

**WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MARCH 5, 2014**

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**PUBLIC HEARING: Chester County Department of Community Development Grant Application.** President Johnson opened the Public Hearing to discuss the application for funding through the Chester County Department of Community Development. The West Grove Borough would like to apply for \$350,000 for Streetscape and Infrastructure improvements to replace the water main, service lines, curbing, sidewalks and road reconstruction on Hillside Avenue. After inviting Borough Council and the public for input; President Johnson announced that the Public Hearing was concluded.

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The President, Mark Johnson, called the meeting to order at 7:35 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. Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary

**MINUTES:**

**February 5, 2014:** Mr. Prosser moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2014 Borough Council Meeting and was seconded by Mr. Jacobs.

Motion Passed

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

Motion Passed

**TRANSFERS:**

Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Ranieri seconded to approve the March transfers.

Motion Passed

**BILLS:**

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

Motion Passed

**VISITORS:**

Several West Hillcrest Avenue Residents complained about a large truck parked at the end of the street that blocked one of the lanes. The residents complained that it was a safety issue and after a lengthy discussion; Borough Council decided to install a No

Parking sign from here to corner. The Superintendent of Public Works will measure the distance to be advertised. Mr. Ranieri moved and Mr. Turkington seconded giving permission to advertise the installation of a No Parking Sign at the end of the West Hillcrest Avenue.

Motion Passed

**West Grove Borough Storm Water Management Ordinance (Act 167):** The Borough Engineers, Farley Fry and Jennifer Prunoske, gave a presentation of the final draft of the Act 167, West Grove Borough Storm Water Management Ordinance to Borough Council. Ms. Prunoske answered questions from Borough Council. After a general discussion, Mr. Ranieri moved and Mr. Knezek seconded to authorize the Borough Solicitor, Helen Esbenshade, to advertise the Act 167, West Grove Borough Storm Water Management Ordinance for adoption.

Motion Passed

**Charles Freese, Emergency Management Coordinator:** Mr. Freese discussed with Borough Council the possibility of AGREM installing an AM radio station to be used for municipal information and for emergency information updates. AGREM is proposing to install a test kit on top of the water tower to confirm that there is no interference and that it will work. The Borough recently sold their antenna leases to Lease Advisors and the Borough will check to see if they have a problem with the installation.

**FINANCE ISSUES:**

**2013 Annual Audit & Financial Report:** The 2013 Annual Audit was completed and electronically filed. Borough Council received a 2013 West Grove Borough Audit Report from the Sharon Johnson, West Grove Borough Audit Committee Chairman.

**POLICE PENSION PLAN AND NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN**

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Jacobs authorized the advertisement of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System proposed Police Pension Plan and Non Uniformed Pension Plan Ordinance Amendments.

Motion Passed

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Public Works Employee:** Mr. Nichols, Superintendent of Public Works, recommended to Borough Council to hire Shaun Dickinson as the full-time Public Works Employee. Mr. Turkington moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to hire Shaun Dickinson as a full-time public works employee.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Borough of West Grove Police Civil Service Commission Annual Report:** Borough Council authorized President Johnson to sign the Borough of West Grove's Police Civil Service Commission Annual Report.

**Oakland Avenue:** It was recommended by residents on Oakland Avenue to have a limited time to turn left on Oakland Avenue onto Evergreen Street because of the traffic back up. Borough Council requested the Borough Manager to check to see if the school busses turn left on their bus routes during the hours of 6 am to 9 am.

**HOMETOWN STREET GRANT UPDATE:** The Borough Manager, Sharon Nesbitt, gave an update on the Hometown Street Grant. Several residents did attend the meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> and overall everyone seemed favorable to the project. The Borough office is still working on meeting with the property owners that were not able to attend the meeting. The next step will be for the property owners to meet with the Borough Solicitor, Helen Esbenshade, Esq. and the Borough Manager to sign the agreements.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon B Nesbitt*

Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary