

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

February 4, 2026

The General Business Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday February 4, 2026. The meeting took place in the community room of the Municipal Building located at 117 Rosehill Avenue. 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
Mr. Matthew Glass
Mr. Bill Temme
Ms. Leandria Hall
Mrs. Carol Severance
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

MINUTES:

January 5, 2026: Mr. Temme made a motion to adopt the January 5, 202, meeting minutes, with the correction to Mayor Black’s name on the Roll Call and Mr. Glass seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mr. Temme made a motion and Mr. Glass seconded to approve the January 2026 Financial Reports.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mr. Temme made a motion and Mr. Glass seconded approving the January 2026 bills, including Payroll Transfers.

Motion Passed

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR:

Kevin Myers, Senior Urban Planner for the Chester County Planning Commission, attending the meeting. Kevin provided Borough Council, and those in attendance, with an update on the Zoning amendment project. The Zoning amendments are in response to the recently updated Comprehensive Plan. The update included discussion on the steps needed to adopt the updates. The Borough will issue public notice prior to the March 4, 2026 meeting, notifying that the Zoning amendments will be discussed at that time. During the March 4, 2026 meeting, Borough Council will consider a motion to submit the proposed amendments for ACT 247 Review. ACT 247 is a required review by the Chester County Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were noted.

FINANCE:

One General Fund matured on 1/27/2026, funds were reinvested the same day for 90 Days with a net rate of 3.90%

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

- 217 E. Evergreen Street –The solicitor for the family has reached out to the Borough solicitor, so we have some movement.
- 115 South Guernsey Road – This property has hit the market, and we've started receiving calls in the office about the home.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Manager McCummings provided an update on the recent snow emergency in the Borough. Due to the volume of snow, the Borough rented a skid steer to remove snow from public parking areas downtown. We also brought in resources from outside to haul snow from different areas in the Borough, and to remove the snow that was left behind on the roadways in the West Meadows development.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Greenwalt provided an update on Police operations in the Borough. Chief also clarified the department's position regarding Federal Immigration Enforcement in the communities they serve.

Council Member Severance presented notes from the Fire & EMS Municipal Meeting that took place on 1/22/2026.

Consolidation includes both fire companies, which support fire and emergency operations for 10 municipalities.

Target date for completed consolidation is January 1, 2027.

Currently working with the PA Attorney General's Office; will also go through the Orphans' Court and other legal authorities to become a new 501(c)(3) organization.

The company will remain a volunteer, member-driven organization, likely with a Board of Directors. Operations will be similar but hopefully streamlined, with the ability to draw on a broader pool of volunteers from both existing fire companies to meet the increasing demands of service, especially for EMT's.

Strategic Planning with the 10 municipalities is needed: 1 year, 3 years, 5 years.

Municipalities need to come together to figure out the basics of governance & funding. We have the opportunity to change the statue quo funding & enhance the governance of this new Fire & Emergency Department.

- Multi-municipal Model
- Refreshed funding (maybe not based on number of calls, but types of calls/time on the ground?)
- Utility Fee Model where every household/business pays a set Fire & Emergency fee (tax)

The group has asked us, as Borough Council, to come up with a list of what we want to see in terms of governance & funding, and report back at the next meeting. (Date to be determined)

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Zoning Revision Project Update:**
 - Updated provided by Kevin Myers.
- **Park Master Planning Project Update:**
 - Chester County Municipal Park & Trail Improvement Grant - the grant must be utilized by 5/31/2027 and is designated for Memorial Park Phase I. – **Awarded \$100,000**
 - The Borough submitted a PA Statewide Gaming Fund Local Share Grant on 11/26/2024. **No Award**
 - Chester County Community Revitalization Project Grant submitted on March 20, 2025 – **Awarded \$425,000 on 7/23/2025**
 - 2026 Representative Houlahan Community Project Funding Grant submitted on 4/25/2025
 - The Borough submitted a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request through Senator Fetterman – **No Award**
 - Borough Council requested that we “soft ask” about the potential of moving the funds to another phase of the plan, that we could complete with the current award.
- **Comprehensive Plan Update**
 - Official Map and Historic Commission/Resource Mapping
 - Philip Ingaglio may be interested in the Historic Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ordinance 2026-01 Parking Regulation Update (Front and side lawns) – Waiting for exception wording for events.

MAYORS’ COMMENTS:

- Mayor Black recognized the effort by Borough Public Works to keep the community safe during the recent snow event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Public Safety Commission Meeting – February 12, 2026 @ 7PM – West Grove Borough Municipal Building
- Presidents Day – Monday February 16, 2026 (Borough Holiday)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary