

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

December 5, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday December 5, 2018 in the West Grove Municipal Building located at 117 Rosehill Avenue. The President, Mark Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Mark Johnson
Mr. Christopher Freese
Mayor Stephen Black
Mr. Brinis Miller
Mr. Bill Temme
Mr. Clyde Jacobs
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

MINUTES:

November 7, 2018: Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 Borough Council.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Freese moved and Mr. Temme seconded to approve the November Financial Report.

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Jacobs moved and Mr. Freese seconded to approve the December Transfers.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the November bills.

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

FINANCE:

Manager McCummings updated Council that the Ordinance increasing the water rates including the annual 2% adjustment was not re-advertised in time for the December meeting. Council requested that it be advertised for consideration at the January 2019 Council Meeting.

The results of the Refuse & Recycling Bids received November 28, 2018 were presented for consideration:

Bids Received:

1. A J Blosenski Inc.:
 - Refuse Yearly Bid - \$75,600.00
 - Refuse Monthly Bid - \$6,300.00

 - Recycle Yearly Bid – \$57,600.00
 - Recycle Monthly Bid - \$4,800.00

2. Republic Services:
 - Refuse Yearly Bid - \$84,825.96
 - Refuse Monthly Bid - \$7,068.83

 - Recycle Yearly Bid - \$84,825.96
 - Recycle Monthly Bid - \$7,068.83

3. Eagle Disposal of PA Inc.:
 - Refuse Yearly Bid - \$205,027.20
 - Refuse Monthly Bid - \$17,085.60

 - Recycle Yearly Bid - \$132,888.00
 - Recycle Monthly Bid - \$11,074.00

Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Temme seconded to award the Refuse contract to the lowest bidder and the current provider for the Borough AJ Blosensiki Inc.

Motion Passed

Council discussed the results of the recycling portion of the bid and the impact moving the program to a contractor would have on the borough workforce. Our two highest paid employees are our wastewater operators who lose a combined 16 hours a week recycling. We also have two part time employees that are used specifically for recycling. Salary costs following the personnel changes in 2018 total \$68,144.96 for 12 months. Following the discussion President Johnson opened the floor to entertain a motion to accept the low recycling bid. No motion was presented.

Manager McCummings presented Parcel 5-3-9 which is a 3.4 acre plot of ground that boarder's the southwest corner of Harmony Park. The current owner reached out to see if the Borough may be interested in the property to expand the park. Council discussed the need for additional parking and Mr. Freese suggested we contact the Wildcats program to see if they would be willing to partner with the Borough in some way. President Johnson asked that we request for an appraisal of the property from the owner for future consideration.

Budget Resolution 2018-03 was presented appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government during the year 2019.

Mr. Temme made a motion to approved Resolution 2018-03 and Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Tax Rate Ordinance 2018-04 was presented establishing the tax rate millage for 2019

Mr. Temme made a motion to approved Ordinance 2018-04 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Manager McCummings provided Council with an update on the current Inflow and Infiltration issues in our sanitary sewer collection system. Flows during rain events have reached a critical level and are causing overflows at the treatment plant. Based on the figures going to DEP for November 2018 we run the risk of being fined for the results as we are violating our permit. In response the Borough Engineer and Borough employees worked a night shift on December 3, 2018 to research the flows. Following the system review Hanover compiled a collection system map with highlighted sections that will require camera work. The mapping was presented to potential contractors and the firm that can get us scheduled quickest is Sewer Specialty Services which has done work for the Borough in the past. The work is temporarily scheduled to being on Monday January 14, 2019.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence provided.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Black publicly thanked Council for supporting his appointment to the Public Safety Commission for 2017 and 2018. President Johnson expressed gratitude for the Mayor's service. A discussion took place regarding the length of each Borough member's appointment to the commission.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Employee Holiday Luncheon – Friday December 7th at 1:30PM at Twelves Restaurant
- Public Safety Commission – Thursday December 13th at 7:30PM (West Grove)
- Tree Lighting Ceremony – Friday December 14th from 6-8PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Miller seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:26p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary