

## **WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes**

**June 2, 2021**

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The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday June 2, 2021. The meeting took place in the community room of the 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, President  
Mrs. Kristin Proto, Vice President  
Mr. Christopher Freese  
Mr. Bill Temme  
Ms. Elizabeth Garduno  
Mr. Fred Boyce  
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

### **MINUTES:**

**May 5, 2021:** Mr. Temme made a motion and Mr. Boyce seconded to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021, Borough Council Meeting.

Motion Passed

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Temme made a motion and Mr. Freese seconded to approve the May Financial Report.

Motion Passed

### **TRANSFERS:**

Mr. Temme made a motion and Mr. Boyce seconded to approve the June Transfers.

Motion Passed

### **BILLS:**

Mr. Temme made a motion and Mr. Boyce seconded to approve the May bills.

Motion Passed

### **VISITORS:**

No Visitors were scheduled to appear.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Katherine Hall-Ditchfield from Frog Hollow Lane inquired about adding speed bumps to the Harmony Park parking lot. President Prosser indicated that the topic has been discussed before and is something that was opposed by the Public Works group as it will make plowing the area during snow events more difficult. Ms. Hall-Ditchfield's concerns stem from the walking trail entering the parking area and drivers not adhering to the one-way signage which she believes creates a dangerous situation for pedestrians.

Manager McCummings advised that Harmony Park will be a topic of discussion in the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting and that a possible solution may be to reroute the walking trail so it remains in the park and does not enter the parking area which may be the best solution to the issue.

**FINANCE:**

Manager McCummings provided an update that communication was received that the PA DEP 902 Recycling Grant was in process and we should be receiving the contract from them to begin to be reimbursed for the purchases of the new compacting trucks and totes for the community.

**ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:**

The homeowner on Walnut Street that was housing chickens in the front yard was contacted and they moved the animals around to the back of the home and also removed the rooster as requested.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

The upcoming improvements to the Borough's recycling program that includes two new compacting trucks and 65 totes for all the residents in the community will be taking shape in July. Mr. Temme inquired about the LED Lighting project that we worked through at the maintenance garage in 2019 and if we're seeing results. Manager McCummings will pull stats for the July meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Chief Simpson touched on the recent release of the first quarter report and errors that were discovered which were being addressed. The department is currently working on forming a Retention Committee, a Community Advisory Board as well as a Finance Committee.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

An update was provided on the May meeting where community facilities such as the Fire Company and the Library were discussed. Mrs. Proto updated everyone that The Youth Garage may be leaving their location in the Borough. They're in negotiations to purchase a property in Avondale Borough that is larger and will allow them to expand on the services they provide if they are able to obtain the property.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Parcel 5-3-9 Update: Mr. Temme made a motion to approve the Borough Manager to enter into an agreement of sale on behalf of the Borough of West grove to purchase 3.4 acres of vacant land at the previously approved price of \$200,000.00. The land is parcel 5-3-9 and is located adjacent to Harmony Park and the ground is to be purchased using Capital Reserve Funds. The motion is also to approve the Borough Manager to move forward with any auxiliary costs necessary to facilitate the purchase of the property. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Prosser inquired about the trash cans in Harmony Park. He had noticed in his travels that the cans along the back fence line and near the playground were full and needed to be emptied. Manager McCummings will address the issue.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – Thursday 6/10/2021 @ 7:30pm at Police Headquarters.
- **Comprehensive Plan Meeting** – Task Force Meeting #9 (Parks, Recreation and Open Space) Tuesday 6/8/2021 @ 7:00pm ZOOM


**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary