

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL – Reorganizational Meeting Notes

January 2, 2018

The Reorganizational Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Tuesday January 2, 2018 in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The Mayor, Stephen Black called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Following the call to order and the pledge of allegiance Manager McCummings administered the oath of office to Mayor Black.

Mayor Black then administered the oath of office for Council Members Temme, Freese and Prosser as well as tax collector Wanda Prosser.

Following the oath of offices Mayor Black opened up the floor for nominations for Council President.

Mr. Miller nominated Mr. Johnson for Council President and Mr. Freese seconded the nomination.

Motion Passed

Following the election of Mr. Johnson as Council President Mayor Black opened the floor for nominations for Vice President.

Mr. Ranieri nominated Mr. Freese for Council Vice President and Mr. Prosser seconded the nomination.

Motion Passed

Appointments:

West Grove Sewer Authority
President – Christopher Freese
Member – Mark Johnson
Member – Janet Patterson

Mr. Ranieri moved to appoint Helen Esbenshade of Lamb MacErlane as the Borough Solicitor and Mr. Prosser seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Mr. Prosser moved to appoint Farley Fry of Hanover Engineering as the Borough Engineer and Mr. Freese seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Mr. Freese moved to appoint Campbell Code Services as the Borough Zoning and Code Official and Mr. Temme seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

MINUTES:

December 5, 2017: Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 Borough Council Meeting.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the December Financial Report.

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Freese moved and Mr. Ranieri seconded to approve the January Transfers.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mr. Jacobs moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve the December bills.

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Mrs. Pilson expressed concern over the pending approval of the EcoVillage project on property that borders the Borough at the southeast corner. The zoning hearing was rescheduled for February 5, 2018 due to inclement weather in January and Mrs. Pilson and members of Borough Council and Manager McCummings intend on attending the zoning hearing.

Mrs. Wood expressed concern regarding the current inspection process when rental units and homes are inspected for transfer of ownership. The concern is that she feels not everything people are failing inspections for are clearly noted on the inspection sheets we provide prior to the inspection which is causing issues for residents of the Borough.

FINANCE:

Ordinance 2018-01 (Volunteer Services Real Property Tax Credit) was presented for consideration.

Mr. Prosser motioned and Mr. Freese seconded to approve Ordinance 2018-01 providing a 20% property tax relief to active volunteers meeting all the requirements and owning and residing in a property in the Borough.

Motion Passed

The deed to the property at Townview Drive was discussed. Solicitor Esbenshade completed the preparation of the deed and Manager McCummings requested approval to present the deed to the Townhome Association.

Mr. Ranieri motioned and Mr. Prosser seconded to move forward with transferring the property.

PUBLIC WORKS:

PUBLIC SAFETY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary