

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL

DECEMBER 3, 2008

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 1. 2009 Real Estate Tax Rate Ordinance**
- 2. Water Penalty Ordinance Amendment**
- 3. Sewer Penalty Ordinance Amendment**

President Turkington opened the public hearings for the following Ordinances: 2009 Real Estate Tax Rate – 3 Mills, Water Penalty Ordinance Amendment and the Sewer Penalty Ordinance Amendment. President Turkington announced that the 2009 Real Estate Tax Rate remains the same as last year and the water and sewer penalty rate will increase from 6% penalty to 12% penalty after 30 days. After the invitation for public input and general discussion, President Turkington announced that the public hearing was concluded.

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The President, Richard S. Turkington, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Stephen B. Black, Mayor
Mr. Richard S. Turkington, President
Mrs. Barbara Wood, Vice President
Mr. Joe Colon
Mr. Clyde Jacobs
Mr. Mark Johnson
Mr. Curtis Barr
Ms. Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary

MINUTES:

November 5, 2008: Mrs. Wood moved to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2008 Borough Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jacobs.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Barr moved and Mr. Colon seconded to approve the November Financial Report.

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Wood seconded to approve the December transfers.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Barr seconded to approve the December bills.

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Michael Smith, property owner of 281 East Evergreen Street, requested a waiver from the West Grove Borough Zoning Ordinance to submit a land development for conversion of his property to a commercial property. Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Wood seconded that West Grove Borough Council grant a waiver to Mr. Smith for 281 East Evergreen Street not to require a land development submission.

Motion Passed

FINANCE ISSUES:

2009 Budget Resolution No. 2008-03: Mr. Colon moved and Mr. Barr seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2008-03, the 2009 Borough of West Grove's Budget Resolution.

Motion Passed

2009 Tax Rate Ordinance No. 2008-03: Mr. Colon moved and Mrs. Wood seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-03, which is the 2009 Tax Rate Ordinance of 3 mills on each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Motion Passed

2009 Police Pension Resolution No. 2008-04: Mr. Colon moved and Mr. Barr seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2008-04, which reaffirms that the Borough of West Grove will waive the requirements of the West Grove Police Pension Plan Agreement that the members will be required to contribute for calendar year 2009.

Motion Passed

Water Penalty Ordinance No. 2008-04: Mr. Colon moved and Mrs. Wood seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-04, which increases the water penalty from 6% to 12% for water bills due after 30 days.

Motion Passed

Sewer Penalty Ordinance No. 2008-05: Mr. Barr moved and Mr. Colon seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-05, which increases the sewer penalty from 6% to 12% for sewer bills due after 30 days.

Motion Passed

Community Revitalization Project Grant Resolution No. 2008-05: Mr. Colon moved and Mrs. Wood seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2008-05, which approved the DCED – Community Revitalization Program Grant for Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars for Streetscape and Infrastructure Improvements as discussed in the advertised Public Hearing of the West Grove Borough Council held on November 5, 2008.

Motion Passed

2009 Chester County SPCA Contract: Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Colon seconded to approve the 2009 Chester County SPCA Contract.

Motion Passed

West Grove Fire Company Ambulance Division: Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve the request from the Ambulance Division of the West Grove Fire Company in the amount of \$2,640 towards new stretchers.

Motion Passed

Parking Ordinance Amendment Advertisement: Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Barr seconded to authorize the advertisement of a Commercial District 2 hour timed parking which would make all streets have the exact same signs.

Motion Passed

Western Chester County UCC Board of Appeals: Borough Council requested that Mr. Novak review the proposed agreement and there was concern as to whether the Borough of West Grove's representative would serve on Borough of West Grove appeals.

London Grove Township – Safe Route to Schools Grant Application: Mr. Colon moved and Mr. Barr seconded to write a letter of support for London Grove Township's Safe Route to Schools Grant application.

Motion Passed

PUBLIC SAFETY:

The Borough has been contacted to take over the lease for the parking area next to the drug store property. Borough Council was interested in taking over the lease for public parking in the Borough of West Grove.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Trucks: Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Wood seconded to authorize the advertisement for the sale of two Public Works trucks.

Motion Passed

Municipal Building front sidewalk: Mr. Johnson requested that we install a handicap ramp in the sidewalk in front of the entrance door. Borough Council requested that we check with the Borough Engineer to see if it would meet all the safety requirements.

Zoning Hearing Board Member: Mr. Prosser, the Borough Auditor, expressed an interest in serving on the Borough of West Grove's Zoning Hearing Board. Borough Council will take action after the Borough's annual audit is completed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Colon moved and Mr. Barr seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary

