into the roadway.

NEW BUSINESS:

Habitat for Humanity: Borough Council received a request from Habitat for Humanity to request consideration for relief from the Borough that requires garages be constructed for each dwelling unit within the district in which the project is located. This is a single property district, Habitat for Humanity is requesting that the Borough grant relief through a Zoning Ordinance Amendment rather than a Variance request to the Zoning Hearing Board. Borough Council discussed the matter and authorized the Borough Solicitor, Ms. Esbenshade, to proceed with the Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Habitat for Humanity will pay for any costs associated with the amendment.

OPEN RECORDS OFFICER: Mr. Knezek moved and Mr. Freese seconded to appoint Patricia Conway as the Borough of West Grove's Open Records Officer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Jacobs moved and Mr. Ranieri seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon B Nesbitt

Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary