

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

June 5, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday June 5, 2019 in the West Grove Municipal Building located at 117 Rosehill Avenue. The President, Mark Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

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

MINUTES:

May 1, 2019: Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Temme seconded to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 Borough Council.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve the June Transfers.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Molly Wood, from Edgehill Avenue inquired about the pedestrian crossing at the red light. She requested that when pedestrians hit the cross walk button that all four directions are held on red while they cross. This is something PennDOT must approve. Paul Lutz, the Borough's district representative from PennDOT recommends that we move the signal to a "Pedestrian Advance" mode which allows pedestrians to enter the cross walk before any signals go to green. This causes less of a delay than holding everything on red for the entire crossing. Once approved by PennDOT we will have Signal Services make the adjustment.

Dan O'Connell, from Harmony Road inquired about how the new water rates were affecting the water fund. Manager McCummings indicated that the fund is starting to

recover and that funds were recently used to install a new service line to the PECO facility as well as a new fire hydrant on Willow Street. Mr. O'Connell inquired about the status of the post and rail fencing in Memorial Park which has been fixed. Mr. O'Connell also inquired about the status of the potential revisions to the rental inspection ordinance which was discussed later in the New Business section of the meeting.

Carol Severance, from Townview Drive inquired about the Borough possibly developing a composting program. Currently yard waste including leaves are recycled at the land fill. Manager McCummings will discuss the idea with Public Works and determine how to develop a composting program. Mrs. Severance also requested some additional information regarding the smoke testing program that was taking place in June.

Cole Wood, from Edgehill inquired as to why the retired flag box has a blue line in the box supporting the police department. Manager McCummings indicated that the decision was made based on the fact that the box would be hung on the outside of the police station.

Lori Schwabenbauer, director of the Avon Grove Library updated Council that the Library Board of Trustees is in need of a representative from West Grove Borough. Council will try to local a candidate.

FINANCE:

Manager McCummings presented 3 energy assessments from PECO. PECO performed the assessments at the Municipal Building, the Maintenance Garage and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. President Johnson felt it was not an appropriate time for the Borough to make that type of investment. Further discussion took place amongst Council and a decision was made to take a vote on moving forward with the lowest cost plan for the Maintenance Garage to allow us to validate the forecasted savings of upgrading to LED Lighting.

Mr. Temme made a motion to move forward with the SmartWatt Energy proposal to outfit the Borough Maintenance Garage with new LED Lighting and Mr. Prosser seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

No comments

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works is currently focused on park maintenance and scheduling necessary repair work including paving around the storm inlet on Columbine Drive, Stormwater Main repair in Bushong Alley and excavating and repairing the sewer main offset behind Freedom Way in Liberty Court.

Smoke testing of the Borough Sewer collection system is scheduled to be completed in June and follow up communication will be sent out to homeowners where issues are

identified. Once that process is complete the Borough will be moving to individual home inspections to identify any sump pumps and condensation lines that are illegally connected to the sewer system. Identifying and stopping inflow and infiltration continues to be the focus with the sewer system at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Deputy Chief Mike King provided a report that the Avondale Town Hall held the previous evening was well attended and very successful. DC King indicated that the new Avondale Borough service area will be sector 30 and that we should expect to see some changes to the weekly report that we received. DC King also encouraged everyone in attendance to take the time to respond to the survey they have put out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council inquired about the codification project and where we stand with that process. Currently Manager McCummings is waiting for a copy of the ordinance that needs to be adopted by Council to make the codified ordinances effective.

NEW BUSINESS

Council discussed the recently drafted changes to both the rental and resale inspection ordinances. Discussion centered around the effect the changes would have on both rental property owners as well as owner occupied residents. Clarification was provided that homeowners would not be subject to the conditions of the ordinances until they sold their property.

Mr. Ranieri made a motion to advertise the updated Rental Inspection Ordinance and Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Mr. Prosser made a motion to advertise the updated Transfer Inspection Ordinance and Mr. Ranieri seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was presented

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor was not in attendance

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Public Safety Commission – Thursday June 13th at 7:30PM (West Grove)
- USDA State Director, Curt Coccodrilli, will visit the West Grove Habitat site at 2:00pm on Monday, June 17. Habitat invited Council to meet and greet Mr. Coccodrilli.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary