

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

September 4, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday September 4, 2019 in the West Grove Municipal Building located at 117 Rosehill Avenue. The President, Michael Ranieri called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES:

August 7, 2019: Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2019 Borough Council.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Freese moved and Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve the September Transfers.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Donald Slesinski, from the West Meadow Development inquired about the status of the Stormwater at the Habitat for Humanity job site. Manager McCummings explained that the Stormwater from the site is designed to drain under Guernsey Road and down to the creek bed. The Borough Engineer submitted a permit request to the DEP to allow the swale to be cleaned of the existing sediment to allow the drainage to take place properly and we are waiting for that to be approved which is why much of the Stormwater is being retained on the site at this time.

James Parks, from Hillside Avenue requested an update on the Stormwater issue he is experiencing on his property. Communication was previously established with Manager

McCummings regarding the issue. Following a site visit the Borough requested the owner of 115 West Hillcrest Avenue to address runoff from their property which appears to be causing Mr. Parks' issue. At this time all of the roof drains from 115 West Hillcrest have been redirected and a drain box installed to redirect the runoff from the driveway. The Borough will wait for additional feedback from Mr. Parks following the next significant rainfall we receive in the Borough to see if the issue has been resolved.

Janet Paterson, from Chambers Way inquired about water she noticed in storm drains during a time of no rainfall. Council explained that this tends to not be uncommon in a Borough setting that is well over 100 years old as some underground springs will still produce water that will make its way into the storm drains.

Lori Schwabenbauer, director of the Avon Grove Library provided an annual update of the statistics for the library including impressive figures for the number of kids programs and strong attendance figures as well. Lori provided the Borough with the Avon Grove Library's annual funding request for review.

Daniel O'Connell, from Harmony Road asked if the Borough has reviewed any LED lighting proposals for the street lighting in the Borough. Borough Council recently approved upgrading the lighting at the Maintenance Garage to all LED and Manager McCummings has been in conversation with PECO about getting a quote to upgrade all street lighting to LED as well. Mr. O'Connell asked the Borough to look into the street light on Prospect and the one in Memorial Park that stay on all day.

FINANCE:

Manager McCummings provided Borough Council with the 2020 Budget Schedule.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

No comments

PUBLIC WORKS:

Manager McCummings presented August flow figures for the Wastwater Plant which continues to be at optimal levels. Mr. Rehab was in the Borough in August adding a few more fixes and will finish up in Early September with the last of the main line liners.

Milling and wearing course is scheduled to be completed on South Guernsey Road in early September.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Simpson provided invitations to all of Council to attend the upcoming Grand Opening Ceremony at the new SCCRPD Headquarters on Saturday September 21st at 9:00AM. Chief also provided the tracking figures for Oakland Avenue which resulted in just over 2% of vehicles exceeding the enforceable speed limit.

Tony Scheivert, Manager of New Garden Township provided proposed updates to the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the SCCRPD. Council will review and if there are no objections they will vote to advertise the revisions at the October Council Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following ordinances were presented by President Ranieri for consideration to advertise:

2019-02: Adoption of the 2015 Property Maintenance Code

Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Jacobs seconded to move forward with advertising proposed Ordinance 2019-02.

Motion Passed

2019-03: Revisions to the existing Transfer Inspection Program

Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Temme seconded to move forward with advertising proposed Ordinance 2019-03.

Motion Passed

2019-04: Revisions to the existing Rental Inspection Program

Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Freese seconded to move forward with advertising proposed Ordinance 2019-04.

Motion Passed

2019-05: West Meadows Development Parking Restrictions

Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to move forward with advertising proposed Ordinance 2019-05.

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Quaker Ally was brought up for discussion due to the complaints received from the Borough's contracted waste hauler A. J. Blosenski. The vegetation in the ally is making it difficult to get the truck safely through to pick up the trash. It's the Borough's understanding that the residents who's properties boarder the ally requested it to become private. Borough Council recommended that we reach out to those residents to either have them maintain the ally or move their trash cans to Evergreen or Harmony for pick up.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The letter from the Avon Grove Library solicitor, D'Lauro & Associates, P.C. was presented for comment. In summary the letter requested that the Borough consider moving from the current 60/40 cost sharing split to 50/50. Borough Council would not agree and requested Manager McCummings respond accordingly.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Happy Fall to everyone

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – Thursday 9/12 @ 7:30pm (New Garden)
- **West Grove Fire Company Budget Meeting** – Wednesday 9/18 @ 6:30pm
(New London Station 12 – 1 Firehouse Lane)
- **Medic 94 Budget Meeting** – Thursday 9/19 @ 7pm (London Grove Township Building)
- **Grand Opening Ceremony for the New Police Facility** – Saturday 9/21 @ 9am
- **West Grove Fall Festival** – Saturday 10/5 from 4-8pm

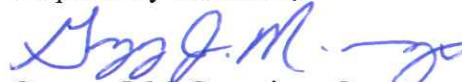
ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:13p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary