

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

December 4, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday December 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. Clyde Jacobs
Mr. David Prosser
Mr. William Temme
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

MINUTES:

November 6, 2019: Mr. Freese moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2019 Borough Council.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve the November Financial Report.

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

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

Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Several residents from the West Meadows subdivision were in attendance to discuss Ordinance 2019-05 that was enacted on October 2, 2019 at the regularly scheduled Borough Council meeting. Members of the community expressed concerns with eliminating parking on one side of every street in the subdivision in order to address the areas of concern. Concerns regarding the parking in the development were initially brought before Borough Council in the July 3, 2019 meeting. During the meeting residents of the development indicated that they wished for the Borough to look at the possibility of enacting new parking restrictions to address parking in the community. One particular area of concern was the intersection of Poppy Lane and Columbine Drive where vehicles were being parked on both sides of the street. Many of the vehicles in that area are commercial in nature including trailers and box trucks. The concern is that

the vehicles limit emergency vehicle accessibility and sight lines for vehicles navigating the intersection including school busses. Other areas of concern were the reduced sight lines on West Meadow Drive on the curve opposite of Barley Courte due to on street parking. Ordinance 2019-05 was drafted and advertised on 9/24/19 and restricted parking one the right side of every street in the development. The residents in attendance felt the ordinance was detrimental to a high percentage of the community and negatively affected areas that were not of concern prior. Borough Council agreed to look at the situation again to attempt to draft a solution that is more specifically focused on the areas of concern.

FINANCE:

Manager McCummings updated Borough Council that the Borough's interest rate was recently reduced from 2.1% down to 1.4% due to multiple cuts in the Federal Interest Rate over the previous 6 months which will reduce the amount of interest the Borough accounts earn moving forward.

2020 Budget

General Fund 2020: Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve the proposed 2020 General Fund Budget for adoption.

Motion Passed

Water Fund 2020: Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Temme seconded to approve the proposed 2020 Water Fund Budget for adoption.

Motion Passed

Sewer Fund 2020: Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to approve the proposed 2020 Sewer Fund Budget for adoption.

Motion Passed

Street Lights Fund 2020: Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve the proposed 2020 Street Lights Fund Budget for adoption.

Motion Passed

Liquid Fuels Fund 2020: Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to approve the proposed 2020 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget for adoption.

Motion Passed

2020 Taxation Ordinance 2019-07: Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve Ordinance 2019-07 for adoption.

Motion Passed

Tax Resolution 2019-04: Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Prosser seconded to approve Resolution 2019-04 for adoption.

Motion Passed

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

No comments

PUBLIC WORKS:

Manager McCummings provided the average November 2019 Effluent figures for the wastewater plant which came in at 205,823 gallons per day with the November rainfall at 1.67 inches.

Recently the Borough requested and accomplished getting a wastewater flow meter installed at the Avon Grove Trailer Park off Chestnut Road. The trailer park is located in London Grove Township however the Borough supplies water and treats the wastewater from the park. Because trailer parks are notorious for Inflow and Infiltration issues it's important to have a device in place to track the flows.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Deputy Chief Mike King was in attendance and invited everyone to attend the upcoming Public Safety Commission Meeting to be held on Thursday 12/19/19 at the West Grove Municipal Building.

President Ranieri made the following appointments to the Public Safety Commission:

- Mayor Stephen Black was appointed as the 2-year representative for the Borough.
- Mr. Bill Temme was appointed as the 1-year representative for the Borough.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 2019-08 updating the current sewer ordinance with penalties for non-compliance: Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve Ordinance 2019-08 for adoption.

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-03 authorizing Manager McCummings to sign the Winter Services Agreement between Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and West Grove Borough. Mr. Prosser moved and Mr. Temme seconded to approve Resolution 2019-03.

Motion Passed

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing Reported

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Black thanked the outgoing Council Member for their service to the Borough and welcomed the newly elected officials.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – Thursday 11/19 @ 7:30pm (Regional Police Headquarters)
- **West Grove Borough Tree Lighting** – Thursday 12/5 from 6:30-8pm
- **2020 Reorganization Meeting** – Monday January 6, 2020 at 8:00pm

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:26p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary