

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

January 6, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday January 6, 2021. The meeting took place via Zoom Conference. 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
Mayor Stephen Black
Mr. Christopher Freese
Mr. Bill Temme
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

MINUTES:

December 2, 2020: Mrs. Proto made a motion and Mr. Freese seconded to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 Borough Council.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Temme made a motion and Mrs. Proto seconded to approve the December Financial Report.

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Temme made a motion and Mr. Freese seconded to approve the January Transfers.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Ms. Temme made a motion and Mrs. Proto seconded to approve the December bills.

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

No public comments were made.

FINANCE:

Manager McCummings updated Borough Council regarding the retraction of the DEP Grant that was verbally communicated to us as being approved. Trucks have been ordered however they should not be ready until fall of 2021 and we are hopeful to receive the funds by the time the vehicles are delivered.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

Mrs. Proto inquired about the rental properties that no longer have a valid rental permit in place after the turn of the year. The Borough will work closely with our Code Official as

we take the next steps in delivering the notice of violations and what steps will follow. President Prosser asked that Borough Council be kept in the loop as we move through the next phase. Mr. Temme inquired if any of the failures were due to imminent safety issues and if so, he feels we should take action. The Code Official has this authority on the Borough's behalf and can remove tenants if a life safety issue is discovered at any property. Molly Wood from Edgehill Avenue asked about the tree that was dropped at 206 Walnut Avenue and not removed. The Code Official will be asked to investigate.

PUBLIC WORKS:

We recorded just over 6 inches of rain in the month of December which did increase our daily effluent average to 261,000 gallons.

Camera work was completed by contractor in the northwest corridor of the Borough's wastewater collection system. Currently we are waiting on the estimate to repair the deficiencies that were located during the review.

A lead water service was replaced at 242 West Evergreen Street and a new service line installed to the curb stop at 242 West Evergreen Street. Currently 244 is serviced through a single service line that enters 242. When 244 changes ownership we will require the new line be installed to separate the services completely.

Public works is currently picking up Christmas Trees following the completion of the curbside leaf collection program. We will be attempting to repair storm drains in between any winter weather events that occur.

Discussion took place regarding the rehabilitation efforts for the Harmony Well.

Mr. Freese inquired about the Ultraviolet Disinfection project and where that stands. DEP has approved us not filing a joint permit with London Grove Township which will save the Borough both time and money. Design and drawings are in process.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Simpson provided an update that Mayor Black steps into the chair position for the Public Safety Commission in 2021 and Mr. Temme comes off. Supervisor Allaband joins Supervisor Loftus as the other two members of the Commission.

Discussion took place regarding extending the length of appointments to the Public Safety Commission which is a goal of both communities moving forward.

Mr. Freese inquired about the mask policy of the SCCRPD following observation of an officer not wearing a mask on a traffic stop in the Borough. Chief indicated that have continued to use the CDC guidelines for mask wearing and social distancing and was not familiar with the circumstances surrounding the specific traffic stop.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The public meeting held in December was held on Zoom and had somewhat limited participation.

The public survey is out and as of the date of the meeting we had 75 responses and is scheduled to close before the January 12th meeting. Kristin urged members of Council to participate in the survey.

Discussion took place regarding what would be the most effective way to communicate this kind of survey.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We were contacted by Peco regarding placing binder in the patches on Prospect Avenue and their plan is to mill and top the section of road that currently has multiple patches from natural gas line work.

Update was provided on Quaker Alley. The Borough solicitor indicated that the Borough can not simply make a roadway private without proper notification and advertising. There are 6 parcels that have rear access from Quaker Alley. President Prosser asked us to reach out the residents and bring them into the conversation. Mayor Black believes Mr. Surplus may have been part of the initial conversation.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

CORRESPONDENCE:

No Provided

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor Black wished everyone a Happy New Year and updated Borough Council that the COVID figures showing on the County website are accurate and are not showing numbers based solely on zip code.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting – Thursday 1/14/2021 @ 7:30pm (ZOOM)**

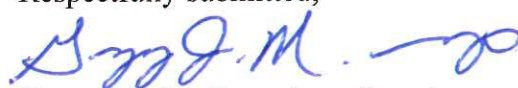
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Temme made a motion and Mr. Freese seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:34p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary