

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

June 5, 2024

The General Business Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday June 5, 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:

May 1, 2024: Mr. Temme made a motion and Ms. McDevitt seconded to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2024, Borough Council Meeting.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

Motion Passed

PAYROLL TRANSFERS:

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

Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Motion Passed

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR:

Borough Resident Elaine Guilday gave a presentation on the benefits of the open space on Borough parcel 5-5-8.1. Concerns over the bike track were discussed, including disturbances to wildlife, safety, stormwater, and others. President Prosser advised the audience that no approval has been given for the project to move forward. The Borough had surveying done on the corner of the property that is in question, and several of the obstacles that have been built, do appear to be on Borough property.

David Payne, Director of the Avon Grove Library, presented a summer project idea that they would like the Borough's support with. They plan to equip backpacks for children to use that will contain navigation tools, maps to local parks, and insect collection tools.

The project is designed to encourage children to explore the outdoors and the many parks located throughout the municipalities that make up Avon Grove. The Borough's sidewalk system is really the trail system for the community. It was suggested that we work with Scott Steele, the West Grove Historian, to develop a map with facts about some of the Borough's historic buildings downtown.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No additional public comments were made

FINANCE:

- Emergency Repairs needed and approved by Borough Council:
 - 2" Galvanized water line in Church Alley has a 3rd leak in less than 6 months. Fidelity has quoted \$32,200 to directionally bore a new line and the quote has been reviewed by Hanover Engineering. The current leak is entering the foundation of a home on Walnut Street.
 - The water leak at the intersection of Guernsey Road and Willow Street is a valve that needs to be replaced. Public Works schedule with mowing and recycling will not allow us to schedule the repair. Fidelity quoted \$10,300 to replace the valve and repair the leak.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

The stop work order is still in place for 275 West Harmony Road.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- The water leak on West Evergreen Street has been repaired.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Greenwalt provided an update on police operations. The newly hired patrol officer, Eric Carrasca, is currently in field training. The new uniforms are starting to come in and should be unveiled at the upcoming awards ceremony.

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
 - Chester County Municipal Park & Trail Improvement Grant secured in the amount of \$100,000.
 - Notification received that our project has reached the appropriations committee through Representative Houlahan's office. We are one of 15 projects.

- 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:
 - We have responded to the Highway Occupancy Permit questions from PennDOT and are awaiting their response. They have 30 days to respond.
- Oakland Avenue Revitalization Phase II CPF Grant Project:
 - The Environmental Review was resubmitted and approved. We are now clear to move forward with bidding the project.
- The Wildcats Park Usage Agreement is being crafted for presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager McCummings requested Borough Council consider moving the July meeting date due to the upcoming District 28 Little League Tournament, which he will be coaching in. The council agreed to adjust the July meeting from the 3rd to the 10th. Public notice to be issued.

Borough Council made the following appointments to West Grove Borough's Zoning Hearing Board via Resolution:

Resolution 2024-06 – Donna Pilson, of West Meadow Drive, was appointed to serve a 3-year term ending December 31, 2026. Mr. Temme made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-06 and Ms. McDevitt seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Resolution 2024-07 – Daniel O'Connell, of East Harmony Road, was appointed to serve a 2-year term ending December 31, 2025. Mrs. Mix made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-07 and Mr. Temme seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Resolution 2024-08 – Matthew Wood, of Goldenrod Lane, was appointed to serve a 1-year term ending December 31, 2024. Mrs. Proto made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-08 and Mr. Temme seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Resolution 2024-09 – Zane Magnuson, of Edgehill Avenue, was appointed to serve a 3-year term, as an Alternate, with a term ending December 31, 2026. Ms. McDevitt made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-09 and Mr. Temme seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor Black was unable to attend but wanted to congratulate and wish the Avon Grove Class of 2024 the best of luck in whatever their future holds for them.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – June 13, 2024, at 7:00pm at the New Garden Township Municipal Building

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary