

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2004

The Organizational Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Monday, January 5, 2004 in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The Mayor, Stephen Black, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Stephen B. Black, Mayor
Mr. Richard S. Turkington
Mrs. Barbara Wood
Mr. Mark Johnson
Mr. Joe Colon
Mrs. Jill Callahan-Beiler
Mr. Chris Ferrier
Mr. Curtis Barr
Ms. Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary

ADMINISTERING – OATHS OF OFFICE:

Mayor Black administered the Oaths of Office to the newly elected Borough Council Members: Barbara Wood, Mark Johnson, Jill Callahan-Beiler, Chris Ferrier, and Curtis Barr.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Borough Council President: Mayor Black announced that nominations were open for the office of President of Borough Council.

Mrs. Wood nominated Mr. Turkington for President of Borough Council.

Mayor Black closed the nominations, and called for a vote to elect Mr. Turkington as the Borough Council President.

Borough Council Vice President: Mayor Black announced that nominations were open for the office of Vice President of Borough Council.

Mrs. Callahan-Beiler nominated Mrs. Wood for Vice President of Borough Council.

Mayor Black closed the nominations, and called for a vote to elect Mrs. Wood as the Borough Council Vice President.

2004 MEETING SCHEDULE ADVERTISEMENT:

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Ferrier seconded to authorize the advertisement of the 2004 Borough of West Grove Meeting Schedule.

Motion Passed

MINUTES:

December 3, 2003: Mr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2003 Borough Council meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Wood.

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ferrier moved and Mrs. Callahan-Beiler seconded to approve the December Financial Report.

Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

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

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mrs. Callahan-Beiler moved and Mr. Ferrier seconded to approve the January bills.

Motion Passed

VISITORS:

Mr. Vetrone, Avon Grove Lacrosse: Mr. Vetrone expressed his concern about the proposed fee schedule for the use of the Borough's parks. After a lengthy discussion, Borough Council decided to table the decision and revisit the matter at the Borough Workshop on January 21st.

Borough Workshop: President Turkington informed Borough Council that we would be discussing the problems the Borough is having with group homes and conversion of homes into apartments. Council Members were invited to bring their concerns to the workshop.

FINANCE ISSUES:

Adoption 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Amendment Resolution No. 2004-01:

Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Wood seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2004-01, which is an amendment to the Borough of West Grove's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

West Grove Borough Planning Commission & West Grove Borough Authority

Terms: President Turkington requested an update on the terms of the West Grove Borough Planning Commission and West Grove Borough Authority Members for the next meeting.

Cristo Rey United Methodist Church: A Borough resident complained about several items at the Cristo Rey United Methodist Church as follows:

1. The safety issue with the organ blocking the front door of the Cristo Rey United Methodist Church. The church will be contacted concerning the removal.

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2. The Church members are parking too close to the intersection on Hillside Avenue on Thursday evenings. The West Grove Borough Police Department will be notified about the parking problem.
3. The Church is playing loud music late in the evening and is unable to hear her television. The resident will be directed to contact the West Grove Borough Police Department when the music is too loud.
4. People are sleeping in the basement of the Church.

220 EAST EVERGREEN STREET PROPERTY:

The check for the fire escrow was received on December 24, 2003 from the insurance company and Borough Council authorized a letter to be issued giving the owner of the property 45 days to have the site cleaned up.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon B. Nesbitt
Secretary