

**WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**October 7, 2015**

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The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The President, Mark Johnson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

**MINUTES:**

**September 2, 2015:** Mr. Turkington moved to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2015 Borough Council Meeting and was seconded by Mr. Ranieri.

Motion Passed

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve the August Financial Report.

Motion Passed

**TRANSFERS:**

Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Freese seconded to approve the October transfers.

Motion Passed

**BILLS:**

Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Ranieri seconded to approve the October bills.

Motion Passed

**VISITORS:**

Bob Hart, A J Blosenski, Inc., attended concerning the awarding of the 2016 – 2018 Borough of West Grove Refuse Collection Bid.

**FINANCE:**

**Awarding Bid 2016 – 2018 Refuse Collection Bid:** Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Freese seconded to award the bid for the 2016 – 2018 Refuse Collection to A J Blosenski Inc for an annual bid of \$77,400.

Motion Passed

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Chief King gave an overview of the police activity for September 2015 and informed Borough Council that he attended training concerning the latest Gang trends. Chief King inquired about the degree of enforcement of parking in the no parking area directly in front of the Municipal Building that Borough Council wanted the Police Department to enforce. Borough Council requested that signs be posted in front of the Municipal Building to restrict parking.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Valley Bridge Replacement Utility Easements:** Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Jacobs seconded to authorize the signing of the water and sewer main utility easements for the Valley Bridge Replacement Project.

Motion Passed

**Borough Solicitor Helen Esbenshade, Esq:** Correspondence was received from Ms. Esbenshade, Esquire that she will be moving to a new law firm, Lamb McErlene PC, Attorneys at Law, in November 2015 and requested to be retained as the Borough's Solicitor. Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Turkington seconded to move to retain Ms. Esbenshade as the Borough of West Grove's Solicitor at her new law firm, Lamb McErlene PC.

Motion Passed

**Executive Session** called by Vice President, Mr. Turkington at 8:05 p.m. concerning a personnel matter. The Executive Session ended at 8:17 p.m. and the meeting was called back to order by the President, Mr. Johnson.

**Police Chief Wage Increase:** Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Ranieri seconded to give a \$3.00/hour wage increase and five days' vacation to Chief Michael King.

Motion Passed

**Borough Manager's Insurance Cost:** Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Ranieri seconded to increase the Borough Manager's Salary by the amount of the Medicare Premium Part B because the Borough's insurance requires that she now uses Medicare as her primary insurance.

Motion Passed

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon B Nesbitt*

Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary

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