

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

July 3, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday July 3, 2019 in the West Grove Municipal Building located at 117 Rosehill Avenue. The Vice President, Christopher Freese called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Christopher Freese, Vice President
Mayor Stephen Black
Mr. Brinis Miller
Mr. Michael Ranieri
Mr. Clyde Jacobs
Mr. David Prosser
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

Following the pledge of allegiance Manager McCummings read the following letters addressed to Borough Council from President Mark Johnson dated June 30, 2019:

RE: Correction to be put into the minutes

Dear Council,

It was stated by me that we used the General Fund to subsidize the Water Fund. After the sale of the cell phone rights, we used the funds to clean the interior of the water tower, paint the outside of the tower, and do engineering on 2 water projects. The balance was used to offset producing the water for a few years.

**Sincerely,
Mark Johnson**

Dear Council,

I am stepping down as President of Borough Council for health reasons. At this time, I don't know the outcome of my disease and am presently in the hospital for an extended period of time. I believe it is in the best interest of the Borough residents that I step down as President.

It is my recommendation that the Borough Council appoint Chip Freese as the new President of Council. We have worked closely over the past year, and I feel he would make a good President.

I will be retaining my council seat in hopes that I will be able to return to those duties. I ask that the council, in the various issues they are facing, to be fair towards all residents of West Grove such as with the intergovernmental agreement, the budget process, the police contract, and Habitat for Humanity.

It has been rewarding, as well as an honor and a pleasure to represent the residents of West Grove. I want to thank the council members for their wise council, and their love of the Borough. I appreciate their confidence in electing me as President of Borough Council.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Johnson**

Following the presentation of the presentation of the letters the meeting was handed over to Mayor Black to preside over the Reorganization of Borough Council.

Nominations were accepted for Borough Council President. Mr. Miller nominated Michael Ranieri for President.

Motion Passed

Nominations were accepted for Borough Council Vice President. Mr. Ranieri nominated Christopher Freese for Vice President.

Motion Passed

At the conclusion of the reorganization the gavel was passed to the new President of Council, Michael Ranieri, to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

MINUTES:

June 5, 2019: Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2019 Borough Council.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

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

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mr. Jacobs moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the June bills.

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Don Slesinski, from Columbine Drive inquired about the status of the sewer collection system and how the repair work has been progressing. Manager McCummings indicated that would be discussed during the Public Works portion of the meeting.

John & Veronica Carey and John and Cathy Hashagen, from Goldenrod Lane in West Meadows along with **Chris Munro**, from Columbine Drive in West Meadows initiated a discussion regarding the amount of commercial vehicles including trailers in West Meadows and how they interfere with sight lines and safe two way traffic in spots. While it's not totally isolated to the area, the intersection of Columbine Drive and Poppy Lane is causing the biggest issue. Many residents in the area are parking commercial vehicles and trailers on both sides of the streets. President Ranieri indicated that Council would research the initial subdivision plans to see if any parking restrictions were put in place at that time. Previous research done by the Borough Solicitor indicates that Borough Council may restrict parking any way they see fit in this situation with a modification to the current parking ordinance. President Ranieri let the visitors know that additional follow up will be presented at the August Council Meeting.

FINANCE:

Manager McCummings discussed the updated proposal from Meco Constructors to excavate and rebuild the first 67' of South Guernsey Road starting at Evergreen Street. The updated proposal including the test holes necessary with the fiber optics in the intersection is \$25,158.90. Split between West Grove and London Grove the Borough's portion will cost \$12,579.45. Following the completion of those repairs the road will be milled and a new wearing course installed from the railroad tracks to Evergreen. This will be performed by Long's Paving who is the CO-OP paving bid winner.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

No comments

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works installed 100 yards of engineered fiber mulch in the play areas at both parks including boxing out the swings at Memorial Park and installing mulch in that area as well. This was a directive from the Borough Insurance Company during their last review.

Smoke testing was completed in June and follow up for homeowners with issues has been communicated with a timeframe for corrections to be completed. Mr. Rehab is scheduled to begin work lining sewer mains in several areas previously identified with camera work. Borough employees will be excavating the offset found behind Liberty Court for possible repair.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Lieutenant Joe Greenwalt provided an update on the planning for the upcoming National Night Out events being held on Tuesday August 6, 2019 along with the roll out of the body worn cameras as well as the 2nd quarter report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Comments

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Don Slesinski to the Library Board for a term of 3 years.

Mr. Prosser made a motion to appoint Don Slesinski as the Borough representative on the Avon Grove Library Board for a term of 3 years and Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was presented

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Black wished everyone in attendance a happy and safe 4th of July holiday.

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

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary