

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

August 3, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Tuesday August 3, 2022. The meeting took place in the community room of the Municipal Building located at 117 Rosehill Avenue. The President, David Prosser began the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was not called to official order as the Council was one member short of a quorum.

ROLL CALL: Mr. David Prosser, President
Ms. Lauren McDevitt
Mr. Fred Boyce
Mayor Stephen Black
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

MINUTES:

June 1, 2022: No action was taken on the minutes from June 1, 2022.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

No action was taken on the financial reports from July 2022.

PAYROLL TRANSFERS:

No action was taken on the Payroll Transfers for August 2022.

BILLS:

No action was taken on the bills for July 2022.

VISITORS:

Michael Fuller, president of Keystone Lighting Solutions, presented the Final Project Specification & Proposal to Borough Council for consideration. There are several options to be considered with varying cost and anticipated payback periods. Mr. Fuller answered questions from both Borough Council members and audience members as well. Construction will take approximately 9-10 days to install. No action was taken on Resolution 2022-10.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Wood from Edgehill Avenue inquired about the possibility of adjusting the Borough Rental Ordinance so that landlords are required to maintain their properties and not allow them to place that responsibility on the tenants. President Prosser indicated that we would need to contact the Borough Solicitor to find out the legalities for a change such as that. Manager McCummings informed the audience that ultimately the landlord or property owners are responsible for the condition of the rental unit and if they are not in compliance, they will be the ones that will receive the Notice of Violation to get it corrected.

Mrs. Wood inquired about support systems for residents that are not able to afford utility bills in the Borough. There are several organizations that help people in this position such as Kennett Area Community Services and Good Neighbors. When residents approach the Borough looking for assistance, we typically offer payment plans and also recommend contacting previously mentioned organizations that offer financial support. Mr. Rodriguez from Oakland Avenue asked for an update on trash service and school buses. Mr. Rodriguez lives on the half of Oakland where work is not being done so there will be no changes to either service. The Borough will assist the residents in the work zone to get the trash and recycling picked up. Students getting bus service will have to walk to and from either end of the work zone.

FINANCE:

Manager McCummings discussed the recently awarded Community Project Funding for sewer collection system repair work. The current wastewater treatment flows report show that the system is currently managing rainfall very well and we are stay well within our permitted levels for influent. With that said Mr. McCummings asked that Borough Council consider asking Representative Houlihan to approve reallocating the funding to pay for a portion of the Ultraviolet Disinfection System project. Council agreed this would be more beneficial for the Borough.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

Recently issued Notices of Violations were discussed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- The 2022 paving project has been completed with 4 locations in the Borough being paved. All Walnut Street, all East Hillcrest Avenue, and part of Harmony and Rosehill roads.
- The Oakland Avenue Community Revitalization Project began on 8/5/22 and the road was closed to through traffic at that time and will last approximately 4 months.
- The upcoming Guernsey Road Stormwater Project was discussed, and Manager McCummings requested that Borough Council consider using some of the American Rescue Plan funding for the work.
- Public Works cleaned up the front of 219 West Evergreen Street and the work will be billed back to the property owner.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Lieutenant Greenwalt provided an update on the National Night Out events held in both Avondale and West Grove Borough. Both events were successful, and no issues were encountered at either location. Upcoming trainings include "CRASE" or Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event and Active Threat Training.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor Black reminded everyone to stay safe in the heat and to check on your neighbors.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – Thursday 7/14/2022 at 7:00pm at the West Grove Borough Building

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was not officially adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary