

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2015 7:00pm**

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7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER by Council President George Pokrant at 7:06 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER: Council Member – George Pokrant

MEETING ATTENDANCE / ROLL CALL

X if present	Council Member Name	X if present	Council Member Name	X if present	Other Name
X	Mattocks, Mary Kay	X	Black, Jeffrey (V-President)	X	Oakes, Vance (Boro Manager)
X	Daley, Kathleen	X	Riddle, Randy (Mayor)	X	Pollard, Tanya (Boro Secretary)
X	Myers, Shawn	X	Coulter, Michael	X	Rose, Will (Boro Asst. Manager)
X	Hodge, Jeffrey	X	Bigley, Joel	X	Goncz, Dan (Engineer)
X	Gallagher, Amy	X	Wood, Todd		
X	Bonner, Timothy (Solicitor)		Thomas, Alaina (Jr Member)		
X	Pokrant, George (President)	X	Foley, Ethan (Jr Member)		

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No response/No Discussion

Mr. Pokrant reported that Council met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss a litigation matter.

APPROVAL OF 'BILLS-TO-BE-PAID' REPORT

- Mrs. Amy Gallagher moved to approve the 'Bills To Be Paid' report. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 'BILLS PAID' REPORT

- Mrs. Amy Gallagher moved to approve the 'Bills Paid' report. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from Regular Meeting on March 16, 2015.

- Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 16, 2015. Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from Special Meeting on April 15, 2015.

- Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 16, 2015. Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF PROMOTION OF OFFICER MICHAEL ALLIAS TO CORPORAL

GROVE CITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT - Mrs. Kimberly Barbara reported:

- On Monday, April 6th Al Mittal gave a talk about the late local author John D McDonald (author of Cape Fear)
- Linda Bortz began leading a three week long beginner's quilting class on April 13th.
- The American Girl Tea Party on April 17th host by Heather Baker was a huge success with all 42 spots filled.
- Heather Baker will be promoting library awareness during the month of May with her "Library –Palooza Tour". She will be visiting schools informing children of the upcoming Summer Reading Program and helping children sign-up for their own library membership.

- The library has created an initiative for educators who work in Grove City but live outside area to qualify for a free membership card in effort to support their students by creating a greater quantity of resources and supplementing the curriculum.
- The next New Castle Library District meeting will be Friday, May 15th at 9:00 am.
- The next meeting of the Mercer County Library Directors will be on Friday, May 15th at 1:00 pm.
- The Grove City United Way generously granted the library \$26,400 for 2015. The entire grant will go directly towards programming for children and young adults.

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GROVE CITY COLLEGE ANNUAL HOMECOMING CEREMONIES– To be held Saturday, September 26, 2015; event to begin at 11:00 am.

- **Mr. Todd Wood moved to approve the event request submitted by Megan Cotterman for the Grove City College Homecoming Ceremonies on Saturday, September 26, 2015. Mr. Michael Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: UNITED STATES SPECIALTY SPORTS ASSOCIATION - Permission to use baseball fields at Memorial Park for both practices and games after May 16, 2015.

- **Mr. Todd Wood moved to approve the event request to use the baseball fields at Memorial Park submitted by Mark Minch and Bobby Thorne with the provision that they are able to work amicably with the Grove City Little League on scheduling time. Mr. Michael Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: ‘THE BOOM’ – Permission to use the parking lot between 130 S. Center Street and the Bashlin Industries building for an event on Saturday August 22nd, 2015; event to begin at 5:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm

- **The event was withdrawn from consideration by the requestor Lucinda Good.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – Permission to use the undeveloped field in Memorial Park by the Armory for softball games starting April 27th, 2015 and ending August 15th, 2015

- **Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks moved to approve the event request from the Grace United Methodist Church to use the undeveloped field near the Armory at Memorial Park for softball games starting April 27th, 2015 and ending August 15th, 2015. Mr. Michael Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: WALKER EVENTS, INC. – Permission to set-up tent and perform a circus in Memorial Park on Sunday June 21st, 2015; event to begin at 1:00 pm and end at 6:00 pm

- **Council made no motion. Event was not approved.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GROVE CITY MIDGET FOOTBALL CLUB – Permission to use the undeveloped field in Memorial Park by the Armory for football practice on weekdays starting at the end of July, 2015 and ending in October

- **Mr. Michael Coulter moved to approve the event request from the Grove City Midget Football Club to use the undeveloped field near the Armory at Memorial Park for football practice starting the end of July 2015 and ending in October 2015 contingent upon receipt of an acceptable Certificate of Liability Insurance. Mr. Todd Woods seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER MEMORIAL PARK POOL HOURS AND ENTRANCE FEE FOR THE 2015 SEASON

- **Mr. Michael Coulter moved to approve the 2015 Memorial Park Pool Hours and entrance fees. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. George Pokrant and Mr. Jeff Black abstained from the vote due to the fact that they serve on the Franklin/Grove City YMCA Board.**

DISCUSSION OF EASEMENT PROPOSAL FROM FIRST ENERGY - Mr. Vance Oakes – Mr. Oakes reported that he countered First Energy’s offer of \$10,000.00 for the easement proposal with \$15,000.00 and they accepted. This item will be carried forward to the May 18th meeting when a formal proposal is presented for consideration.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2015-6 THE PENNSYLVANIA CDBG LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN

- **Mr. Michael Coulter moved to approve Resolution #2015-6, for The Pennsylvania CDBG Language Access Plan. Mr. Todd Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER PURCHASE REQUEST: Public Works Department request for a new Vermeer BC1500 Brush Chipper for department needs and specifications.

- **Mr. Todd Wood moved to approve the purchase of a new Vermeer BC1500 Brush Chipper as presented in the Vermeer CoStars quote for the amount of \$47,029.00. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER BIDS RECEIVED ON APRIL 14TH FOR THE AIRPORT OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL PROJECT

- **Mr. Todd Wood moved to accept the G&L Excavating LLC Bid in the amount of \$ for the 2015 Airport Obstruction Removal Project. Mr. Jeff Black seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER BIDS RECEIVED ON APRIL 16TH FOR THE 2015 STREET PAVING PROJECT

- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to accept the Sheilds Asphalt Bid in the amount of \$148,481.55 for the 2015 Street Paving Project. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN APPROVAL

- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the Drought Contingency Plan. Mr. Todd Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER PINE TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR SANITARY SEWER EXTENTIONS AT 2 MARBLE DRIVE, GROVE CITY, PA 16127

- **Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks moved to approve the sanitary sewer extension at 2 Marble Drive, Grove City located in Pine Township. Mr. Michael Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Jeffery Black abstained due to the fact that his wife is related to the owner of the property.**

CONSIDER PINE TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR WATER SERVICE EXTENTION AT 2 MARBLE DRIVE, GROVE CITY, PA 16127

- **Mr. Todd Wood moved to approve the water service extension at 2 Marble Drive, Grove City located in Pine Township. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Jeffery Black abstained due to the fact that his wife is related to the owner of the property.**

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Gannett Fleming, Inc. represented by Mr. Dan Goncz:

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project – Phase III – During the past month work was performed on the monorail system at the Headworks Building and construction of the UV Building has begun. Mr. Goncz is recommending approval of Payment Requisition No. II-B-26 in the amount of \$120,561.82.**
- **WWTB Boiler Replacement – An evaluation for the upgrade of the new boiler at the wastewater treatment plant was completed to include a dual gas boiler that can burn both natural gas and methane gas. The cost to complete this upgrade is \$49,065.**
- **Official Sewage Facilities Plan – Mr. Goncz reported that they are in the process of preparing the basis design for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Official Sewage Facilities Plan Update. The report is anticipated to be complete in July of 2015.**
- **Pine Street Streetscape Project – Work along Pine Street is progressing and anticipated to be complete by the end of April. Three change orders were presented to Council. Change order No.1 not to exceed \$14,300 for filling a vacant room under the sidewalk at PNC Bank. Funding for this change order is through a donation commitment by PNC Bank. Change order No. 2 not to exceed \$1,058 is for filling an abandoned tank located under the sidewalk near Bashlin Industries with flowable concrete. Change Order No. 3 in the amount not to exceed \$2,633 for installing formwork and flowable concrete into 2 abandoned coal shoots located under the sidewalk at Citizens Bank.**

- **Mr. Hodge moved to approve the payment of Requisition No. IIB-26 in the amount of \$120,561.82 for construction phase related engineering services in Phase III of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve change order No. 1 for the WWTB Boiler replacement in the amount of \$49,065. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the payment of the 3 ECMS Payment Requests in the amount of \$40,922.65. Mr. Jeffery Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve change order No. 1 for the filling of a vacant room under the sidewalk in the amount of \$14,300 with a commitment donation from PNC Bank. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve change order No. 2 for the filling of an abandoned tank under the sidewalk near Bashlin Industries in an amount not to exceed \$1,058. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- **Mrs. Amy Gallagher moved to approve change order No. 3 for the filling of an abandoned coal shoot under the sidewalk near Citizen's Bank in an amount not to exceed \$2,633. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

JR. COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

None presented.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Vance Oakes:

- USIS has paid their March and April Utility bids.
- Mike Beatty has been working with the County Tax Bureau to start the judicial sale of the vacant property located on Craig Street. This will be a several month project due to the notification process that is required.
- Vance congratulated Mayor Riddle on being named President of the State's Mayor Association
- Cecil Smith's lease at the airport is expiring. The Borough is working with him and his son on negotiating a new 5 year lease for their skydiving business.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Randy Riddle (with information from Chief Osborne):

- The Mayor reported that he had no activity for his Quarterly marriage log.
- Jesse DePietro, our newest officer was sworn in on March 26th, 2015 and will begin training with our established officers now and through the month of May.
- Mayor Court of Ellwood City and Mayor Randy Riddle presented a certificate recognizing the 175th Anniversary of Zelenople on behalf of the Mayor Association for the Boroughs of Pennsylvania.

OTHER BUSINESS

None presented.

NEWS MEDIA

Council members were available to answer questions from members of the news media that were present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for Council's consideration, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Tanya M. Pollard, Borough Secretary**