

**GROVE CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
GROVE CITY, PENNSYLVANIA  
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2011 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 Black

**ROLL CALL** was answered by Council Members Mattocks, Chapman, Pisano, Folkertsma, Pokrant, Black, Coulter, Bigley, Talbert, Mayor Riddle, Solicitor Bonner and LaMarca. Member Hodge was absent.

**REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Jessica Hermiller, 511 East Pine Street, thanked Council for generosity to the Library. Reported that the new addition has been well-received.

Daniel Kulp, 220 Grace Street, invited Council to a disc golf event and thanked them for their help in getting the course installed. Noted that the group does not carry insurance for the event scheduled for October 30, 2011.

Jeff Shaffer, 31 Carriage Lane, questioned the procedure for approving a housing development such as Liberty Commons. Mr. Pokrant noted that this development has not been presented before Council at this time. Mr. Talbert and Dr. Coulter noted that the concept had been presented to the Planning Commission to determine whether it would be a viable development in the proposed zone. They assured Mr. Shaffer that he would be notified of any meetings where this development may be presented.

Trevor Gardner, West Pine Street, thanked Council for assisting with the installation of the disc golf course at Memorial Park.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

Mr. Oakes noted an invoice for Axtell's Inc. for tree removal at the Airport, this represents the final payment and the tree removal project is complete.

**Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve the bills to be paid report and the additional bills to be paid, with a second by Dr. Coulter. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Dan Goncz, Gannett Fleming Inc., reported on the status of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, Phase I project, noting that Chivers Construction has completed the final work, but needs to return to clean up the debris that was left behind. He recommended holding the final payment until the clean up is done.

Mr. Goncz reported that the 30-day comment period for the Special Study will expire at the end of November, not October, as was stated in his written report. The Special Study

will need to be adopted by each of the participating municipalities by resolution prior to the Borough adopting it.

**Mr. Talbert moved to approve requisition number 28 in the amount of \$31,163.00 to Chivers Construction, from the Tap-in Fee Escrow Account, as final payment. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve requisition number II-3, to Gannett Fleming, in the amount of \$51,850.00. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve an engineering services proposal from Gannett Fleming for 2012 annual services. Dr. Pisano seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve an engineering services proposal from Gannett Fleming for the NPDES permit renewal. Mr. Black seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID REPORT**

**Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve the bills paid report with a second by Mrs. Mattocks. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Mr. Talbert and seconded by Dr. Coulter to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID – LIBRARY PROJECT**

**Mr. Talbert moved to approve payment of requisition number 5 to O'Brien Electric, representing final payment plus retainage in the amount of \$14,969.30, and requisition number 8 to Milcam, as final payment in the amount of \$49,663.94. Mrs. Folkertsma seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

#### **APPROVAL OF BID – Airport, Rehabilitate Runway, Crack Seal**

**Mr. Talbert moved to allow Axtell's Inc to withdraw their bid on this project, and to accept the low bid of \$56,211.00 from Pave Care. Mrs. Folkertsma seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2011-20 – Adopting Section 3 Plan, CDBG**

Mr. Pokrant noted that this was tabled last month for further information. Mr. Oakes noted that this document is used to promote improvement and self-sufficiency with the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program, and states that efforts will be made to use minority and women-owned businesses.

**Mr. Bigley moved to approve Resolution 2011-20, adopting the Section 3 Plan for CDBG. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried, with one negative vote cast by Mr. Talbert.**

### **CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS**

- Olde Town Grove City, Halloween Parade 10/25/11, South Broad Street. Mr. Oakes reported that Olde Town had received a donation to cover the costs of street closing. Members will discuss providing funds in the budget for this parade in the future, as it is a community event. **Dr. Pisano moved to approve the request from Olde Town Grove City to hold a Halloween Parade on South Broad Street, October 25, 2011. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Pine Township, Water Service Extension, Jack and Nancy Leone, 174 Center Church Road. **Mr. Bigley moved to approve a request from Pine Township for a water service extension to property of Jack and Nancy Leone at 174 Center Church Road. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

### **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Oakes reported:

- The traffic light at East Main and Liberty Streets has been adjusted, the congestion problem seems to have improved.
- Has requested a meeting with Dick Stevenson and PennDOT to expedite the street widening project for a turning lane at the intersection of East Main and Liberty Streets.
- Grove City College will be testing their warning system on Tuesday at 1:50 pm.
- Has received the results of the bid pricing for natural gas purchase. Hess energy was the low-bidder, with pricing substantially lower than the current pricing, resulting in an annual savings of approximately \$10,000. This is likely due to the Marcellus Shale drilling. **Mr. Black moved to approve Hess as the natural gas supplier. Mrs. Folkertsma seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Police Officers are noticing an increase in students walking to and from the Middle School, in areas where there is currently no crossing guard. The Police and Fire Committee will meet to discuss the possibility of adding a crossing guard.
- The four new picnic shelters near Pine Grove Lodge in Memorial Park are complete. Council will need to decide if these shelters will be reservable and, if so, at what fee.
- The railroad crossing at Center Street is being repaired this week, with the one at Broad Street to be repaired next week. Traffic will be detoured both weeks.
- Reminded Members of the Energy Independence & Security Act of 2007, which will take effect January 1, 2012. 100 watt incandescent bulbs will no longer be available. In 2013, 75 watt bulbs will no longer be available, in 2014, 60 watt and 40 watt bulbs will no longer be available.

- Mr. Chapman reported that the Infrastructure Committee met with Mrs. Barnes to discuss her request for a fee reduction for the handicap parking space in the South Center Street parking lot. The Committee recommended a waiver of the fee through January 2013, then payments twice a year instead of monthly. After much discussion **Mr. Bigley moved to waive the handicap parking space fee from Mr. and Mrs. Barnes until March 1, 2012. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried with one negative vote cast by Mr. Talbert.**
- Jeff Badger, Electric Department Supervisor, has requested Council prohibit attachment of signs to electric poles. The Infrastructure Committee requested that an ordinance be drafted to prohibit posting of signs. **Mr. Bigley moved to authorize Solicitor Bonner to draft and advertise an ordinance prohibiting the posting of signs on street signs, trees, utility poles, fire hydrants, or other vertical structures in public areas, without the consent of the owner. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Attended a Bureau of Aviation meeting regarding the four-year plan for airport improvements. The Bureau indicated that it looks favorable that the proposed 2012 replacement of runway lighting and replacement of the fuel facility will be funded.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Riddle reported:

- He and Mr. Oakes presented a municipal update to the community at the Eggs and Issues breakfast in October.
- The third safety meeting was held on October 13<sup>th</sup>, with Mrs. Folkertsma and Dr. Pisano in attendance.
- Reminded residents that the Police Department is sponsoring a drug take back event at RxXpress on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm.
- The next wave of the Aggressive Driving Program will take place November 1<sup>st</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Will be participating in Operation Safe Stop, which is directed at motorists passing school buses with flashing lights.
- Reminded residents that leaves are not to be raked into the street, they are to be left in the devil strip or at the curb.
- Reminded residents of the requirement for use of headlamps from sunset to sunrise, or when visibility is less than 1,000 feet, or when windshield wipers are in use.
- The Police Department is requesting information concerning a shooting incident on October 8<sup>th</sup> in the 500 block of North Broad Street. A firearm was discharged from a gray or silver car.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Chapman reported that the Technology Committee has met three times to receive proposals for new accounting software.

Mr. Chapman reported that the Technology Committee is working toward electronic Council packets.

Mr. Pokrant commended Mrs. Mattocks on an enjoyable Fall Fest. Mrs. Mattocks reported that Fall Fest went very well and was well-attended.

**NEWS MEDIA**

Council offered clarification for members of the news media that were present.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Paris L. Weiland  
Borough Secretary