WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL – Meeting Notes

September 2, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday September 2, 2020. The meeting took place in the Community Conference Room located at 117 Rosehill Avenue, West Grove, PA 19390. The President, David Prosser called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mr. David Prosser, President

Mrs. Kristin Proto, Vice President

Mayor Stephen Black Mr. Chip Freese Mr. Bill Temme Mr. Fred Boyce Ms. Karen Beltran

Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

MINUTES:

August 8, 2020: Mr. Temme moved and Mr. Boyce seconded to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2020 Borough Council.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

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

Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Lori Schwabenbauer, Director of the Avon Grove Library, provided updates on upcoming events and initiatives for the library.

FINANCE:

Manager McCummings indicated that the Borough has been successful in collecting on the 3rd quarter water/sewer billing.

The Vision Partnership Program Contract was presented and discussed. It was requested by Chester County that the documents be approved and signed prior to the next Sunshine Meeting.

Mr. Temme moved to approve the contract as presented and Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

The 2021 Preliminary Budget was presented and discussed. Specifically, figures were presented to show where the Borough stands year to date in all budgeted areas. Manager McCummings presented quotes for new lawn care equipment and a trailer for the maintenance department to utilize for consideration.

Expectations from Borough Council are to see preliminary 2021 budget figures in the October meeting.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

No Comments

PUBLIC WORKS:

Parks – Manager McCummings indicated the football program has begun and restrictions are being followed. At this time, the Borough has not received any complaints regarding the activity.

Sewer flow figures were presented and discussed. August rainfall measured 12.9 inches and the average daily flow came in at 238,000 gallons which is a very strong result with the rainfall totals we received. Sanitary Sewer Overflows were called in due to the flooding events that occurred with the 9 inches of rainfall over a 3-day period in August.

Storm Sewer inlets are being targeted for repair. During August Public Works will be rebuilding both inlets on Woodland Avenue on either side of the railroad tracks.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Simpson provided an update on the collaborative initiative of Justice, Policing and Healing in the wake of social unrest we have seen nationwide.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Proto provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan Project. Following the approval of the VPP Contract earlier in the meeting the next step will be to form the Comprehensive Update Committee and to work with Theurkauf Designs to schedule the first meeting.

Manager McCummings requested Borough Council take a vote on the Street Light Buyout proposal from PECO.

Mr. Temme made a motion to approve the contract as presented and Mrs. Proto seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Due to the resignation of the current Building Code Official Manager McCummings requested Borough Council consider the appointment of Building Inspections Underwriters to the position.

Mr. Temme made a motion to appoint Building Inspections Underwrites to the position of Building Code Officials for West Grove Borough and Mrs. Proto seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Manager McCummings requested that Borough Council make an appointment to SECCRA Board of Supervisors that was recently vacated by Christian Campbell.

Mr. Temme made a motion to appoint Mark Johnson as the Borough's representative to the SCCRA Board and Mr. Freese seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Halloween was discussed and Borough Council agreed to wait for feedback from Chief Simpson who was looking for guidance from the Chester County Health Department regarding the annual event and the current pandemic.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No Provided

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Black hoped everyone had a good summer and wishes everyone to have a safe fall season.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

• Public Safety Commission Meeting – Thursday 9/10/2020 @ 7:30pm (SCCRPD Building)

Following the Upcoming events section of the meeting Borough Council retired to an executive session to discuss personnel matters. The executive session convened at 8:42PM and ended at 9:02PM

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:03p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary