

## WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL

May 8, 2017

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The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The Vice President, Mr. Prosser, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Mayor Stephen Black
- Mr. Mark Johnson, President
- Mr. Brinis Miller
- Mr. Clyde Jacobs
- Mr. Michael Ranieri
- Mr. David Prosser, Vice President
- Mr. Christopher Freese
- Mr. Richard Turkington
- Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

### **MINUTES:**

**April 5, 2017:** Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Turkington seconded to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 Borough Council Meeting.

Motion Passed

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

Motion Passed

### **TRANSFERS:**

Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the May transfers.

Motion Passed

### **BILLS:**

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

Motion Passed

### **VISITORS:**

Mr. Raimato from Jackson Avenue expressed concern regarding the current state of Sciarra Alley, both the road surface as well as what was described as excessive amounts of debris including a television that has been in the Alley for some time. Superintendent Nichols said that public works will tag the TV and if nobody contacts the office to have it picked up it will be removed and we will bill the homeowner accordingly. Mr. Raimato also expressed concern regarding the on street parking on Walnut Street that is on both sides of the road which is impeding visibility when entering Walnut from Sciarra Alley. Mrs. May from Jackson Avenue expressed concern regarding our current rental inspection process and how the Borough is addressing over crowded housing units. The

two specific examples are owner occupied dwellings which the Borough Manager will follow up with the Zoning Officer to address. Police Chief Simpson indicated that he will have the police force review the parking situation and will take corrective action if any violations are being committed.

**FINANCE:**

The decision has been made to move the Borough's working capital accounts from BB&T to Fulton Bank.

Resolution No. 2017-03 was presented granting approval for signature of the updated amendment to the Hometown Streets Grant improving the funding from PennDot an additional \$40,000 for the project. Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the Resolution.

Motion Passed

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Superintendent Tim Nichols presented a price quote for a new water meter reading device that came in at \$9,100.00. Because the software on the current handheld device is no longer supported by L/B Water we would be down essentially if we have a problem during the reading process. The current reader is 10 years old and we are having intermittent connection issues with the unit. Mr. Ranieri moved and Mr. Freese seconded to approve the purchase.

Motion Passed

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Chief Simpson gave a brief overview of the quarterly report that will be released first to the Police Commission and Managers and then to both the Council Members and Township Supervisors once finalized. Chief invited the Borough to participate in the upcoming National Police Week May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup> by lowering our flags to half-staff. Chief updated Borough Council that Sargent Greenwalt recently completed the Command and Leadership course. The use of Drones was discussed as it pertains to the invasion of privacy. Chief Simpson indicated that he would check with neighboring law enforcement agencies to see if they have already developed an ordinance to combat the issue.

Resolution No. 2017-02 was presented to the Council to request their support of the use of radar by municipal law enforcement agencies. Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Ranieri seconded to approve Resolution 2017-02.

Motion Passed

**Unfinished Business:**

- Codification of Ordinances – The Borough is waiting on feedback on two open items, the public safety and land development. Once received the group will meet again before presenting the results to council.

**New Buisness:**

Borough Manager McCummings presented the image of a new Borough Seal to be used in future written communication as well as on our social media sites. Mr. Freese moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve the purchase and use of the new Borough Seal.

**Upcoming Events:**

May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup> – National Police Week

May 27, 2017 – West Grove Memorial Parade starting at 9:00AM

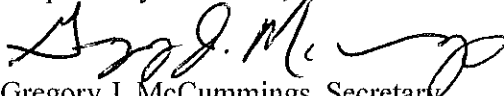
June 3, 2017 – Annual West Grove Community Yard Sale

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary