

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL

June 7, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The President, Mr. Johnson, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Stephen Black
Mr. Mark Johnson, President
Mr. Brinis Miller
Mr. Clyde Jacobs
Mr. David Prosser, Vice President
Mr. Christopher Freese
Mr. Richard Turkington
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

MINUTES:

May 3, 2017: Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2017 Borough Council Meeting.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Freese seconded to approve the May Financial Report.

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve the June transfers.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mr. Miller expressed concern of the cost of repairs being done on the utility body water truck in relationship to the value of the truck itself. Superintendent Nichols indicated that he feels the cost of purchasing a new vehicle would be much higher than the repairs.

Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve the May bills.

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Mrs. Jacqueline Dougherty from Crofton Court expressed concern regarding speeding traffic on Railroad Avenue as well as non-resident parking taking place in the private parking lot for Crofton Court. Chief Simpson requested Mrs. Dougherty's contact information for follow up from Sargent Greenwalt. Chief Simpson indicated that we can do a traffic study of the area using concealed speed monitoring devices that will help determine if there is an issue. The parking concern is a private matter that Mrs.

Dougherty needs to take up with the homeowner's association of the complex. They will need to make sure the lot is clearly marked for private parking and will need to hire a towing company to initiate compliance. This is not a matter the Borough or the police department is able to assist with.

White Clay Creek Multi-Municipal MS4 Collaboration presented recent developments with the Stormwater Management requirements that the Borough is required to meet. Ultimately the required amount of minimum reductions in pollutant loading the Borough is responsible for will be determined by calculations provided by our Engineer. Discussion took place in regards to where the improvements would be made, in or out of the Borough. It was explained by Ellen Kohler and Naomi Young that because stream restoration carries the lowest cost that it may be more beneficial to collaborate with London Grove to save costs. Ellen and the group will attend the July council meeting to further elaborate on the project as the Borough is required to have a draft of our intended project list available for DEP review in September.

FINANCE:

The Borough has begun the process of transitioning the working capital accounts to Fulton Bank. Deposits began on the 1st of June.

Borough Manager McCummings updated council that he attended a two day training seminar with the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs titled "Your Role as a Municipal Secretary/Administrator"

PUBLIC WORKS:

Superintendent Tim Nichols indicated that the Smoke Testing of our sewer system is in process. Several streets have been completed including Walnut, Murray, Jackson, Rosehill and Railroad Avenues.

Due to a scheduled training conflict Superintendent Nichols requested that we will need to move recycling day from Wednesday to Thursday at the start of July. Public Works employees Eric Schott and Shaun Dickinson will both be attending sewer certification training on Wednesday for 8 weeks starting in July. Residents will be notified via the Borough website as well as Facebook.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Simpson indicated that Jason Ward will be promoted to the position of Corporal and his official swearing in ceremony will be held at the Police Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday August 10th at the West Grove Borough.

A copy of a sample Drone Ordinance was presented to the council. Follow up discussion to take place at the July meeting.

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 BUSINESS

President Johnson indicated that we need to add another member to the Zoning Hearing Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing presented.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Meeting with Habitat for Humanity and Chester County to take place on June 13th at the Borough office and will not be a public meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary