

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

February 1, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday February 1, 2023. 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
Mr. Stephen Black, Mayor
Ms. Lauren McDevitt
Mr. Bill Temme
Mr. Fred Boyce
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

MINUTES:

January 4, 2023: Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the minutes from January 4, 2023, and Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mr. Temme made a motion to approve the financial reports from January 2023 and Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

PAYROLL TRANSFERS:

Mr. Temme made a motion to approve the February payroll transfers and Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the payment of the January invoices and Mr. Temme seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

No visitors were scheduled to appear.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were recorded.

FINANCE:

Nothing reported.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

Manager McCummings and Administrator Trisha Opio met with BIU in January to set goals for 2023 and beyond. This included applying the Property Maintenance Code for rental properties that are in need of repair and reinvestment from the landlords. We also asked that they address the couple abandoned properties we have in the Borough as well.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Oakland Avenue is open for traffic. The Community Revitalization Project has been completed up to the final wearing course for the blacktop, which will be completed in the spring once the plants open back up.

The UV Upgrade project is continuing slightly behind schedule currently, but the contractor is looking to work some weekends to catch up.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Acting Chief Greenwalt provided an update on Regional Police operations and initiatives, including the Annual Report and the recent events that took place in Memphis, TN.

Acting Chief Greenwalt spoke at length about the de-escalation training the department receives as well as the duty to intervene policy. These policies and the core values of the department are what set us apart from that type of interaction with the public that we serve.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chester County Vision Partnership Program for County Consulting was presented. The program is being proposed to update the Borough Zoning Ordinance to reflect changes recently adopted in the Borough Comprehensive Plan along with making us compliant with the Fair Housing Act. Doing so will make the Borough eligible to participate in Chester County's Community Development Block Grant program. The total budget for the project is \$40,000 of which the VPP agreement will cover \$24,000. The remaining \$16,000 was budgeted for 2023.

Mr. Temme made a motion to approve the Chester County Planning Commission Vision Partnership Program County Consulting Agreement and Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

The use of Single use plastic bags was discussed. Manager McCummings pitched the idea of banning the use of single use plastic bags within the Borough. There was some discussion that legislation at the state level may have prohibited local municipalities from enacting a local ordinance in this regard. Manager McCummings was instructed to follow up with the Borough Solicitor to verify what can or can not be done in this regard.

Borough Council asked about installing lighted crosswalk signs at the main crosswalk on Evergreen Street at Rigby's. Manager McCummings to research options.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Borough is continuing discussions with both PLGIT as well as Fulton Bank regarding possible investments.

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor Black indicated that the weather is predicted to get very cold so stay warm and check on your elderly neighbors.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – Thursday February 9, 2023 at 7:00pm at the West Grove Borough Municipal Building.
- **Super Bowl LVII** – Sunday February 12, 2023 at 6:30PM in Glendale, Arizona
 - Philadelphia Eagles vs. Kansas City Chiefs

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Temme made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM and Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary