

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

July 2, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Monday July 2, 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. David Prosser
Mr. Brinis Miller
Mr. Michael Ranieri
Mr. Bill Temme
Mr. Clyde Jacobs
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

MINUTES:

June 6, 2018: Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2018 Borough Council.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Freese moved and Mr. Temme seconded to approve the July Transfers.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mr. Ranieri moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve the June bills.

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Ms. Lori Schwabenbauer, Director of the Avon Grove Library, introduced Barbara Hart and requested Council considers her for appointment to the Avon Grove Library Board for a term of 3 years as the representative for West Grove Borough.

Mr. Prosser made a motion to appoint Barbara Hart to the Avon Grove Library Board for a term of 3 years and Mr. Ranieri seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Ms. Schwabenbauer also indicated that the construction on the Ringler Reading Room was to commence sometime in the month of August and that they were also working on replacing the air conditioning unit for the Library as well.

Molly Wood inquired about commercial inspections. Currently the Borough does not have a commercial inspection program and Molly is concerned that we should have safety and upkeep checks on the commercial properties.

Resident Robert Polen expressed his displeasure regarding recent solicitation activity that has been occurring in the Borough. Council discussed the issue and recommended that Mr. Polen get a no solicitation sign for his property and that we would look into the issue deeper for a solution.

FINANCE:

The water and sewer rate adjustment was not advertised prior to the July meeting and thus was not voted on.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No update provided.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No update provided

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Freese requested that we reconvene the Sewer Authority in the month of August for a second meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager McCummings presented the opportunity to have Harvest Ridge Winery unveil their new First Responders wine at the upcoming National Night Out event. Council agreed with having them at the event.

Manager McCummings also presented the new Job Descriptions and Employee Handbook for consideration. Council requested that the handbook be covered with each employee and then we have them sign that they've received a copy.

Mr. Ranieri made a motion to approve the Handbook and Job Descriptions and Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Mr. Freese provided an update on the municipal update he recently attended for Medic 94. Essentially Medic 94 is considering updating the funding formula based on mileage, population and call volume to make sure communities with the highest activity levels are providing sufficient funding. The impact should be limited on the Borough.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence provided.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Black commented on whether or not we as a Borough should consider live streaming the Council Meetings on Facebook to encourage participation and increase transparency with the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Public Safety Commission Meeting – July 12th at 7:30pm (New Garden)
- National Night Out – Tuesday August 7th from 6-8pm (West Grove and New Garden)

Executive Session:

Following the Upcoming Events discussion Council President Johnson suspended the Meeting into an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary