

## WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

May 1, 2024

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The General Business Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday May 1, 2024. The meeting took place in the community room of the Municipal Building located at 117 Rosehill Avenue. President Prosser called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. David Prosser, President  
Mrs. Kristin Proto, Vice President  
Mr. Bill Temme  
Mrs. Shelley Mix  
Ms. Lauren McDevitt  
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

### **MINUTES:**

**April 3, 2024:** Mr. Temme made a motion and Ms. McDevitt seconded to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024, Borough Council Meeting.

Motion Passed

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Two PLGIT CDs will reach maturity on May 13, 2024:

- General Fund 90 Day - \$3,469.61
- Water Fund 180 Day - \$6,928.83

Mr. Temme made a motion and Ms. McDevitt seconded to approve the April Financial Reports.

Motion Passed

### **PAYROLL TRANSFERS:**

Mr. Temme made a motion and Ms. McDevitt seconded to approve the May 2024 Payroll Transfers.

Motion Passed

### **BILLS:**

Mr. Temme made a motion and Ms. McDevitt seconded to approve the April bills.

Motion Passed

### **PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR:**

David Krug appeared, along with two of his friends, to present an idea for a mountain bike trail on Borough owned property. There were residents both in favor of the idea and opposed as well. Ultimately Borough Council asked the young men to seek out specialists who could help them design a formal plan, including stormwater management controls, and then come back to a future meeting for additional discussion.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comments centered around the bike track discussion.

### **FINANCE:**

Two PLGIT CD's are set to mature on May 13, 2024.

- General Fund 90 Day – Gross Interest of \$3,469.61
- Water Fund 180 Day – Gross Interest of \$6,928.83

Both accounts will be reinvested at staggered lengths of time.

### **ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:**

A stop work order was issued for 275 West Harmony Road. Renovations were taking place without proper permitting. The Borough had a similar experience with the contractor at a property on Jackson Avenue a few years back.

Ms. McDevitt requested an update on the Smoke Shop. It was requested that a NOV be issued for the temporary signs along with the neon red lights in the window for causing an unnecessary glare.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Installation of a second rain garden in Harmony Park, adjacent to Well #4, has been completed. Funding provided by the Dockstader Foundation.
- Water main leak on West Evergreen Street to be scheduled for repair – Work to be completed under the PennDOT Emergency Permit.
- Memorial Day Parade preparations are underway.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Chief Greenwalt provided an update on the first quarter statistics for the Borough. Calls for service are up 12% across all the territories served and at the same time Part 1 crimes are down 63% year over year, which is a great result and a testament to the patrol officers staying active and visible.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Growing the Urban Tree Canopy information from the Chester County Planning Commission was presented. Currently the Borough is sitting at 37.7% tree coverage and the Planning Commission recommends a goal of 50%.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Zoning Revision Project Update
  - Kevin Myers with the Chester County Planning Commission is currently working on the draft of the revisions.
- Park Master Planning Project Update
  - Resolution 2024-05 PA DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreations Program was presented for consideration.

Mr. Temme made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05 and Ms. McDevitt seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

- Grants have been submitted to multiple funding sources for Phase 1
- Comprehensive Plan Update
  - Creating an Official Map and Historic Commission/Resource Mapping is the next goal of the Comp Plan.
- Prospect Avenue Sidewalk CRP Grant Project:
  - All property owner easements have been secured. Next step is to secure the Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT and place the project out to bid. We are likely 1-2 months from construction.
- Oakland Avenue Revitalization Phase II CPF Grant Project:
  - We are in the final stages of the environmental impact review. Once completed we are hopeful that we can bid this project, at or around the same time, as the Prospect Avenue project. This will potentially reduce the mobilization costs if we have a single source contractor for both projects. 1-2 months from construction.
- The Wildcats Park Usage Agreement is being crafted for presentation.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:**

Get out and visit the new West Grove Museum on Sunday.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – Thursday May 9, 2024, at 7:00pm at the New Garden Township Municipal Building
- **PEMA Incident Command System Overview for Elected Officials** – May 21, 2024 from 6-9PM at the Chester County Public Safety Training Campus 137 Modena Road, South Coatesville, PA 19320
- **West Grove Borough Memorial Day Parade** – Beginning at 9AM on Saturday May 25, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary