

**GROVE CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
GROVE CITY, PENNSYLVANIA
REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2011 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER by Council Vice President Jeffrey Black 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, Hodge, Black, LaMarca, Coulter, Bigley, Talbert, Mayor Riddle and Solicitor Bonner. Member Folkertsma arrived at 7:04 pm and Member Pokrant arrived at 7:13 pm.

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD - None

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Mr. Oakes noted the additional list of bills and corrections to the first list presented.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve requisition number II-5, in the amount of \$30,050.00. Mr. Chapman 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 Mr. Talbert. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Oakes introduced Norm Baron and Jim Havrilla of Utility Engineers. Mr. Baron and Mr. Havrilla provided an update on the transformer upgrade and the planned power outages.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Talbert and seconded by Mr. Black to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

PROGRESS REPORT – LIBRARY PROJECT

Mr. Oakes reported that the final invoice has been adjusted, due to a credit for the sidewalk, which is smaller than originally planned, and a credit from the carpet manufacturer due to a defect in the carpet.

Mr. Talbert moved to approve Change Order #8 to Milcam, Inc. in the credit amount of \$474.21, Change Order #9 to Milcam, Inc. in the credit amount of \$7,000.00 and Final Payment No. 8 to Milcam Inc. in the amount of \$42,189.73. Mr. Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS

Citizens interested in serving on the Planning Commission or Zoning Hearing Board introduced themselves to Council and provided information about themselves. Interested citizens present were: Seth Ring, Erik Irani, who withdrew because he is relocating, Steve Rihel, Gary Dovey, Walter Patterson, Mark Archibald and Dave Gills. Mr. Pokrant asked them to be present at the organizational meeting to be held on January 3, 2012, so that Council may interview them and make appointments to the board and commission.

Dr. Coulter moved to reappoint James Poulos and Richard Talbert to the Planning Commission for the term January 2012 through December 2015. Mr. Bigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Coulter moved to reappoint Richard Briggs to the Zoning Hearing Board for the term January 2012 through December 2014. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2011-21 – Special Study for Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr. Goncz reported that all of the participating municipalities have adopted the revised plan by resolution.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve Resolution 2011-21 Special Plan Revision for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Special Study. Dr. Pisano seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve Ordinance 1406, amending the Commission of Receiver of Taxes. Mr. Black seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve Ordinance 1407, amending Electricity Service Rates. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve Ordinance 1408, amending Water Service Rates. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve Ordinance 1409, setting the Real Estate Tax Rate at 2.5 mills for the year 2012. Mr. Talbert seconded the motion and it carried with one negative vote, cast by Mr. Bigley.

Dr. Pisano moved to approve Ordinance 1410, prohibiting the Posting of Signs on Borough property. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH

Mayor Riddle read the following Resolution, recognizing Dr. Joseph Pisano’s service to the Borough as a Council Member:

***BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY
RESOLUTION 2011-22
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DR. JOSEPH M. PISANO***

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph M. Pisano has served the Borough of Grove City, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, as a member of Council from January 2008 through December 2011; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph M. Pisano has served as a member and Chair of various Committees; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Pisano’s tenure on Council the Borough of Grove City experienced continued progress and growth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Grove City and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same that the Grove City Borough Council expresses its sincere and deep appreciation to Dr. Joseph M. Pisano for his dedication, leadership and commitment to the Borough, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting as a permanent record of this Council’s acknowledgement of the achievements of Dr. Joseph M. Pisano.

Dr. Pisano was thanked for his service to the community and his work on the Technology Committee and Police and Fire Committee.

Mayor Riddle presented a Proclamation to Frank Jablonovsky, recognizing his service on the Planning Commission since 1995.

J. Scott Somora’s service on the Zoning Hearing Board was recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2011-2 – Recognizing Dr. Joseph M. Pisano.

Mr. Black moved to approve Resolution 2011-2, recognizing Dr. Joseph M. Pisano’s service on Borough Council. Mr. Talbert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Oakes reported:

- Data regarding the need for an additional crossing guard has been gathered and provided to the school district. Solicitor Bonner and Members noted that this is a cost that should be borne solely by the school district, per the developer’s agreement.

- Advised Mr. Bigley that a meeting of the Infrastructure Committee has been requested to discuss a request for a stop sign and police concerns regarding parking along East Pine Street.
- Thanked Dr. Pisano for his guidance and assistance while on Council.
- Thanked all members of Council for their assistance during 2011.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Riddle reported:

- Due to Chrisy Lawson's move from the Police Department to the Utility Office, a candidate has been selected for the Administrative Assistant position, the background check is being done.
- He participated in a safety meeting and noted that the fourth meeting will either be re-scheduled or they will just start the 2012 safety meeting schedule.
- The Police Department has received a donation from an anonymous donor to purchase an additional safe.
- The D.A.R.E. program has been fully-funded, with Liberty Township's share being paid for by Three Rivers Concessions and an anonymous resident of the township.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Talbert asked if skating on the pond in Memorial Park would be permitted this year. Mr. Oakes noted that it would be determined when the new insurance carrier is selected. A Parks and Recreation Committee meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss skating on the pond, or other alternatives.

Dr. Pisano thanked Council for their support during his term on Council. He also thanked the Borough staff for their assistance.

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 8:00 pm.

Paris L. Weiland
Borough Secretary