

## **WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes**

**August 2, 2023**

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The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday August 2, 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  
Ms. Leandria Hall  
Mr. Bill Temme  
Ms. Karen Beltran  
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

### **MINUTES:**

**July 5, 2023:** Mr. Temme made a motion to approve the minutes from July 5, 2023, and Ms. Hall seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Mr. Temme made a motion to approve the financial reports from July 2023 and Ms. Beltran seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

### **PAYROLL TRANSFERS:**

Mr. Temme made a motion to approve the August payroll transfers and Ms. Beltran seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

### **BILLS:**

Mr. Temme made a motion to approve the payment of the July invoices and Ms. Beltran seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

### **VISITORS:**

No Visitors were scheduled to appear.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Molly Wood inquired about the condition of the rental property located at 210 Walnut Street. The landlord is currently out of compliance with his annual rental inspection and a citation has been filed with District Court.

**FINANCE:**

Manager McCummings updated Borough Council that the Borough has been awarded a 2023 Chester County Community Revitalization Program Grant in the amount of \$164,399 to extend sidewalk on the western side of Prospect Avenue from W. Hillcrest to the municipal boundary with London Grove Township. The project will likely commence sometime in the spring of 2024.

**ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:**

The current condition of sidewalks was discussed by Borough Council and it was determined that they would like the code officials to review the condition of the sidewalks for rental properties and resale inspections and require them to be repaired.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

The Department of Environmental Protection is requiring all operators of public water systems to identify all lead service lines within their system. Manager McCummings met with other local Borough Managers and with Ellen Kohler and discussed steps to accomplish this moving forward.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Lieutenant Joe Versagli recapped the National Night Out events that took place the evening before in both Avondale and West Grove Borough. Both events were well attended and very successful. Crime statistics were discussed as were staffing levels. West Grove required 52 calls for service in July. Increased staffing allows for more proactive policing outside of the calls for service.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Zoning Revision Project Update:

- Introduction Meeting took place on May 1, 2023. The committee has been assembled and the project is underway.
- Work Session #1 took place on Monday June 5, 2023
- Work Session #2 took place on Monday July 10, 2023
- Work Session #3 took place on Monday July 31, 2023
- Work Session #4 is scheduled for Monday August 21, 2023

Park Master Planning Project Update:

- Introduction Meeting took place on May 2, 2023. The committee has been assembled and the project is also underway.
- Site visit completed 5/12/2023, during which time we visited both parks with Focus Group 1. Focus Group 1 included the Borough Manager, Trisha and the Public Works team.
- Focus Group 2 includes leadership from local sports organizations, including the adult soccer league, Wildcats Football and Avon Grove Area Little League.
- Focus Group 2 met on 6/13/2023.
- Public meeting 1 was held on 6/26/2023 at Blondes and Brewnettes to gather public input.
- Focus Group Meeting 3 took place 8/3/2023 and the results of the public meeting were discussed.

- Focus Group Meeting 4 took place 8/21/2023 and preliminary designs were presented for discussion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business was discussed.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:**

Mayor Black complimented the turn out for the 2023 National Night Out and thanked all those involved in the planning of the event. Mayor Black extended congratulations to the recent full time promotions for Chief Greenwalt, Lieutenant Versagli and Seargent Blue.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – Thursday August 10, 2023 at 7:00pm at the West Grove Borough Municipal Building, 117 Rosehill Avenue.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Temme made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59PM and Ms. Hall seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary