

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

January 2, 2024

The Reorganization Meeting and General Business Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Tuesday January 22, 2024. The meeting took place in the community room of the Municipal Building located at 117 Rosehill Avenue. Mayor Stephen Black called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mr. David Prosser
Mrs. Kristin Proto
Mayor Stephen Black
Ms. Leandria Hall
Ms. Lauren McDevitt
Mr. Bill Temme
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

OATH OF OFFICE: The following duly elected officials took the oath of office from Mayor Stephen Black:

- Kristin Proto, Council Member
- Bill Temme, Council Member
- Shelley Mix, Council Member

NOMINATIONS: Following the swearing in of the newly and reelected officials Mayor Black opened the floor for nominations for Council President:

Ms. Hall made a motion to nominate Kristin Proto to be President of Borough Council

Ms. Proto made a motion to nominate David Prosser to be President of Borough Council

By a margin of 5-1 David Prosser was elected to serve as President of Borough Council for 2024 & 2025.

Motion Passed

Mr. Prosser made a motion and Mr. Temme seconded the motion to nominate Kristin Proto to serve as the Vice President of Borough Council for 2024 & 2025.

Motion Passed

The vacated Borough Council position was discussed and Mr. Prosser made a motion to appoint Andrew Toolan. There was no second and the topic was tabled for discussion later in the meeting.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS: Following the nominations for Borough Council the following organizations were appointed for professional services for West Grove Borough for 2024:

Mr. Temme made a motion and Ms. Hall seconded the motion to appoint Building Inspection Underwriters to the position of Borough Zoning and Code Officials for 2024
Motion Passed

Mr. Temme made a motion and Ms. Hall seconded the motion to appoint the firm of Lamb McErlane to the position of Borough Solicitor for 2024
Motion Passed

Mr. Temme made a motion and Ms. McDevitt seconded the motion to appoint the firm of Hanover Engineering to the position of Borough Engineer services for 2024.
Motion Passed

**SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS:**

Mr. Bill Temme made a motion to appoint Mayor Stephen Black as a Public Safety Commissioner for a term of 2 years and Ms. Hall seconded the motion.
Motion Passed

Ms. McDevitt made a motion to appoint Bill Temme as a Public Safety Commissioner for a term of 1 year and Ms. Hall seconded the motion.
Motion Passed

MINUTES:

December 6, 2023: Mr. Temme made a motion and Ms. McDevitt seconded to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2023, Borough Council Meeting.
Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mr. Temme made a motion and Ms. McDevitt seconded to approve the December Financial Reports.
Motion Passed

PAYROLL TRANSFERS:

Mr. Temme made a motion and Ms. McDevitt seconded to approve the January Payroll Transfers.
Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mr. Temme made a motion and Ms. McDevitt seconded to approve the December bills.
Motion Passed

VISITORS: No one was scheduled to appear

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were offered.

FINANCE:

1st Quarter Water/Sewer bills were mailed out with a due date of Monday February 12, 2024.

The topic of fines and revenues for the Regional Police Department was discussed. The Public Safety Commission is asking both communities to consider reallocating the fines and revenues, that are returned monthly, back to the department to establish a capital expenditure fund.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

No comments

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Curbside leaf collecting has ended and any leaves will need to be placed in the recyclable yard waste bags available for purchase at the Borough Office.
- We had a large tree fall on West Harmony Road on 12/21/2023. The tree was located in the right of way and we are working with a tree company to get it removed.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Lieutenant Versagli provided an update on police operations including December stats for the Borough.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The draft of the Park Master Plan was distributed prior to the meeting to be considered for adoption. The discussion centered around Phase priority and funding sources and the Council agreed that Memorial Park Phase 1 should be priority.

Mr. Temme made a motion to adopt the 2024 Park Master Plan and Ms. McDevitt seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Discussion on the open Council position continued. The appointment was tabled for the January 17, 2024 Borough Workshop Meeting. Borough Council requested that Mr. McCummings advertise the open Council position and candidates be invited to the Workshop to speak to Council.

NEW BUSINESS

President Prosser updated Council on the recent meeting with the Avon Grove Wildcats Football organization. Mr. Prosser and Mr. McCummings met with members of the board of directors and proposed a field usage fee. The Borough Council discussed the topic and asked Mr. McCummings to reach out to other communities for comparable rates before deciding on what to request for facility usage.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Public Safety Reorganization and Regular Business Meeting** – Thursday
January 11, 2024, at 7:00pm at the New Garden Township Building

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Temme made a motion and Ms. McDevitt seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary