

**GROVE CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
GROVE CITY, PENNSYLVANIA
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 16, 2014 7:00 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER was offered by Council Member Jeffrey Hodge

ROLL CALL was answered by Council Members Mattocks, Daley, Myers, Hodge, Gallagher, Pokrant, Black, Bigley, Wood, Mayor Riddle and Solicitor Bonner. Member Coulter was absent.

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Doug Wise, 530 Craig Street, issues with vacant property next door.

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PAYMENT #4 – Tech Services, Inc. , \$53,333.34

Mr. Oakes reported that this represents a progress payment for the contract for the runway lighting system.

Mr. Black moved to approve payment number 4 to Tech Services, Inc. in the amount of \$53,333.34. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Mr. Black moved to approve the bills to be paid report and the additional bills to be paid, with a second by Mr. Hodge. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID REPORT

Mr. Black moved to approve the bills paid report with a second by Mr. Myers. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Bigley and seconded by Mr. Wood to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2014, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

GROVE CITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT

Apryl Flynn reported on activities at the library. Mr. Oakes reported that the roof has been repaired.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING EMPLOYEE – William “Willie” Caldwell

Mr. Pokrant honored and thanked Mr. Caldwell for his 37 years of service to the community

CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS

- Grove City High School Student Council – Homecoming Parade, Friday, October 3, 2014. **Mr. Myers moved to approve the request from Grove City High School Student Council for a Homecoming Parade to be held on October 3, 2014. Mr. Black seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- S. Mark Courtney – Strawberry Days 5K, Wednesday, June 18, 2014. **Mr. Wood moved to approve the request from S. Mark Courtney for Strawberry Days 5K on June 18, 2014. Mr. Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 1426 – Increasing Electric Rates Effective July 1, 2014

Mr. Bigley moved to approve Ordinance 1426, increasing electric rates, effective July 1, 2014. Mr. Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF PINE TOWNSHIP REQUEST – Water Service, Charles Rodes, 767 Enterprise Road

Mr. Bigley moved to approve the request from Pine Township for water service to property of Charles Rodes at 767 Enterprise Road. Mr. Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS – Airport Fuel Facility Contract

Mr. Oakes reported that the bids came in above the estimate and above the grant money that is available. The engineers have recommended that the bid not be awarded at this time, pending confirmation from PennDOT Bureau of Aviation that additional funding for the project can be secured.

Mr. Wood moved to table the bids submitted for the Airport Fuel Facility Project, with a second by Mr. Bigley. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF POLE ATTACHMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT – Salsgiver Telecom, Inc. for attachments to approximately 129 Borough-owned utility poles

Mr. Oakes reported this would allow Salsgiver Telecom Inc to attach their fiber optic network cable to our utility poles.

Mr. Black moved to approve a Pole Attachment License Agreement with Salsgiver Telecom, Inc, pending Solicitor’s review. Mr. Bigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL OF MEMORANDUM OF

UNDERSTANDING – Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, regarding policies and procedures for police services on school property

Solicitor Bonner requested amendments to page 12, Section 4, a. and c. to clarify the responsibilities of the Police Department

Mr. Black moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV and Grove City Borough Police Department, with amendments as stated by Solicitor Bonner. Mr. Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING SEWER SMOKE TESTING

Mr. Oakes reported that we are anticipating being able to smoke test the sewer lines in the Edgewood Avenue area in July. Backflow prevention devices have been installed to alleviate recent problems with back-up.

UPDATE ON JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON SEARCH

Mrs. Gallagher reported that a meeting was held at the school to present the program and seek interested individuals to participate in the program. No official applications have been received. The deadline for applications is June 20, 2014.

Mr. Rose reported that, if there are more than two applicants, an interview process will be required to fill the positions. He requested that any members interested in serving on an interview committee please let him know.

Mr. Wood recommended that an interview process be followed, regardless of the number of applicants. It would be beneficial to the students as well as to Council.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project – Phase II. Mr. Goncz reported that work is complete on this project.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project – Phase III. Mr. Goncz reported that design is complete and bids will be received on July 9, 2014. **Mr. Myers moved to approve Payment Requisition No. II-B16 in the amount of \$11,640.00 for Phase II Construction activities and Phase III Design. Mrs. Mattocks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Pine Street Streetscape Project. Mr. Goncz reported that the final submittal was made to PennDOT the first week in June, 2014. It is expected that bids will be received this fall and construction will begin in 2015.
- Water Distribution System Modeling Project. Mr. Goncz reported that they are in the process of preparing the model for the water distribution system. A test procedure has been prepared and the testing has been scheduled with the Borough Water Plant Superintendent.

- FEMA Flood Plain Map Revisions. Mr. Goncz reported on a letter to Pine Township regarding correspondence with Larry Warner regarding the engineering study for map revisions and payment for that study.
- Update on discussion with Bankson Engineers regarding Springfield Township sewer capacity. Mr. Goncz provided information regarding the request for increased capacity from Springfield Township. **Mr. Bigley moved to approve submission of a postcard application for the increased sewage flows requested by Springfield Township. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Oakes reported:

- Airport Runway Lights, recommendation of change order for additional payment to contractor in the amount of \$5,653.45, to cover additional work required for installation of lights due to site conditions. **Mr. Wood moved to approve a change order for runway light installation in the amount of \$5,653.45. Mr. Black seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Received proposals for administration of pension funds. The top three proposals will be interviewed next week.
- Attended PMEA conference, reported on legislation.
- Provided information regarding the McConnell Street Water and Sewer Project. Work is expected to begin the week following July 4, 2014.
- Letter from Custom Signs regarding Rite-Aid sign issues. They are requesting to be heard regarding signs prohibited in certain zoning districts.
- He has been working to review applications and schedule interviews for the Borough Secretary position.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Riddle reported:

- Corporal Jaskowak was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the North Central Highway Safety Network for his efforts and contributions to the enforcement efforts conducted last year by the Police Department in 2013.
- The Police Department also received a certificate for their dedication and commitment to the Central Highway Safety Network enforcement and education programs.
- D.A.R.E. graduation program was held last week. The program now includes a segment on bullying and was presented by Corporal Ran.
- Classic Croozers car show, Memorial Park.
- Mercer Borough to celebrate their 200th anniversary in July, he will represent PSAB and present an award on behalf of PSAB.
- Mercer County Boroughs Association meeting in September will be hosted by Grove City.
- Received a letter from U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement administration regarding participation in the drug take back event held in April.
- Requested action on condition of Perna property on South Broad Street.

- Thanked members who participated in the Mercer Memorial Day parade.
- Reminded residents to lock cars and homes to deter burglary. Call 911 for any suspicious activity that is witnessed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Terry and Jared Whalen, owners of the property located at the corner of South Broad Street and Lincoln Avenue and Alan McFeeters, property manager, were present to discuss any issues with the property. They are making efforts to clean up the property and restoring the buildings.

Mr. Pokrant commended Mrs. Mattocks on the Strawberry Days festival.

Mrs. Mattocks thanked all of the Borough departments for their assistance with the Strawberry Days festival.

Mrs. Mattocks reported that, due to budget constraints, special events were removed from the budget. As a result, she was able to get support from Beth Black and the Chamber of Commerce to find sponsors for the Fourth of July celebration. Fireworks will be displayed from Grove City College property on Pinchalong Road, instead of the College ballfield. This location will allow larger displays. The music program will be held at the College football field.

Mrs. Mattocks reported that she is working with Grow Grove City to present the Halloween Parade.

NEWS MEDIA - Council offered clarification to members of the media in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Borough Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Vance E. Oakes
Borough Manager