

**GROVE CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
GROVE CITY, PENNSYLVANIA
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2008 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER by Council President George Pokrant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER was offered by Council Member Jeffrey Hodge

ROLL CALL was answered by Council Members Chapman, Pisano, Hodge, Folkertsma, Pokrant, Black, Coulter, Bigley, Talbert and Solicitor Bonner. Mayor Riddle and Mr. Slagle were absent.

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Mr. Oakes noted the following additions to the report: McGill Septic Tank Company for a pre-cast concrete wall, \$6,400 and Glick Fire Equipment for LED lighting on one of the fire engines, \$1,307.76.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve the bills to be paid report, and the additions presented, with a second by Dr. Coulter. The motion 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. Pokrant announced that prior to this meeting, an Executive Session of the Executive Committee met to review a contract issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Pisano and seconded by Mr. Hodge to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS – Gasoline and Diesel Fuel, 2009

Mr. Oakes recommended that the low bid submitted by Reed Oil Company, in the amount of \$1.8164 per gallon for unleaded gasoline and \$2.2897 per gallon for diesel fuel. The OPIS adjustment for both fuels is \$0.0300 per gallon.

Mr. Chapman moved accept the low bid for gasoline and diesel fuel from Reed Oil Company, at a rate of \$0.0300 per gallon adjustment to the OPIS price. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS – Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project

Dan Goncz of Gannett Fleming Engineers reported that bids were opened on November 10, 2008 for the rehab portion of the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project, known as Plan B. The estimated project cost for the rehab project is approximately \$11.9 million, the bids came in 18% less than the estimate. There are actions that need to be taken, the first is relative to securing project funding. Mr. Goncz requested a motion be made for the Borough to direct Bond Counsel to request that the PennVest loan closing date be extended until December 31, 2009, to coincide with the recently-extended PennWorks closing date.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to direct bond counsel to request an extension of the PennVest loan closing date to December 31, 2009. Mr. Bigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Goncz further reported that, since the rehab portion of the project does not have a secured funding source, the borough cannot establish a contract award date to take action on the bids at this time. However, contracts 1 and 3 from the bid opening on November 10, 2008 have a bid holding date of January 9, 2009. Contract 2 for HVAC from the original bid has a bid holding period until December 3, 2008. A motion is in order directing the engineer to send correspondence to the apparent low bidders of all three contracts, requesting an extension to the bid holding period date of February 9, 2009. This will allow time to secure funding for the project and other agreements that need to be in place.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to direct the engineer to correspond with the apparent low bidders on the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project, requesting an extension to the bid holding period to a date of February 9, 2009. Mr. Black seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A work session is planned for December 4, 2008, with the surrounding municipalities being invited to attend.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 1373 – Yard Waste Disposal Fee

Dr. Pisano moved to approve Ordinance 1373, enacting a yard waste disposal fee, to be effective January 1, 2009. Mr. Bigley 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

Mr. Talbert moved to approve Ordinance 1375, enabling participation in an intergovernmental cooperation agreement for implementing the Wolf Creek Slippery Rock Creek Council of Governments Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Folkertsma seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 1376 – Mutual Aid Agreement

Mr. Oakes reported that this is the agreement that was sent to the Local Government Services Department for comment. This will allow us to provide interstate and intrastate mutual aid on the electric system, should the need arise.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve Ordinance 1376, authorizing a mutual aid agreement for the electric system. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF SEWER PLANNING MODULE – Enclave Residential Development

Mr. Bigley moved to approve the request from Enclave Residential Development for a sewer planning module. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – Police Services for Grove City Area School District

Mr. Black moved to approve the memorandum of understanding for police services for the Grove City Area School District. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE 2009 BUDGET – for public inspection

Mrs. Folkertsma reported that the proposed budget is very concise and complete and does not increase taxes or borrow from reserves. She commended Mr. Oakes on an excellent job.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to advertise Council's intent to adopt the 2009 proposed budget. Mr. Bigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST – Moms Without Moms, addition of a Car Show to the previously-approved fundraiser at Memorial Park, July 11, 2009 and a rain date of July 18, 2009.

Mr. Talbert moved to approve the request from Moms Without Moms to add a car show to the fundraiser at Memorial Park on July 11, 2009, with a rain date to be determined between the Borough Secretary and the organization. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL – CDBG Consulting Services

Mr. Oakes reported that three proposals were received for the service. He recommended that the proposal from GCCA, our current provider, be accepted. Both from a price perspective and a level of service, GCCA has been superior.

Mr. Chapman moved to accept a proposal from GCCA for CDBG Consulting Services. Mr. Black seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Talbert moved to re-appoint Joel Bigley and David Hoy to a four-year term on the Planning Commission, from January 2009 to December 2012. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There is one opening on the Planning Commission, anyone with suggestions was asked to contact Mr. Talbert or Mrs. Weiland.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to re-appoint Barbara Brown and J. Scott Somora to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term of January 2009 to December 2011. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Bigley moved to re-appoint John R. McCoy to the Police Civil Service Commission for a six-year term from January 2009 to December 2014. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Talbert moved to re-appoint Todd Wood to the Library Board for a three-year term from January 2009 to December 2011. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There is still an opening for Emergency Management Coordinator, with a term at Council's discretion. Anyone with suggestions is asked to contact Mr. Oakes or Mrs. Weiland.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Oakes reported that:

- The Library Board met with Sturgeon Engineering regarding a building addition project. They are not yet prepared to request approval of an addition to the building or a grant application to the Keystone Grant Program. They are expected to make requests at the December meeting.
- The ordinance that was approved for advertising for the sale of bulk water has been advertised, but is not ready for consideration. It is expected to be presented at the December meeting.
- There will be a meeting on November 24th to consider the adoption of a Local Services Tax and to set the real estate millage.

Mr. Pokrant reported that the Executive Committee met on October 28, 2008 in Executive Session regarding contract issues.

MAYOR'S REPORT

In Mayor Riddle's absence, Mr. Pokrant reported:

- The mayor attended the kickoff for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive.
- Honorees for the 2009 Mercer Memorial Day program are being sought.
- The trick-or-treating and Halloween Parade went well.
- The next police safety meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2008.
- The Olde Town Christmas Extravaganza will be held on December 6, 2008.
- Commended Mr. Oakes for his efforts in managing the Festival Park construction.

- Commended Dr. Pisano and members of the Technology Committee for their efforts on the new borough website

Mr. Black moved to approve the hiring of part-time police officer Michael Allias, retroactive to May 28, 2008. Mrs. Folkertsma seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- Any questions regarding the police report may be directed to the Mayor or Chief of Police.
- Chief Osborne reported that the department received a Community Traffic Safety Award from AAA, based on efforts in the past calendar year.
- The computers for the cruisers have been ordered, they are expected to arrive in December.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pokrant read correspondence from the family of Joseph F. Goncz Jr., thanking the Borough for the Proclamation presented in his memory. A moment of silence was observed.

Mr. Black moved to reaffirm Council's opposition to the proposed re-opening of a landfill at the Tri-County site in Pine and Liberty Townships, as stated in Resolution 2005-11. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Oakes reported that the Governor signed a bill in July, extending the KOZ program. The extension is only for unoccupied parcels that are contiguous to the current KOZ and are at least 10 acres. If we wish to extend this, we need to begin working on the application.

Mr. Talbert reported that the Technology Committee has been working on a website. A demonstration of the website was presented to Council by Dr. Pisano. Dr. Pisano designed the website, with assistance from Mr. Chapman and Mr. Talbert.

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 to Executive Session to discuss a possible litigation matter at 8:00 pm.

Paris L. Weiland
Borough Secretary