

**WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes**

**March 18, 2020**

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The Workshop Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday March 18, 2020 in the West Grove Municipal Building located at 117 Rosehill Avenue. The President, David Prosser called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. David Prosser  
Mrs. Kristin Proto, Vice President  
Mayor Stephen Black  
Mr. Chip Freese  
Mr. Bill Temme  
Ms. Elizabeth Garduno  
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Chief Simpson updated Council that currently there are no staffing issues with the police department due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and provided examples of steps the department is taking to limit exposure to the virus moving forward.

Council discussed the current status of the Borough operation in regards to the virus. It was recommended by the Borough Manager that rental inspections be suspended and that the office be closed to the public until further notice. Council agreed with both recommendations which mirror adjustments other municipalities had recently implemented to limit exposure to the Coronavirus. Transfer of ownership inspections will proceed as scheduled for the upcoming settlements that are scheduled so we do not hold up the sale of property.

Council discussed creating a Continuum of Government should members of Council become infected with the virus.

Mrs. Proto made a motion to appoint Mr. Freese to the 4<sup>th</sup> position of governance and Mr. Temme seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Discussion took place regarding the upcoming April Borough Council Meeting and how that will be handled. Council agreed that the meeting needs to be held in a virtual forum such as Zoom or GoToMeeting.

The current Declaration of Disaster Emergency was discussed regarding the need for an extension.

Mr. Temme made a motion to extend the current Disaster Emergency Declaration to April 15, 2020 and Mr. Freese seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

The current status of the Borough parks was discussed. The tot lot area of Memorial Park and play equipment in Harmony Park were closed with caution tape and Council recommended that we post signage at both parks recommending people follow the CDC guidelines for social distancing and not gathering in groups of 10 people or more.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:04p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary