

**WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**JANUARY 7, 2015**

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The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2014, in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The President, Mark Johnson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Stephen Black  
Mr. Mark Johnson, President  
Mr. Richard S Turkington, Vice President  
Mr. Christopher Freese  
Mr. Clyde Jacobs  
Mr. Brian Knezek  
Mr. David Prosser  
Ms. Olivia Smalley, Junior Council Member  
Ms. Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary

**MINUTES:**

**December 3, 2014:** Mr. Prosser moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2014 Borough Council Meeting and was seconded by Mr. Turkington.  
Motion Passed

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Freese moved and Mr. Turkington seconded to approve the December Financial Report.  
Motion Passed

**TRANSFERS:**

Mr. Freese moved and Mr. Turkington seconded to approve the January transfers.  
Motion Passed

**BILLS:**

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

**VISITORS:**

**Mr. Johnston, 108 Columbine Drive**, expressed concerns about the Zoning Ordinance Update. Borough Council recommended that he attend the Public Information Meeting to be held on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

**Mr. Haas and Ms. Murdock, 129 Prospect Avenue**, expressed their concerns about speeding on Prospect Avenue and questioned why there were not designated Pedestrian Crossings in the downtown area. After a lengthy discussion, Chief of Police King will contact PennDOT concerning the possibility of reducing the speed on Prospect and the Public Works Department will make improvements to enhance the pedestrian crosswalks

to make them more visible. The Pedestrian Crosswalks will not be installed until the Hometown Streets sidewalk and curb improvements are completed in 2015.

**FINANCE ISSUES:**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Christmas Tree Pickup:** Christmas Trees will be picked up at curbside from December 29, 2014 thru January 30, 2015.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Chief Michael King gave Borough Council an overview of the police activity for the month of December. Chief King requested permission to purchase another portable radio for the West Grove Borough Police Department at an estimated cost of \$2,300. Chief King will be getting prices to purchase equipment needed for the West Grove Borough Police Department.

**Public Safety Committee Update:**

- Mr. Turkington informed Borough Council that the Borough Solicitor, Helen Esbshade has reviewed the proposed revision to the West Grove Borough Police Agreement and has recommended a couple of edits to the initial proposal. Mr. Turkington informed Borough Council that the request from the West Grove Borough Police Association is concerning off duty court time for the local district court pay rate to be 3 hours overtime. This amendment will return the contract to what it was intended. Mr. Turkington moved to amend the West Grove Borough Police Association Agreement Amendment as recommended by the Borough Solicitor and Mr. Prosser seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

- Regional Police Department Information Meeting: Mr. Turkington informed Borough Council that the Public Safety Committee will meet with Chief Simpson, New Garden Township Police Chief, to get an update on the proposed Regional Police Department on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Vice President Turkington invited Chief King to attend the meeting.

**West Grove Fire Company Inter-municipal Committee:** Mr. Freese announced that the West Grove Fire Company Inter-municipal Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at the West Grove Borough Municipal Building.

**Chester County Association of Township Officials:** The Borough of West Grove has been invited to be an Associate Member of the Chester County Association of Township Officials at a cost of \$250.00. Mr. Freese moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to authorize the Borough of West Grove to join the Chester County Association of Township Officials as an Associate Member.

Motion Passed

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Public Works – Curbside Television Pickup: Mr. Nichols, Superintendent of Public Works, recommended that the Borough’s Public Works Employees pick up televisions at a cost of \$20.00 per television. Residents can no longer put old televisions out for trash pickup and this has become an issue because the residents are just leaving them at the curb. Borough Council approved collection of televisions by the Public Works Department at a cost of \$20.00.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Knezek seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon B Nesbitt*

Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary