

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

**October 6, 2021**

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The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday October 6, 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  
Mayor Stephen Black  
Mr. Chip Freese  
Ms. Elizabeth Garduno  
Mr. Fred Boyce  
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

### **MINUTES:**

**September 1, 2021:** Mr. Boyce made a motion and Mrs. Proto seconded to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2021, Borough Council Meeting.

Motion Passed

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Mr. Boyce made a motion and Mrs. Proto seconded to approve the September Financial Reports.

Motion Passed

### **TRANSFERS:**

Mr. Boyce made a motion and Mrs. Proto seconded to approve the October Transfers.

Motion Passed

### **BILLS:**

Mr. Boyce made a motion and Mrs. Proto seconded to approve the September bills.

Motion Passed

### **VISITORS:**

Mr. Ramsey Haartz appeared before Borough Council to propose his Eagle Scout Project to build 2 picnic tables with a dedicated boxed in location at Memorial Park. Mr. Haartz requested financial support from the Borough.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to fund up to \$250.00 for the project and Mrs. Proto seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. O'Connell from Harmony Road commented that he enjoyed the public meeting on the Comprehensive Plan that was recently held at the West Grove Chapel.

**FINANCE:**

The 902 Recycling Grant funding was received in September so that grant is now closed.

Manager McCummings presented the opportunity for the Borough to invest funds that was provided by Fulton Bank. Essentially the Borough is limited in what funds can be invested into however recent changes allow for bulk paper because it has little or no risk at all. The returns are low but still higher than our current interest rates. President Prosser asked to the idea to be run past the Borough Solicitor.

**ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:**

Vice President Proto asked that the Borough push to have 2 properties demolished that are currently condemned and not inhabited. The office will work with the code officials to move this initiative forward.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

- The water leak on West Evergreen Street has been repaired.
- The Winterset Court Storm Drain repair has been completed.
- Harmony Park Rain Garden has been installed
- Curbside Leaf Collection will begin October 11, 2021

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Chief Simpson requested a volunteer from the Borough to contribute an article for the next quarterly report. President Prosser agreed to contribute an article.

Chief Simpson described the new initiative called the Guardian Program which is a daily contact list that residents can join.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Ed Theurkauf presented the Comprehensive Plan to Borough Council for feedback. Following the meeting there will be one more Task Force meeting to then present the final draft to Borough Council in November. Once approved by Borough Council it will be sent to Chester County for final approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 2021 Tree Lighting Ceremony was discussed. Borough Council asked to confirm if Mr. and Mrs. Clause and the Church Choir would be available before we schedule the event.
- Manager McCummings indicated that the Borough would be working to submit a grant application for the upcoming PennDOT 2022-23 Multimodal Transportation Grant.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:** Mayor Black wished everyone a Happy Halloween

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Avon Grove High School Home Coming Parade** – Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11am from the center of town and proceeding up Prospect Avenue to State Road
- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – Thursday 10/14/2021 at 7:30pm at the West Grove Borough Building
- **Open Range Day** – Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 11:30am
- **Comprehensive Plan Task Force Meeting #10** – Tuesday 10/12/2021 at 7pm on Zoom.
- **Trick or Treating** – Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm
- **2021 Election Day** – Tuesday November 2, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Boyce made a motion and Ms. Garduno seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary