

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL –Meeting Notes

April 1, 2026

The General Business Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday April 1, 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
Mrs. Carol Severance
Mrs. Shelley Mix
Mr. Gregory McCummings, Secretary

MINUTES:

March 4, 2026: Mr. Temme made a motion to adopt the March 4, 2026, meeting minutes, and Mr. Glass seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Motion Passed

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mrs. Ingenthron from Prospect Avenue, questioned whether the parking ordinance was necessary and gave several opinions about what people might do (pave their yards, put gravel down, etc.). She said she was worried about water runoff, if they added paving.
 - The Borough's Stormwater ordinance prevents people from installing excessive amount of impervious surface.
- Mrs. Ingenthron questioned why the Borough was requiring her to fix the sidewalk in front of the State Farm Office, which was part of the annual rental inspection process. Rental inspections are subject to the 2015 Property

Maintenance Code, which requires safe pedestrian walkways when properties have sidewalks.

- Repairing tripping hazards in the sidewalk is considered sufficient.
- Mrs. Ingenthron inquired about the sink hole she experienced on her property. She is concerned because she believes it may be caused by a neighbor nearby whose sump pump pipe may have been disconnected from the storm water pipe during recent construction.
 - The Borough has not been able to validate this claim as there is no visible stormwater being discharged onto the ground in the area.

FINANCE:

The Borough was reimbursed the \$271,169 Community Project Funding Grant Funds on 3/20/2026, for the Wastewater Collection System repair work. This closes the 2022 CPF Grant awarded to the Borough by Representative Houlahan.

ZONING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:

- The Zoning Officer's Monthly Report was not available prior to the meeting.
- 115 South Guernsey Road – This property went to settlement on February 27th and has been sold to a new owner. The Borough issued a Conditional U&O as the home needs significant repairs. \$3,721 lien on the property for mowing and outstanding water/sewer bills have been collected.
- 217 E. Evergreen Street – reviewing options with solicitor.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Prospect Avenue Sidewalk Project

- The quiet claim has been resolved for the small parcel at the end of West Meadow Drive. We anticipate construction to begin this spring to complete the project.

E. Evergreen Street Water Main Replacement Project

- Installation of 1,363 linear feet of ductile iron water main, 3 additional fire hydrants, and two 1-inch meters at connection points.
- Contract start date – May 18, 2026
- Substantial completion date – August 24, 2026
- Work Hours - 9am to 3pm within the State ROW; 7am to 6pm within the Borough ROW
- This work will be on Chatham Road/SR841, from the Borough line up to E. Evergreen St./Baltimore Pike, as well as E. Evergreen St./Baltimore Pike from Chatham Road/SR841 to the Borough line just before Sunoco.
- This project will cause traffic delays in the area, and the Borough will use all means available to notify the public.
- **Bid Results** – Recommendation award to lowest responsible bidder, MOR Construction, in the amount of \$588,182.75

Mr. Temme made a motion to award the East Evergreen Street Water Main Replacement Project to MOR Construction, in the amount of \$588,182.75 and Mr. Glass seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

FC Chesco Soccer Club

- The Borough is hosting the FC Chesco Soccer Club at Harmony Park this spring for the first time.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Greenwalt provided the following updates prior to the meeting.

- National Night Out will be held Tuesday August 4th from 6-8PM in West Grove Borough only.
- Currently the department is working through a mock assessment for Reaccreditation.
- The Operations plan for the Memorial Day Parade are in development.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Zoning Revision Project Update:**
 - March 2026 – Borough Council authorized sending the amendments in for Act 247 review.
 - A public hearing for adoption may be scheduled 45 days after submission and will likely occur at the May 2026 meeting of Borough Council.
- **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 (Potentially Resubmitting)**
 - Chester County Community Revitalization Project Grant submitted on March 20, 2025 – **Awarded \$425,000 on 7/23/2025**
 - 2026 Representative Houlihan Community Project Funding Grant submitted on 4/25/2025 – **Awarded \$850,000 on 2/09/2026**
- **Comprehensive Plan Update**
 - Official Map and Historic Commission/Resource Mapping

NEW BUSINESS:

- Maternity Care Coalition – Free female healthcare vending machine request from the Avon Grove Library.

Borough Council did not agree to allow the vending machine to be placed on the property at this time.

- Ordinance 2026-01 Parking Regulation Update (Front and side lawns) – exception added for parties. To be considered by Borough Council for adoption.

Mr. Temme made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-01 and Mr. Glass seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

- Resolution 2026-01 DCNR Park Rehabilitation Grant

Mr. Temme made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01 and Mr. Glass seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

MAYORS' COMMENTS:

Mayor Black wished everyone a Happy Spring and welcomed his new grandson, Kit Alexander Grey, to the world!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Public Safety Commission Meeting** – Thursday April 9, 2026 @ 7PM – West Grove Borough Municipal Building
- **Passover Begins** – April 1, 2026
- **Good Friday** – Friday April 3, 2026 (Borough Holiday)
- **Easter** – Sunday April 5, 2026

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. McCummings, Secretary