

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

April 6, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday April 6, 2022. 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
Ms. Leandria Hall
Ms. Lauren McDevitt
Ms. Karen Beltran
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

MINUTES:

March 2, 2022: Ms. Beltran made a motion and Mrs. Proto seconded to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2022, Borough Council Meeting.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Ms. McDevitt made a motion and Mrs. Proto seconded to approve the March Financial Reports.

Motion Passed

PAYROLL TRANSFERS:

Ms. Beltran made a motion and Ms. McDevitt seconded to approve the April Payroll Transfers.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mrs. Proto made a motion and Ms. McDevitt seconded to approve the March bills.

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

None Scheduled to Appear

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Gallek, newly elected Constable for the Borough, introduced himself and indicated he is scheduled to attend the required training to be able to support the Borough.

Mrs. Wood from Edgehill Avenue inquired about feedback on the recently installed rain gardens and how they are performing. Mrs. Wood also inquired about previous recognition that the Borough has given out for holiday decorations and if that might be something we want to bring back. The possibility of hosting a Halloween parade was discussed as well.

FINANCE:

2nd quarter water and sewer bills were mailed out on March 30th but as of the meeting date had not reached the West Grove Post Office. The Borough must do bulk mailing out of the Oxford Post Office which then goes to Wilmington and then back to West Grove. If they do not arrive by the end of the first full week of April, the due date will be pushed back from the current date of May 9th.

West Grove Borough received notification that we've been awarded \$271,000 in Federal funding through Representative Houlahan for future Sewer Collection System Repairs.

West Grove Borough has submitted a grant request for PA DCED Local Share funding to support the U/V Upgrade project for the Wastewater Treatment Process.

The final invoice for the Comprehensive Plan is being paid this month which will allow the Borough to apply for the Vision Partnership funds that were granted to us by Chester County.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

Manager McCummings updated Borough Council that work is being done to identify landlords who are using single family homes for rental units with multiple unrelated tenants.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Approval to advertise a public bid for the Guernsey Road Stream Channel Cleanout Project was requested.

Ms. Hall made a motion to approve the Borough to advertise the bid for the Guernsey Road Stream Channel Cleanout Project and Mrs. Proto seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

- The Bid responses for the U/V Upgrade Project were presented along with a letter of recommendation from Hanover Engineering. Engineering recommended accepting the construction bid from Zimmerman Environmental in the amount of \$425,000 and the electrical bid from Lenni Electric in the amount of \$58,900.

Ms. McDevitt made a motion to accept construction bid from Zimmerman Environmental in the amount of \$425,000 and the electrical bid from Lenni Electric in the amount of \$58,900 and Mrs. Proto seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Simpson provided an update on police operations. The first quarter report is due out at the end of April. The Community Advisory Board will meet on May 3 at 6:30pm at police headquarters and there will be another Emergency Management Meeting on May 11th at 10am at headquarters as well.

NEW BUSINESS

President Prosser appointed Davida Black to the position of Borough Auditor for 2022

The Chester County American Rescue Plan Act funding was discussed. The County has opened requests for funding for projects to Non-Profit and Municipalities. There is over \$100 million available with responses due by May 15th. Possible projects discussed included Park Planning and sidewalks.

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor Black was unable to attend the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – Thursday 4/14/2022 at 7:00pm at the West Grove Borough Municipal Building
- **Community Clean Up Day** – Saturday April 30th from 9am to Noon.
- **Youth Garage** – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Monday May 2, 2022, from 5-8pm at the new location at 121 Pennsylvania Avenue in Avondale.
- **2022 Primary Election** - Tuesday May 17, 2022, Polls open 7AM to 8PM
- **2022 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony** – Saturday May 28, 2022, beginning at 9AM from the High School, ceremony to follow at the West Grove Memorial.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. McDevitt made a motion and Ms. Hall seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary