

**GROVE CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
GROVE CITY, PENNSYLVANIA
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 21, 2014 7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Council President George Pokrant at 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER was offered by Council Member Kathleen Daley

ROLL CALL was answered by Council Members Mattocks, Daley, Myers, Gallagher, Solicitor Bonner, Pokrant, Black, Coulter, Bigley, Wood, and Archibald.

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD - None

APPROVAL OF BILLS-TO-BE-PAID REPORT

Mr. Black moved to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID REPORT

Mr. Black moved to approve the bills paid report. Mr. Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Myers moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 2014. Mrs. Mattocks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

GROVE CITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT

Mayor Riddle reported that Wendy Riggi continues to serve as the Interim Director and is doing a fine job. They have hired April Flynn Gillis as the Director and she is scheduled to start May 1, 2014. He reported that he recently attended the sculpture dedication at the Guthrie Theater which involved the sculpture installed at the parking lot entrance to the Library. The sculpture is currently in place and is a welcome addition.

CONSIDERATION OF EVENT REQUESTS

Grove City “National Day of Prayer”, May 1, 2014 – **Mr. Wood moved to approve the event request pending receipt of the insurance certificate. Mr. Bigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Grove City Baseball “Nations Baseball”, use of junior varsity ball fields in Memorial Park, Spring 2014, starting May 15, 2014 – **Dr. Coulter moved to approve the event request. Mr. Black seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Grove City County Market “Fireworks Show”, August 8, 2014 – **Mr. Myers moved to approve the event request. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

“Megan Kays Memorial Run”, August 16, 2014 – **Dr. Coulter moved to approve the event request pending receipt of the insurance certificate and a route map. Mr. Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

“Grace United Methodist Church Softball Team”, use of the undeveloped field near the Armory, April 19-August 16, 2014 – **Mr. Black moved to approve the event request. Mr. Bigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER ORDINANCE # 1422 – Flood Ordinance

Mr. Wood moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Mrs. Daley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT # 1424 – Motor Vehicles and Traffic

Mr. Bigley moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Mr. Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AGREEMENT – Pennsylvania Department of Transportation-Construction of Sidewalk (Liberty Street)

Mr. Myers moved to approve the agreement. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AGREEMENT – GAI Consultants, Inc. – Improve Fuel Facility at the Grove City Airport, Phase II, Part A

Mr. Myers moved to approve the agreement. Mr. Black seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDER PAYMENT #2 TO TECH SERVICES INC – Rehabilitate Runway Lighting System, \$83,183.64

Mr. Bigley moved to approve the payment as requested. Mr. Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AGREEMENT – Three-Year Extension, Grove City Disc Golf Club

Dr. Coulter moved to approve the agreement as presented. Mr. Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project-Phase II – Dan Goncz reported that the Phase II work is complete with the exception of the work with the aeration tanks. The plan is to have the work completed by the end of May 2014.

Requisition No. II-B 14, \$95,573.15 – **Mr. Bigley moved to approve Requisition No. II-B 14 in the amount of \$95,573.15 as requested. Mrs. Mattocks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project-Phase III - Dan Goncz reported that they anticipate being able to advertise for bids in May.

Pine Street Streetscape Project – Dan Goncz reported that the issue is the relocation of the gas line. Peoples Gas responded favorably and will be relocating their gas line. The final submission was made to PennDOT last week for their approval and then advertisement for receipt of bids.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON REPORT

Samuel Archibald reported that Selective Insurance estimated the cost for liability insurance at approximately \$1,000 per year to cover the leash-free dog park. Based on the current budget issues he and Dr. Coulter, Chair of the the Parks & Recreation Committee recommend against further advancements in the development of the park.

Samuel also reported that this will be his last meeting as a Junior Council Person. He will be on a mission trip next month and then graduates high school in June and will be attending Grove City College this fall. He shared how his experience on Council has had an impact on him and his interests in community service for the future.

Assistant Manager, Will Rose, spoke about the Junior Council Person Program and a need to get into schools before the end of the school year to seek applicants for next years Junior Council Person.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Oakes reported:

- Resolution 2014-4 was drafted today requesting 50% reimbursement from PennDOT for the utility project at the intersection of 0058 & 0173 in accordance with state law. As part of the project we have to relocate utility services including manholes and electric poles and the law allows for cost sharing with PennDOT of up to 50% of the total project costs.

Mr. Wood moved to approve the Resolution #2014-4 as presented. Mrs. Gallagher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- The advertisement soliciting bids for the McConnell Street Water and Sewer Improvement Project was printed recently in the Allied News. Bid Opening is set for May 13, 2014.
- He plans to attend PMEA's Second Annual Legislators' Event scheduled for June 3, 2014 in Harrisburg, PA and if anyone else is interested in attending to let him know.
- The Infrastructure Committee met recently to discuss the development of a Property Maintenance Code. The four main issues addressed in the code include:
 - Repairable Vehicles – the current code requires a \$5 fee for a 120-day period. The proposed code increases the fee to \$25 for a 60-day period and then \$50 for each additional 30 days.
 - Refuse Collection – the proposed code outlines time restrictions of no sooner than 24-hours prior to and after pick up for trash cans to be set at the curb.
 - Domestic Animal Waste – the current code addresses issues with domestic animal waste on public property and the proposed code will also address issues on private property.
 - Parking and Maintenance on the plot of public land between the curb and the sidewalk (often referred to as the Devil Strip) – the proposed code addresses issues with parking in this area and ensuring access to utilities.

Discussion regarding the proposed code resulted in the need for another Infrastructure Committee meeting for further discussion and perhaps revisions to the code and then reconsideration by Council.

- Supervisors Rick Dillaman and Judy Hassler of Springfield Township were in attendance at the meeting and spoke about correspondence recently sent to the Council requesting the Borough Council authorize the Borough Engineer to collaborate with Springfield's engineer to summarize needed sanitary sewer upgrades to support regional economic development and job growth. Dillaman reported on a committee established on a county-wide basis that has identified Springfield Township as the highest priority area within Mercer County for focusing economic development. The committee is being called the Mercer County Development Partnership. They recently released an Economic Impact Analysis which is being made available to the Borough Councilmembers. Dillaman asked that the Council authorize engineer Dan Goncz to work with township engineer Tom Bankson to develop a summary of needed sanitary sewer upgrades to support the economic development described in the Economic Impact Analysis and anticipated future growth. Mr Pokrant noted that although there has been a negative history between Springfield and the Borough regarding sewer plant expansions, in his opinion he would like to see everyone work together in the best interest of the region. Dan Goncz addressed the sewer capacity study that was completed in 2012 by way of a "Special Study" amendment to the PA DEP Act 537 Plan. Goncz said that one of the priorities in determining a summary of needed improvements will be identifying whether or not the PA DEP will accept another "special Study" report of if an entire new Act 537 plan will need to be completed. The complete Act 537 study obviously being a more costly and time consuming process. Separate from identifying the work needed to develop a cost estimate for sanitary sewer upgrades, Goncz asked Dillaman if there was any update from Springfield regarding the two current developments in Springfield Township; Springfield Commons and Candlewood Suites. The Borough has not received the requested planning documents for each development. Dillaman stated he would check into this and respond as soon as possible. Solicitor Bonner then asked Dillaman if there has been any discussion or response regarding the correspondence sent by Borough Manager Vance Oakes to Springfield asking for clarification on returned EDU's from the incomplete Born to Run development. Dillaman stated that Springfield Solicitor Ray Bogety would be responding to that inquiry. In closing Council asked Vance Oakes to meet with engineer Dan Goncz and Springfield Engineer Tom Bankson to develop a plan of action and report back to the Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Riddle reported:

- The Mercer County Boroughs Association 2014 Spring Meeting is this Thursday, April 24th at the Jamestown Fireman's Club. He and Mary Kay Mattocks plan to attend. He asked that if anyone else is interested they let Cheri Hill know after the meeting or by noon time on Tuesday, April 22nd. The plan for those attending is to meet at the Borough Building at 5:15pm and travel together to the meeting.
- Officer Max Wittlinger resigned from his position with the Borough and his last day with the Grove City Police Department was Sunday, April 20, 2014.
- The Safety Committee meeting was cancelled on April 10, 2014.
- The 1st Quarter 2014 Wedding Report reveals no activity.
- The Grove City Police Department will be hosting the drug take-back event scheduled for Saturday, April 26th from 10am-2pm at Rx Express.
- The Grove City Police Department is participating in a state-wide Aggressive Driving Initiative.
- As Spring has arrived, everyone should be aware of increased activities outdoors and on the roadways. There are more children at play and increased motorcycle traffic.

OTHER BUSINESS

Todd Wood shared his personal experience with the ability to turn-in unused medications to the Grove City Police Department and the peace of mind that comes with ensuring they were disposed of safely.

Todd Wood reported that 4 members of the Grove City Volunteer Fire Department recently graduated from the Lawrence County Fire Academy's 2014 Training Program. Graduated members include Matthew Cushing, Andrew McKinney, Tyree Basham and Aaron McFadden. The extensive program requires 200 hours of training along with pre-requirements. It's important to note that the program is the same exact program for paid firemen versus volunteers and the trainees should be commended for completion of the program while maintaining full-time employment.

Mr. Pokrant asked Mr. Wood to invite the 4 members to the next Council meeting to be recognized for their efforts.

Mr. Wood reported that the Grove City Volunteer Fire Department will be having an Open House event for the public on Sunday, May 4th from 1:00-4:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to share the invitation with others and to plan to attend should their schedules permit.

NEWS MEDIA

News media was present but had no questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Cheri Hill
Borough Secretary