

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

June 3, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday June 3, 2020. The meeting took place via the Zoom Virtual Meeting platform. The President, David Prosser called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES:

May 6, 2020: Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Boyce seconded to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2020 Borough Council.

Motion Passed

May 13, 2020: Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Freese seconded to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2020 Borough Council Work Session.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Temme moved and Ms. Beltran seconded to approve the June Transfers.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mr. Temme moved and Mrs. Proto seconded to approve the April bills.

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Charles Mellon, the owner of Twelves Grill joined the meeting but was disconnected before he could participate in discussions. Manager McCummings presented Mr. Mellon's request which was for Borough Council to consider additional outdoor seating as we enter the Yellow Phase of reopening in Chester County. Borough Council agreed to allowing Twelves to use the sidewalks and if the demand was there we would consider possibly closing portions of the streets in the area to expand.

FINANCE:

Water/Sewer billing was discussed and amount of outstanding revenue was communicated. With the invoices due on Friday June 5th we expected more payments to be made but also expect some folks not to pay. We will continue to monitor the situation moving forward and especially as we approach the next billing cycle.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Borough Council discussed the basketball courts and agreed we would allow the nets to remain in place to continue to allow for outdoor physical activity. Signs were placed in the area recommending patrons follow CDC guidelines.

Paving bid results for Guernsey Road were presented. The Co-Op only received on response for paving from Long's Asphalt and the Borough's portion came in at \$35,136.40.

Mr. Temme made a motion to accept the bid of \$35,136.40 from Long's Asphalt to pave Guernsey Road and Mr. Freese seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

The LED street light project was completed for South Hills in May and we received several sediments of appreciation from residents that live in the subdivision. Information was passed along to the Borough's representative from PECO to adjust our billing according to the specs of the new lights.

The rain garden project in front of the Municipal Building was completed in May. We will need to monitor the garden and water it accordingly until the plants become established.

Sewer flow figures were presented and discussed. April rainfall totals jumped to 5.78 inches which resulted in our monthly average flow climbing up to 243,000 gallons which is still below our 250,000 gallon per day rating. Figures continue to trend positively with our flow patterns.

Manager McCummings recommended that we reopen the Municipal Building for patrons on Monday June 8th with Facemasks and social distancing required. Borough Council agreed.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Jerry Simpson provided an update on the department's quest to become an accredited organization. The on site evaluation will take place Monday June 22nd and conclude on Tuesday June 23rd. Members of Borough Council wished the department

good luck in their quest. Chief Simpson briefly discussed the 2021 police budget and the time table for getting that to both communities for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Email communication was presented to Council showing Max the Sheep's vaccine history and also showing that Max's handler is a practicing veterinarian in Pennsylvania. No further action will be taken at this time with this issue other than communicating the situation to the original complainant.

NEW BUSINESS

President Prosser discussed the topic of paying the remaining principals on the outstanding loans the Borough has for the Municipal Building and water system upgrades. This will save the Borough the variable rate interest we pay monthly on the balances. The current outstanding balances total \$156,000. Mr. Prosser recommended that we pay the balances if there are no prepayment penalties.

Mr. Freese made a motion to pay the outstanding loan amounts of \$156,000 if no prepayment penalties exist and Mrs. Proto seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing Reported

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Black was not present for the meeting to make comment.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – Thursday 6/11 @ 7:30pm (New Garden Township via Zoom)

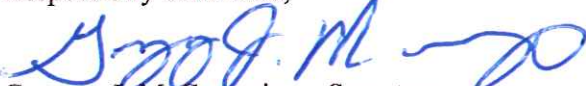
ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary