

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

September 5, 2018

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

MINUTES:

August 1, 2018: Mr. Ranieri moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2018 Borough Council.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the September Transfers.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Mrs. Barbara Hart presented Council with the Annual Library Report and Library Director Lori Schwabenbauer invited everyone to attend the grand opening ceremony for the Ringler Reading Room at the end of September.

FINANCE:

Discussion was held regarding the proposed water rate adjustment ordinance and the effect the revision will have on the community. Manager McCummings recommended that Council consider tabling the ordinance for the period of time necessary to have a valuation performed on the water system so all options are being evaluated. Currently

Chester Water Authority's rates are slightly higher than the Borough's rates. In order for us to make the water fund solvent we will need to essentially double our water rates.

Mr. Ranieri made a motion that the water rate ordinance be tabled and Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Mr. Miller made a motion that the Borough pursues an assessment of the public water system and Mr. Temme seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Manager McCummings presented the letter of recommendation for the bid award for the Habitat for Humanity Fuller Meadows project. EB Walsh, the Engineering firm for Habitat, recommended that Council award the bid to Mecco Constructors, Inc. which was the lowest responsible bidder.

Mr. Prosser made a motion that Council award both the base and add alternate bid to Mecco Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$2,341,212.70. Mr. Ranieri seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

President Johnson questioned the Borough being billed for a street in Sadsbury Township which is another municipality that Campbell Code Services does work with. Mr. Johnson requested that Manager McCummings follow up with the code official for clarification.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Manager McCummings provided an update to Council regarding the status of the Sewer operation. Both the influent and effluent meters have been fixed at the plant and are working. Update was also provided that interviews had been conducted with the two qualified operators that applied for the open position at the treatment plant. Second interview was to be conducted at a future work session with all of Council present. Mr. Ranieri requested an update on the storm sewer repair on West Meadow Drive.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Manager McCummings requested that the Regional Police Department put a focus on the upcoming Wildcats Football games at Harmony Park. The opening weekend there were parking issues and complaints from residents in the area.

Mr. Ranieri announced that the Regional Police Commission had come to an agreement with the police union for a 4 year contract.

Mr. Prosser made a motion that Council approves the first amendment to the Inter-Governmental Agreement to clarify the pension for retired officers prior to the merger which will stay with the municipality from which they retired. Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Mr. Prosser made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-02 authorizing the Borough Council of West Grove to amend Article VIII of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with New Garden Township dated July 18, 2016. Mr. Temme seconded to approve Ordinance 2018-02.

Motion Passed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dedication Ceremony for the Ringler Reading Room – Avon Grove Library Tuesday September 25th from 6:30-7:30PM. Please RSVP via the email that was sent out.
- Public Safety Events
 - Ground Breaking Ceremony for new Police Headquarters – Wednesday September 12th at 10AM
 - Chester County Police Chiefs Association luncheon – Hartfield Golf Course following the ground breaking ceremony on 9/12.
 - Must know by Friday 9/7 if you wish to attend either event
 - Public Safety Commission – Thursday September 13th at 7:30 PM at the New Garden Township Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary