

**GROVE CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
GROVE CITY, PENNSYLVANIA
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2008 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER by Council President George Pokrant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER was offered by Council Member Dr. Joseph Pisano

ROLL CALL was answered by Council Members Chapman, Pisano, Hodge, Folkertsma, Pokrant, Black, Coulter, Bigley, Talbert and Mayor Riddle. Solicitor Bonner arrived at 7:05 p.m.. Mr. Slagle was absent.

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Representative Dick Stevenson presented a grant in the amount of \$25,000 for computers in the Police Patrol Cars.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve the bills to be paid report with a second by Mr. Hodge. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID REPORT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Folkertsma and seconded by Dr. Coulter to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2008 and Special Meetings of September 29, 2008 and October 9, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2008-29 – Authorizing signatories for PennDOT Agreements

Mr. Oakes reported that this pertains to agreements with PennDOT Bureau of Aviation and designates which officers may sign on behalf of the borough.

Mr. Talbert moved to approve Resolution 2008-29, authorizing the President of Council, Borough Secretary or Borough Manager to sign agreements with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Mrs. Folkertsma seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 1375 –Enabling Participation in an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Implementing the Wolf Creek Slippery Rock Creek Council of Governments Comprehensive Plan

Solicitor Bonner noted amendments being made to the agreement.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to advertise Council's intent to adopt Ordinance 1375 and to hold a Public Hearing prior to the November Regular Council Meeting to receive public comment on the proposed Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement pertaining to this proposed ordinance. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY – Use of Memorial Park for a Bike Ride Stop Location, June 6 & 7, 2009

Dr. Pisano moved to approve the request from National Multiple Sclerosis Society for use of Memorial Park on June 6 & 7, 2009 for a bike ride stop location, with the provision that they agree to clean up after their event each day. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT – Utility Engineers, PC

Mr. Oakes reported that this firm was started by James Havrilla, Esq., P.E. and Norm Barron, P.E., formerly of Quad Three Group.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve a consulting services agreement with Utility Engineers, PC. Mr. Bigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICERS – Borough Manager as Borough's Right To Know Officer under Act 3 of 2008 and Borough Secretary as Deputy Right To Know Officer

Mr. Oakes reported that, under the provisions of Act 3 of 2008, the borough is required to appoint a Right To Know Officer.

Mr. Talbert moved to appoint the Borough Manager as the Borough's Right To Know Officer under Act 3 of 2008 and the Borough Secretary as the Deputy Right To Know Officer. Dr. Pisano seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

- Gasoline/Diesel Fuel – due to an error in the specification documents, Mr. Oakes recommended rejecting the sole bid received and re-bidding. **Dr. Pisano moved to reject the sole bid received for gasoline and diesel fuel. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Vehicle Sale – Mr. Oakes reported that Sam Eakman provided the high bid of \$6,026.00 on a 1997 Chevrolet Dump Truck. **Mrs. Folkertsma moved to accept a bid of \$6,026.00 from Sam Eakman for the sale of a 1997 Chevrolet Dump Truck. Mr. Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Water Treatment Plant Chemicals – Mr. Oakes reported that low bids were received as follows:

- Univar USA, Inc. - \$2.98/gal for Sodium Hydroxide and \$6,010.00/ton for Potassium Permanganate
- Barber's Chemicals Inc. - \$9.62/gal for Aqua Mag or Equal

Mr. Oakes recommend accepting these bids. **Mr. Talbert moved to accept the low bids received for Water Treatment Plant Chemicals from Univar USA Inc in the amount of \$2.98/gal for Sodium Hydroxide and \$6,010.00/ton for Potassium Permanganate and from Barber's Chemicals in the amount of \$9.62/gal for Aqua Mag or Equal. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

- Sludge Transportation – Mr. Oakes reported that a sole bid was received from Tri-County Industries, Inc and recommended acceptance. **Mrs. Folkertsma moved to accept the bid received from Tri-County Industries Inc for Sludge Transportation in the amount of \$4.25/loaded mile with a minimum charge of \$386.00. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Sludge Disposal – Mr. Oakes reported that a proposal was received from Seneca Landfill Inc for Sludge Disposal in the amount of \$23.00/ton. As this is a proposal, no action is required.
- Refuse Collection/Disposal/Recycling – Mr. Oakes reported that Tri-County Industries Inc provided the low bid of \$999,900.00 for a three-year period for refuse collection/disposal and recycling. **Mr. Chapman moved to accept the low bid of \$999,900.00 for 2009-2011 for Refuse Collection and Disposal and Recycling Collection. Dr. Pisano seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM KIWANIS CLUB – Halloween Parade, October 28, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Coulter moved to approve the request from the Kiwanis Club to hold a Halloween Parade on October 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Oakes reported that:

- There has been information regarding road salt shortages across the country, the borough has contracted on the state piggyback program with Morton Salt. We have a commitment for 800 tons, which is slightly more than our annual usage. There has been a substantial price increase.
- The wastewater treatment plant upgrade project has been advertised and bids are to be opened on November 10, 2008. Mr. Schaudé reported that the project is on schedule. Intergovernmental agreements are needed for a February closing on the PennVest loan. Solicitor Bonner recommended that the agreements be signed prior to bid opening.
- A budget meeting is re-scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 2008 instead of November 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
- During discussion at last week's budget meeting, a proposal of adopting a Local Services Tax, which is an increase of the occupational privilege tax, was considered. If adopted, a reduction in real estate millage may be considered.

Mrs. Folkertsma noted that advertising an intent to adopt this tax does not obligate Council to adopt, it only leaves the option available. **Mrs. Folkertsma moved to advertise Council's intent to adopt an ordinance to instate a Local Services Tax. Dr. Pisano seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

- The Insurance Services Office graded our building inspection services company, scoring them very well. They received a Class 3 rating, which places them in the top 15% nationwide.
- Doug Dick's request for Superior Ambulance's designation as the service provider for the borough has been reviewed. Mr. Black reported that, according to Act 8 from House Bills 1131, 1133 and 1134, the borough needs to enter into a relationship with emergency services providers. We can enter into relationships with other providers also, having an agreement but not necessarily a sole agreement. This will formalize the relationship of a social contract between the borough and service providers. We will be required to meet with the provider(s) annually to discuss the needs of the community. There are no financial requirements on behalf of the borough.
- The borough is still in need of an Emergency Management Coordinator, as the position has not been filled since Todd Wood resigned.
- The Library Board is interested in a building addition to expand their space. There will be a meeting on October 28, 2008 at 6:00 pm to discuss this interest. They are requesting Council's approval to apply for a Keystone Grant, with the borough being the applicant.
- A company has expressed interest in purchasing untreated bulk water, the rate can be set by ordinance. **Dr. Pisano moved to advertise council's intent to adopt an ordinance setting a rate for the sale of untreated bulk water at 1.6 cents per gallon. Mrs. Folkertsma seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- The purchase order for the 2009 Dodge Charger has not been sent yet. The Commonwealth has received a low bid of \$20,325 from Hetrich Fleet Sales. However the Commonwealth has not awarded the bid, so we are unable to order the purchase through the piggyback purchasing contract until the bid is awarded.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Riddle reported:

- Part-time officer Dave Maiella was hired on 9/29, giving the force two part-time officers. Solicitor Bonner recommended that part-time officers be approved by motion of Council. **Mr. Black moved to approve hiring David Maiella as a part-time patrol officer. Mrs. Folkertsma seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- He had attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the YMCA Youth Center.
- On October 9th the third of four safety meetings with the Police Union.
- Trick or Treat will be held this Saturday from 4-6 pm. Volunteers are needed to assist at intersections.
- He urged the community to exercise their right to vote.
- The Grove City revitalization dedication ceremony, held on September 20th was well-attended.
- Any questions regarding the monthly police report may be directed to him or Chief Osborne.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Chapman recognized the actions of Larry Bennett. He pulled a victim from a burning car along the roadway.

Mr. Black noted that the safety meeting was attended by him and Mrs. Folkertsma.

Mr. Chapman noted that the Tech Committee met prior to the meeting this evening. Mr. Talbert noted that technical upgrades were discussed, including web site improvements. Dr. Pisano was thanked for his work in helping to solve the technological problems of the borough and assisting with upgrades, all free of charge.

Mrs. Folkertsma noted recent news articles regarding several municipalities that are in financial distress and expressed her thankfulness that the borough is in very good financial shape.

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 8:22 pm.

Paris L. Weiland
Borough Secretary