

# WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 5, 2008

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## **PUBLIC HEARING – COUNTY OF CHESTER – REVITALIZATION GRANT:**

President Turkington opened the public hearing for the application for funding through the Chester county Department of Community Development for Streetscape and Infrastructure Improvements in the Borough of West Grove which would include water system improvements on Railroad Avenue, traffic signal improvements at the corner of Evergreen and Prospect Avenue; and a pedestrian walkway across the railroad tracks from Railroad Avenue to Exchange Place. 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, November 5, 2008 in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The President, Richard S. Turkington, called the meeting to order at 7:40 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. Chris Ferrier
- Ms. Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary
- Mr. Timothy Nichols, Superintendent

## **MINUTES:**

**October 1, 2008:** Mr. Ferrier moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2008 Borough Council Meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Wood.

Motion Passed

**October 15, 2008:** Mr. Ferrier moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2008 Borough Council Meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Wood.

Motion Passed

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Ferrier seconded to approve the October Financial Report.

Motion Passed

## **TRANSFERS:**

Mr. Ferrier moved and Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve the November transfers.

Motion Passed

**BILLS:**

Mr. Ferrier moved and Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve the November bills.  
Motion Passed

**VISITORS:**

**Concord Ecovillage – Building an old-fashioned neighborhood in a green way:**

Anthony Aufdenkampe and Sandy Wiggins gave a power point presentation to Borough Council concerning their proposed Concord Ecovillage on the Chambers Property located at the corner of Willow and South Guernsey Avenue. After a lengthy discussion, Borough Council supports the project and understands that a zoning ordinance amendment would be required for final plan approval. Borough Council supported their proposal and understands that the agreement of sale has time constraints as to final plan approval.

**Carol Yourgalite, 127 Rosehill Avenue Apartments:** Mrs. Yourgalite discussed with Borough Council the problem that she was having in renting her vacant store because of parking problems. Mrs. Yourgalite also informed Borough Council that her tenants were receiving parking tickets for parking in the commercial District Timed Parking areas. President Turkington informed Mrs. Yourgalite that she would have to apply for a zoning hearing variance to be able to rent the vacant store because she did not have any off-street parking for the store. As far as parking for the tenants; it was explained to the tenants that they are renting an apartment without any parking and it was recommended where they could park during the day so that they would not receive a ticket.

**FINANCE ISSUES:**

**2009 TENTATIVE BUDGET ADOPTION:**

The West Grove Borough Council was presented with copies of the proposed 2009 Budgets at the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The 2009 Budgets were offered for tentative adoption as follows:

<b>1. General Fund</b>	<b>\$1,536,134</b>
<b>2. Street Light Fund</b>	<b>\$ 50,650</b>
<b>3. Water Fund</b>	<b>\$ 686,950</b>
<b>4. Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$1,294,350</b>
<b>5. Motor License Fund</b>	<b>\$ 125,500</b>

Mrs. Wood and Mr. Ferrier seconded to tentatively adopt the 2009 Borough of West Grove Budgets as listed.

Motion Passed

**WATER & SEWER ORDINANCE AMENMENT:** Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Jacobs seconded to authorize the advertisement of the Water and Sewer Ordinance Amendments to increase the penalty assessed on late utility bills from 6% to 12%.

Motion Passed

**WEST GROVE BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION:**

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**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Public Works Employee Interview Committee:** Mayor Black, Mr. Ferrier and Mr. Jacobs agreed to serve on the Interview Committee for a new full-time public works employee. Interviews will be given during the week of December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary