

**WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes**

**June 6, 2018**

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The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday June 6, 2018 in the West Grove Chapel at 107 West Evergreen Street. The President, Mark Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

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

**Executive Session:**

Prior to the Council Meeting an executive session was held from 7:00pm to 7:20pm at the Municipal Building to discuss personnel matters.

**MINUTES:**

**May 2, 2018:** Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2018 Borough Council.

Motion Passed

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

Motion Passed

**TRANSFERS:**

Mr. Ranieri moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the June Transfers.

Motion Passed

**BILLS:**

Mr. Ranieri moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the May bills.

Motion Passed

**VISITORS:**

Mr. Richard Walkup announced the dedication of the West Grove Chapel and expressed his gratitude for the support of Borough Council throughout the process of rehabilitating the structure at 107 West Evergreen Street.

Mr. Mathew Wood inquired about low hanging limbs at the entrance of West Meadow Drive.

**FINANCE:**

In May the Council requested that rates be worked up to cover the entire shortfall of \$178,000 over the 4 quarters of the year in the water fund and that we be ready to request approval to advertise the adjustment at the June Council Meeting.

Current Rates with a minimum of 7,000 of usage:

Water (Minimum \$35.00 – Rate \$3.00/1,000 gallons over 7,000)

Sewer (Minimum \$70.00 – Rate \$8.57/1,000 gallons over 7,000)

Manager McCummings presented the rate increase necessary to cover the shortfall in the fund as follows:

Rates necessary with a reduced minimum of 6,000 gallons of usage:

Water (Minimum \$60.00 – Rate \$7.00/1,000 gallons over 6,000)

Sewer (Minimum \$70.00 – Rate \$8.57/1,000 gallons over 6,000)

Mr. Prosser moved to advertise the adjustment and Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion Passed.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

The South Hills paving project was reviewed as it was completed prior to the meeting in May 2018. Council was satisfied with the results however questioned the significant difference in the quoted rate and the actual invoiced amount. The Borough was quoted \$60,000 for the project estimated to be 3,500 square yards. The actual billed amount was \$74,751.52 and the actual project was 4,991 square yards. Superintendent Nichols indicated to Manager McCummings prior to the meeting that the measuring wheel used to estimate the project was not reading accurately and thus the project was underestimated.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Ordinance 2018-01 was presented to Council for their review. The Ordinance was an alteration to the current Animal Ordinance 2002-02. Additions to the Ordinance included prohibiting roosters in the Borough as well as including all animals in the running at large section of the Ordinance.

Mr. Ranieri motioned to pass Ordinance 2018-01 and Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Chief Simpson invited Council Members to attend the upcoming Active Threat table top exercise at the training facility in Coatesville, PA on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Chief Simpson indicated that crime statistics in both communities served by the Southern Chester County Regional Police Department continue to trend in positive directions thus far in 2018.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Black commented on quality of work that was performed on the West Grove Chapel and expressed his gratitude to Mr. Walkup for taking on the project and that he and the Council are very pleased with the results.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- June 14<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Commission Meeting at West Grove Borough

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary