

**WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes**

**March 4, 2020**

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The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday March 4, 2020 in the West Grove Municipal Building located at 117 Rosehill Avenue. The Vice President, Kristin Proto called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

**MINUTES:**

**February 5, 2020:** Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Freese seconded to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2020 Borough Council.

Motion Passed

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Freese seconded to approve the February Financial Report.

Motion Passed

**TRANSFERS:**

Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Boyce seconded to approve the March Transfers.

Motion Passed

**BILLS:**

Mr. Freese questioned why the Borough paid for the restocking of the medical cabinet in the police substation. Follow up discussion took place and service for the cabinet has been discontinued.

Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Boyce seconded to approve the February bills.

Motion Passed

**VISITORS:**

Representatives from both the White Clay Wild and Scenic River Program and Rutgers University Extension presented Borough Council with a draft of the West Grove Borough Green Infrastructure Concept Masterplan. Through grant funding the White Clay Wild and Scenic River Program was able to secure the engineering work from Rutgers Extension. The Borough needs to select projects and figure out ways to implement them which will help us comply with the DEP's Stormwater mandates.

**FINANCE:**

Manager McCummings updated everyone that the compromised Sewer Fund account has been closed and all funds transferred over to the new Sewer Account.

**ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:**

No comments

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Manager McCummings provided the average February 2020 Effluent figures for the wastewater plant which came in at 231,341 gallons per day with the total February rainfall at 3.35 inches.

Manager McCummings provided an update regarding the DEP's notice of violation for a failure to respond to a disinfection treatment breakdown. The Borough is required to maintain a minimum disinfection level of .50 milligrams per liter of chlorine in the system at all times. Daily testing results for December 28, 2019 dropped below .50mg/l and we failed to provide a boil water advisory notice to the public at that time. Failure to do so created a notice of violation requiring the Borough to provide public notice to each end user by Friday March 13, 2020.

Injecting mixed chlorine at both wells did not produce a consistent level of disinfectant. Even prior to the notice of the breakdown operationally we made the decision in the first quarter of 2020 to replace the pump at our largest producing well allowing us to inject non diluted chlorine in the system. The new pump allows the operators to more accurately dispense chlorine and thus provides a consistent level of disinfection that is required. The same pump was then installed at the second well location so both are operating both more efficiently and effectively. We also made the investment in a third pump and a rebuild kit so we will have no downtime if a pump fails.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Lieutenant Joe Greenwault invited everyone in attendance to attend the upcoming annual Awards Ceremony for the officers at the Public Safety Commission Meeting on Thursday March 12, 2020 at 7:30PM at the New Garden Township Building. Lieutenant Greenwault provided an update on the accreditation process and where the police force stands with those efforts as well as the current status of the assault investigation on Columbine Drive.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 2020-01** updating the parking ordinance with changes specific to West Meadows was discussed. The revisions include removing the original changes adopted which eliminated parking on one side of every street in the subdivision and adding provisions for no overnight commercial vehicle parking in the entire subdivision and no parking on the east side of Columbine Drive between Poppy Lane and Merigold Court.

Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Boyce seconded to approve Ordinance **2020-01** for adoption.

Motion Passed

Manager McCummings provided an update that the Chester County Planning Commission Vision Partnership Program Grant request had been submitted and a response was received indicating that it was a complete application. Grant awards will be announced following the board meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion regarding Borough Committees was placed on hold to include President Prosser.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Manager McCummings presented potential required updates or re-statement of the Borough Employee Pension Plans. Per the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System they require the updates ever 6 years. Manager McCummings wished to discuss portability with Council Members. Essentially the current program allows for portability which could potentially have a significant financial impact if the Borough was to hire a veteran municipal employee towards the end of his career. Portability allows for the transfer of the financial commitment from previous PMRS employers to the Borough. The recommendation was made and agreed to that we would like the portability clause removed from the programs with this update.

A Proclamation was presented for consideration proclaiming April 2020 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”

Mr. Temme made a motion and Mr. Freese seconded to accept the Proclamation proclaiming April 2020 as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month in West Grove Borough.

Motion Passed

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Nothing Reported

### **MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Black indicated to all that Spring is on its way

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting & Awards Ceremony** – Thursday 3/12 @ 7:30pm (New Garden Township)
- **2020 Census Day** – April 1, 2020
- **West Grove Borough Community Clean-Up Event** – April 25, 2020
- **Primary Election Day** – April 28, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:56p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary