

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2016 7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER by Council President, George Pokrant at 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER: was offered by Council Member Scott Jaillet

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	Bonner, Timothy (Solicitor)	X	Oakes, Vance (Boro Manager)
X	Daley, Kathleen	X	Pokrant, George (President)	X	Pollard, Tanya (Boro Secretary)
X	Myers, Shawn	X	Riddle, Randy (Mayor)	Absent	Goncz, Dan (Engineer)
X	Henry, James	X	Bigley, Joel (V-President)		
Absent	Hodge, Jeffrey	X	Wood, Todd		
X	Gallagher, Amy	X	Messer, Cammie (Jr Member)		
X	Jaillet, Scott	X	Boshaw, Maxwell (Jr Member)		

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- **Mr. George Latkey of 250 Irishtown Road, Grove City, PA 16127 was present to discuss an issue with his sewer lateral at 229-1/2 East Pine Street. He explained that he believes a water main break that happened in July of 2015 pushed rocks and debris into his sewer lateral causing a back-up in February 2016 and again in November 2016. After his brief explanation Mr. George Pokrant suggested an Infrastructure Committee Meeting be scheduled to hear more detail.**
- **Mr. Brian Hroncich of 901 Lincoln Avenue, Grove City, PA 16127 addressed Council with the suggestion of creating a "Community Chest". He proposed adding a box on the Borough utility bills allowing residents to make a donation towards improving the community.**

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

- **Mr. Todd Wood moved to approve the 'Bills to be Paid' report. Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF 'BILLS PAID' REPORT

- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve the 'Bills Paid' report. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from Regular Meeting on November 21, 2016

- **Mr. Jim Henry moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 21, 2016 as presented. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

GROVE CITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT

Mrs. Kimberly Barbara presented a report on the different programs and activities planned for the month of December.

CONSIDER UNDERSTANDING OF SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STILLWAGON & MCGILL FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the Understanding of Services Agreement with Stillwagon & McGill for the year ending December 31, 2016 with the possibility of receipt of a transition plan. If a transition plan is presented Council will revisit this item in January. Mr. Todd Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR 2017 GANNET FLEMING ANNUAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

- **Mrs. Amy Gallagher moved to approve the Proposal for 2017 Gannet Fleming Engineering Services. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER LIBERTY TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR SEWER EXTENTION: 9 Aylesworth Way, Liberty Township, Grove City, PA 16127 - Owner Debra Houston

- **Mr. Todd Wood moved to approve the request for sewer extensions at 9 Aylesworth Way in Liberty Township, Grove City, PA 16127. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER PINE TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR WATER AND SEWER EXTENTIONS: 1354 South Center Street Ext., Pine Township, Grove City, PA 16127 - Owner Frank Lovett

- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve water and sewer extension at 1354 South Center Street Ext., Pine Township, Grove City, PA 16127. Mr. James Henry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #1440 WATER RATE INCREASE

- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #1440 Water Rate Increase. Mr. Todd Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #1441 SETTING THE TAX RATE AT 4 MILLS FOR 2017

- **Mrs. Amy Gallagher moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #1441 Setting the Tax Rate at 4 Mills for 2017. Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER ADVERTISING INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #1444 HUNTING ORDINANCE

- **Mr. Todd Wood moved to approve the advertising intent to adopt Ordinance #1444 Hunting Ordinance. Mrs. Amy Gallagher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #1442 NUISANCE ORDINANCE

- **Mr. James Henry moved to approve to adopt Ordinance #1442 Nuisance Ordinance with changes suggested by Solicitor Bonner. Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAMS

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the Citizen Participation Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs. Mr. Todd Wood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER RECONFIRMING ACT 511 TAXES

- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve Reconfirming Act 511 Taxes. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EXTENTION OF CONTRACT WITH REED OIL FOR GASOLINE AND FUEL OIL PRODUCTS THRU DECEMBER 31, 2017

- **Mr. Todd Wood moved to approve the extension of contract with Reed Oil for gasoline and fuel oil products thru December 31, 2017. Mr. James Henry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Planning Commission

- Dr. Mark Archibald
- Mary "Skip" Sample

Zoning Hearing Board

- Mr. Gary T. Dovey

Civil Service Commission

- Mr. James Poulos

- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the re-appointments above. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER 2017 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council agreed to keep the meeting schedule of the third Monday of every Month for the year of 2017.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Gannett Fleming, Inc.:

Mr. Dan Goncz was unable to attend the meeting but did submit his Engineer report in writing for the Council's review. Mr. Oakes noted that he and Dan Goncz participated in a telephone conference with Springfield Township representatives and their engineer regarding the possibility of Grove City selling them bulk water. Dan Goncz prepared an estimate for engineering work necessary to produce an amendment to the water system modeling report necessary to determine the pipe size, interconnection point and pump capacity requirements for a bulk water connection to Springfield Township. The township is considering this proposal and looking into other alternatives for obtaining a water supply including the construction of their own water treatment plant and the purchase of bulk water from private water suppliers. Springfield will notify the Borough if they are interested in proceeding. Vance and Dan let them know they should make the decision soon as the Borough plans to update our Master Water Supply Report during 2017 in preparation for the construction of a new water treatment plant in Memorial Park.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Vance Oakes:

- Mr. Vance Oakes announced that Anthony Ditka plans to attend the COG meeting in January to discuss the financing for the next phase of work at the wastewater treatment plant and the possibility of refinancing the existing debt to take advantage of lower interest rates. It appears that the market conditions and upcoming call dates on the existing bonds will allow the Borough to refinance and reduce our annual debt service payments over the remaining life of that bond issue. There is a \$10,000,000 annual limit that the Borough is not able to exceed in order to keep the issue qualified as tax exempt financing. The Borough cannot re-finance and issue new debt for the expansion all in the same year.
- Mr. Oakes supplied Council with a copy of the latest Borough Bill insert created by Katie Henson that is being enclosed with the December Borough Bill that included the 2017 recycling schedule as well as some reminder and answers to frequently asked questions. Mr. Todd Wood noted that he thought the flyer was very informative and helpful.
- The Borough received a notice from an attorney representing Corporate Risk Holdings, the owner of the former USIS building on Lincoln Avenue. They have filed a suit against the Mercer County Board of Assessment claiming their property is overvalued. Earlier in the year the County Board of assessment reduced the assessed value from \$478,000 to \$375,000, but this was not acceptable to the new owner.
- Mr. Oakes suggested that the Infrastructure Committee meet again sometime in early 2017 to discuss the S. Center Street parking lot. It has been full or nearly full every business day with employees that do not move their vehicle all day. This is leaving very limited parking for patrons.

JR. COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

Jr Council Member Cammie Messer reported that she and the Jr Council Committee Members assisted Traci Turner with the Community Food Pantry in locating where the "Homeless Vouchers" were kept and how to direct people in need to them for emergency food and shelter assistance.

Miss Messer also reported that she and others met recently with the new Superintendent for the School District to discuss concerns students have about the curriculum in Grove City High School compared to other local school districts.

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

- Mayor Riddle submitted an article to the PA Mayors Association highlighting the Jr. Council Program.
- Mayor Riddle noted that the Chief of Police has reported many weather related accidents mostly due to inappropriate speeds.
- Mayor Riddle and his wife Sally were at the Christmas in the Park celebration handing out candy canes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Report from the Police and Fire Committee- The Police and Fire Committee met on December 8, 2016 along with Superintendent Jeffrey Finch to discuss the possibility of hiring a School Resource Officer and potentially applying for a Federal Grant to fund the startup of such a position. School Board member Scott Somora was also in attendance along with interested community members. After discussing the subject the committee recommends that the school board evaluate all options including hiring private security companies or hiring a retired police officer, garner public input on the alternatives and come to a decision at the school board level if an SRO is desired.

- **Report from Parks and Recreation Committee-** Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met on December 12th, 2016 and discussed funding for a bicycle/pedestrian trail feasibility study. The Committee recommends that the Grove City Planning Commission seek other sources of funding for the local match requirement first, including private donors, the Mercer County Commissioners and the Mercer County Visitors Bureau.

NEWS MEDIA

Council members answered 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 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanya M. Pollard,
Borough Secretary