WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL – Meeting Notes

August 4, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday August 4, 2021. The meeting took place in the community room of the Municipal Building located at 117 Rosehill Avenue. The Vice President, Kristin Proto called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Kristin Proto, Vice President

Mayor Stephen Black Mr. Bill Temme Mr. Chip Freese Ms. Karen Beltran Ms. Elizabeth Garduno

Mr. Fred Boyce

Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

MINUTES:

July 6, 2021: Mr. Temme made a motion and Mr. Boyce seconded to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021, Borough Council Meeting.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Temme made a motion and Mr. Boyce seconded to approve the July Financial Report.

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

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

Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

No Visitors were scheduled to appear.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made.

FINANCE:

The Borough has received the first half of the American Rescue Plan funding in the amount of \$148,577.95. Additional guidance on how the funds are to be used is expected in the 4th quarter of 2021.

The first reimbursement request for the 902 Recycling Grant has been submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Funds are spent on the project and the invoices and cashed checks are then submitted for the reimbursement.

Public Works currently has 3 pieces of equipment up for auction on the Municibid website. The 1995 Bucket Truck, the 200 GMC Stake Body and the 1990 Timco dump trailer both used for recycling prior to the recent changes in the program.

The topic of creating a Finance Committee for the Borough was discussed. Borough Auditors requested the committee be formed during the most recent audit. Borough Council would like to see some guidelines on what the committee will be responsible for. Mr. Temme is willing to be participate.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

Properties that are not being maintained by owners are being posted by the Code Officials and will eventually be cited if they don't address the issues.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works continues to distribute the new recycling totes to the community. The new trucks have been lettered and the program is operating well. We need to continue to educate the community on the proper materials to be placed in the totes to be recycled. Ms. Garduno requested that we use pictures on any communication we develop to notify a resident as to why their tote was rejected.

The salt shed at the maintenance garage was repaired. It was rusted badly and leaking rainwater.

The Zoning Hearing with London Grove Township for the UV Upgrade Project at the wastewater plant went well and all requested variances were granted so the project will move to the permitting stage with the DEP next.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Lieutenant Greenwalt updated Borough Council on the National Night Out events that were held on Tuesday August 3rd. While the events were small, they were well attended in all communities. Lieutenant Greenwalt updated Council that one of the recently hired part time officers has resigned.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

An update was provided on the July meeting that covered Transportation in the Borough. Next up in August the team will be covering Cultural Assets. Several members of the community have been contacted, including Scott Steel and Mr. Baker. Mayor Black suggested that the committee reach out to the Glass Blower

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented

<u>MAYORS COMMENTS:</u> Mayor Black commented on the upcoming heat wave and remined everyone in attendance to check on pets and neighbors.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Public Safety Commission Meeting Thursday 8/12/2021 @ 7:30pm at the West Grove Borough Municipal Building.
- Comprehensive Plan Meeting Task Force Meeting #11 (Cultural Resources) Tuesday 8/24/2021 @, 7:00pm ZOOM

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary