

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL

August 5, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE. President Johnson opened the Public Hearing to discuss the proposed Zoning Ordinance Update. The Borough Solicitor, Helen Esbenshade, informed Borough Council that this is a comprehensive Public Hearing and that the Public Hearing Notice was advertised on July 21, 2015 and July 28, 2015 in the Daily local News. Mr. Handy served as the Court Reporter for the Public Hearing. Ms. Esbenshade introduced Kevin Myers, Chester County Planning Commission to present an overview of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Update. The updated Zoning Ordinance streamlines its regulatory statues and the document represents a significant modernization by updating, condensing and clarifying the Borough's Zoning Ordinance provisions. Ms. Esbenshade invited Borough Council and the Public for input; several Borough Residents had questions concerning the update. After all the questions were answered; President Johnson announced that the Public Hearing was concluded.

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The President, Mark Johnson, called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

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

MINUTES:

July 1, 2015: Mr. Turkington moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2015 Borough Council Meeting and was seconded by Mr. Ranieri.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Freese seconded to approve the July Financial Report.

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Freese seconded to approve the August transfers.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Freese seconded to approve the August bills.

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Brinis Miller expressed concern about some kids hanging out in South Hills Development in dark clothing.

Logan and Ted Rayner attended the meeting as part of a requirement towards their Eagle Badges.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Timothy Nichols, Public Works Superintendent, informed Borough Council that the Public Works Department has had some vandalism at the Public Works Building on South Guernsey Avenue and requested permission to have a chain link fence installed. Mr. Nichols solicited three bids and the lowest bid was from Smucker Fencing at a cost of \$13,291.00. Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Freese seconded to award the bid to Smucker Fencing at a cost of \$13,291.00.

Motion Passed

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief King gave an overview of the police activity for July 2015. Chief King informed Borough Council that he is working towards hiring a part-time Police Officer but he is still working on his background investigation.

Full-Time Chief of Police Position: Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Ranieri seconded to proceed with negotiations of hiring the interim Chief of Police King as the full-time Chief of Police.

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

130 Prospect Avenue Plan: The Borough has received a signed Plan Extension for 130 Prospect Avenue until September 2, 2015.

Habitat for Humanity: Borough Residents complained about the condition of the building on the Habitat for Humanity property. Kids are hanging out and feel the building should be demolished. The Zoning Officer, Mr. Lowry, will be informed of the situation.

Avondale Bridge – Traffic Control Plan: Mr. Freese moved and Mr. Ranieri seconded to approve the Traffic Control Plan while the existing bridge carrying State Street over Indian Creek in the Borough of Avondale is replaced.

Motion Passed

Adoption Zoning Ordinance No 2015 -02: Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Freese seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-02; which is the update of the Borough of West Grove's Zoning Ordinance and the update of the Borough of West Grove's Zoning Map.

Motion Passed

Reminder: Borough of West Grove's Historic Walk – Thursday, August 13, 2015!

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon B Nesbitt

Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary