

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

May 4, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday May 4, 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
Ms. Elizabeth Garduno
Mr. Fred Boyce
Mayor Stephen Black
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

MINUTES:

April 6, 2022: Mr. Boyce made a motion and Mrs. Proto seconded to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2022, Borough Council Meeting.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

Motion Passed

PAYROLL TRANSFERS:

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

Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

None Scheduled to Appear

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several residents from West Harmony Road expressed concerns over recent changes that have occurred at 108 W. Harmony. The home was recently purchased and turned into a rental unit and there is concern that it's not being occupied as a single-family dwelling but rather there are multiple unrelated tenants living at the property. They have experienced parking issues due to the number of tenants as well. They requested that this

location be investigated, and that the Borough ensures confirmation with the regulations set forth in the Borough Rental Ordinance. The property owner was previously put on notice that non-conforming use of the property would not be allowed and that violation notices would be forthcoming followed by citations. Follow up with the Borough Code Official will take place to ensure proper steps are being taken to correct this potential violation.

FINANCE:

The Borough received the Vision Partnership funds in the amount of \$42,000 that were granted by Chester County for the Comprehensive Plan Update Project.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

No comments were made on the monthly report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Approval to advertise a public bid for the Oakland Avenue Part I CRP Project was presented. The project is being partially funded by a Community Revitalization Program Grant. The work will include new handicap accessible sidewalks on both sides of Oakland from Evergreen Street down to the railroad tracks. Telephone poles will be moved out of the sidewalks and new wastewater and stormwater piping will be installed along with the new roadway surface.

Ms. Hall made a motion to approve the Borough to advertise the bid for the Oakland Avenue Part 1 CRP Project and Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

- The 2022 Paving Bid results were presented. Long's Asphalt Inc. was the low bid for the CO-OP. The bid came in at \$139,900.50 and will cover 4 different areas in the Borough. All of Walnut Street will be resurfaced along with East Hillcrest Avenue, a portion of Rosehill Avenue and a portion of West Harmony Road.

Mrs. Proto made a motion to accept the 2022 low paving bid from Long's Asphalt Inc. in the amount of \$139,900.50 and Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Lieutenant Ward presented an update on police operations including life saving measures recently taken for a victim of a laceration at his place of work. Officers applied a tourniquet which saved the individual's life. Recent complaints regarding loud vehicle exhausts will be acted upon in the coming weeks. The PD has identified areas of the vehicle code that will allow them to address this ongoing issue of excessive noise.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-05 to approve the application to the DVRPC for a TCDI planning grant on behalf of multiple municipalities was presented for consideration. The TCDI planning grant is associated with the Baltimore Pike Biking initiative.

Ms. McDevitt made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-05 and Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Resolution 2022-06 supporting the legalization of the cannabis industry and expungement for previous such offenses in Pennsylvania was presented for consideration. The request came to the Borough from the PA State Borough's Association.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 and Ms. Hall seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Resolution 2022-07 joining the National Flood Insurance Program was presented for consideration. The program will allow the Borough to possibly receive federal funding support should the community experience a catastrophic flood event in the future.

Ms. McDevitt made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 and Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Resolution 2022-08 requesting a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant from the Commonwealth Finance Authority for a future Park Master Plan was presented for consideration

Mrs. Proto made a motion to approved Resolution 2022-08 and Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Resolution 2022-09 supporting Medic 94's ARPA request to Chester County was presented for consideration.

Ms. Beltran made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-09 and Mrs. Proto seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Vice President Proto recapped the recent meeting with the Oxford Art Alliance and how we may be able to partner with them to possibly showcase West Grove artist renderings in the Borough. Over sized art can be presented on buildings and businesses can be solicited to support the project. Borough Council was in favor of continuing the discussions on how we can bring art to the Borough.

West Grove Borough's TMDL Stormwater Management Plan was opened for public comment and no comments were received.

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor Black reminded everyone to get out and vote on May 17th and also to come out and support the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – Thursday 5/12/2022 at 7:00pm at the New Garden Township Building with the annual awards ceremony beginning at 6:00pm.
- **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:

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

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary