

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

September 6, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday September 6, 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:

August 2, 2023: Mr. Temme made a motion to approve the minutes from August 2, 2023, and Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

Motion Passed

PAYROLL TRANSFERS:

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

Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Representatives from the Young Mom’s organization attending the meeting to provide Borough Council with an overview of their programs. Vice President of the Board of Directors, Bridget Kirkner and Executive Director Mary Hewes were in attendance. Young Mom’s is a non-profit that began in the Youth Garage in 2010, at which time they recognized a need for a support network for young mothers to be. Young Mom’s provides a case manager for each new mother to be. They offer training in parenting, budgeting, and other life skills. They are potentially looking for office space in or around West Grove. Their current lease expires in April 2024 and they are in need of

approximately 2,000 square feet. Many of their clients are in the West Grove and Oxford areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were made.

FINANCE:

The 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Notification and Worksheet was presented for approval. The 2024 Non-Uniform MMO is \$105,620.87.

Mr. Temme made a motion to approve the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$105,620.87 and Mr. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

The 2024 proposed General Fund budget was presented for discussion.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

No comments were made regarding the Zoning Officer's August Report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The need to replace the water truck was discussed. The Borough is waiting on a quote from a COSTARS vendor.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Members of the SCCRPD were not in attendance due to the continued search for the escaped inmate from Chester County Prison.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Revision Project Update:

COMPLETED:

- 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 took place on Monday August 21, 2023

SCHEDULED:

- Work Session #5 – 9/11/2023 @ Noon
- Work Session #6 – 10/2/2023 @ Noon
- Work Session #7 – 11/6/2023 @ Noon

Park Master Planning Project Update:

COMPLETED:

- 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.
- Public meeting 2 was held on 9/5/2023 at Blondes and Brewnettes to present the preliminary designs and gain public input.

SCHEDULED:

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed.

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor Black indicated that the Public Safety Commission and the Southern Chester County Regional Police Officers Association were nearing the completion of a 4 year contract agreement.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – Thursday September 14, 2023 at 7:00pm at the New Garden Township Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary