

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2017 7:00pm**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER: was offered by Council Member Mary Kay Mattocks

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)	X	Goncz, Dan (Engineer)
X	Henry, James	X	Bigley, Joel (V-President)		
X	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. Evan Lowe of 422 W. Washington Blvd., Grove City PA, 16127** – Mr. Evan Lowe questioned Council about the possibility of creating a register of rental properties and mandatory inspections. Council President, George Pokrant responded that it has been a discussion item in the Planning Commission but has not been a point of discussion in Council.
- **Members of the Grove City Area Pet Rescue, P.O. Box 292, Grove City, PA 16127** – Member of the Grove City Area Pet Rescue were present to ask Council for help with controls the feral cat population in the Borough. Borough Manager, Vance Oakes will schedule an Infrastructure Committee meeting to review sample Ordinances’ and discuss possible solutions.
- **Mr. S. Mark Courtney, 83 Cranberry Road, Grove City, PA 16127** – Mr. Mark Courtney was present and wished to discuss the procedures of the Utility Department. Borough Manager, Vance Oakes will schedule an Infrastructure Committee meeting to discuss Mr. Courtney’s concerns.
- **Mr. George Katonik of 620 Riverside Avenue, Grove City PA 16127 and Mrs. Diana Berner of 626 Riverside Avenue, Grove City, PA 16127** – Mr. George Katonik and Mrs. Diana Berner addressed Council with their appreciation of the Borough’s effort the demolition of 623 Riverside Avenue.

APPROVAL OF ‘BILLS PAID’ REPORT

- **Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks moved to approve the ‘Bills Paid’ report. Mr. James Henry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

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 MINUTES from Regular Meeting on April 17, 2017

- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 17, 2017 with the correction that Mayor Riddle was the only attendee to the Ge open house. Mr. James Henry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting on April 24, 2017

- **Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks moved to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting on April 24, 2017 as presented. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the Special Council Meeting on May 3, 2017

- **Mr. Todd Wood moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting on May 3, 2017 as presented. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

RECOGNITION OF OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Chief Osborne presented Officer Jesse DePietro with the Officer of the Year Award.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED JR. COUNCIL PERSON AWARD

Mayor Randy Riddle and Councilwoman Amy Gallagher presented Jr. Council Person, Cammie Messer with the Distinguished Jr. Council Person Award.

PRESENTATION OF THE CECIL K. LEBERKNIGHT AWARD

Mayor Randy Riddle presented Councilman Joel Bigley with the Cecil K. Leberknight Award for 10 years of service.

GROVE CITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT

Mrs. Kimberly Barbara announced that she will be leaving the Library to return to Oregon to be close to family. Mrs. Stacy Hook will be taking over the Library Director position. Mrs. Barbara noted that starting in June the Library hours will be Monday and Friday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. She invited Council to attend the McDonald’s Fund Raiser next Wednesday night when the library staff will be serving customers. Twenty percent of the profits will go towards the kids program.

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GROVE CITY COLLEGE HOMECOMING PARADE– To be held Saturday, October 7, 2017 beginning at 11:00 am; end at approx. 12:00pm.

- **Mr. Scott Jaillete moved to approve the Grove City College Homecoming Parade to be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Ms. Kathleen Daley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GCXC INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RACE– To be held Saturday, October 7, 2017 in Memorial Park beginning at 7:00 am; end at approx. 1:30 pm.

- **Mr. Todd Wood moved to approve the event request submitted by Lori Boshaw on behalf of the Grove City High School Cross Country Boosters to sponsor the GCXC Invitational Cross Country Race on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 7:00 am to approximately 1:30 pm. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EASEMENT WITH LUMOS NETWORKS FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLE ON OAKLEY KELLY ROAD

- **Mr. Todd Wood moved to approve the easement with Lumos Networks for fiber optic cable on Oakley Kelly Road upon review and approval of Solicitor Bonner. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER 2017 PAVING PROJECT AND MANUAL PATCHING PROJECT BIDS

- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to accept Shield’s Asphalt as the lowest bidder for paving and R&B Contracting as the lowest bidder for the manual paving project. Ms. Kathleen Daley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A 2017 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLE FROM HONDRU FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,095.00

- **Mr. Todd Wood moved to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle from Hondru Ford in the amount of \$31,095.00. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A GARAGE DOOR REPLACEMENT FOR THE GROVE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM GARLAND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,850.00

- **Mrs. Amy Gallagher moved to approve the purchase of a garage door replacement for the Grove City Police Department from Garland Construction Company in the amount of \$8,850.00. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN GROVE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

- **Mr. Jeff Hodge moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding By and Between Grove City Police Department and Grove City Area School District. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN GROVE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MIDWESTERN INTERMEDIATE UNIT IV

- **Mr. Jeff Hodge moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding By and Between Grove City Police Department and Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Gannett Fleming, Inc.:

- Gannett Fleming will prepare the Engineer's Certificate required for the refinancing of the Phase I Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. The anticipated refinancing will retire the 2009 Bond Issue for Phase I. Gannett Fleming is working with Bond Counsel on the required Engineer's Certificate. One (1) certificate will be required for the entire borrowing in lieu of an Engineer's Certificate for each municipality.
- Design of the facilities required as part of Phase IV of the Borough's Wastewater Treatment Plant Project is nearing completion. Mr. Goncz anticipates submitting the Water Quality Management Part II Permit Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in June of 2017.
- Gannett Fleming is in the process of preparing the Water System Master Plan Update for the Borough. A July 2017 completion date is anticipated.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Vance Oakes:

- Borough Manager, Vance Oakes reported that on May 12th Representative Bernstein held a press conference to formally introduce his bill that intends to regulate municipal electric operations by prohibiting cash transfers from the electric fund to the general fund, also known as payments in lieu of taxes. That same afternoon PMEA issued a press release responding to this legislative threat. More than 37% of the Borough's budget is spent on police and fire protection and without the ability to make transfers from the electric fund, real estate taxes will have to increase and additionally there would be cuts to public safety services. There would also be unintended consequences on the credit rating of our Borough and Mr. Oakes expects that the credit rating agencies will down grade our credit making our borrowing cost higher.
- Mr. Oakes noted two other property owners have been notified of a violation under the nuisance ordinance. The owner of 623 Riverside Avenue has demolished the structure and is now in compliance. The other property 307 Lincoln Avenue was foreclosed on by the bank. The bank has accepted an offer to sell the house to a neighboring property owner who plans to demolish the house to make room for additional parking and green space.
- Mr. Oakes reported that the Wolf Creek Slippery Rock Creek Council of Governments will be meeting on Wednesday, May 17th. The agenda includes the topic of regulating "mini cell towers" or Distributed Antenna Systems. These are pole antennas popping up all over the state in order for wireless providers to upgrade wireless service to the new 5G platform. The PUC recently issued a decision stating that these antennas are not public utilities under Pennsylvania law and therefore are not able to be granted a certificate of public convenience by the PA PUC that would allow them to occupy a street right of way without the approval by the Borough. Mr. Rick Grossman is suggesting amending the Multi Municipal Plan that was adopted several years ago and create a Multi Municipal Plan to create appropriate districts where these antennas will be allowable.

JR. COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- Jr. Council Member, Maxwell Boshaw started out by wishing Council Members up for re-election the best of luck.
- Mr. Boshaw reported that the Grove City School Board and the students hosted a "Meet the Candidates Night" at the Grove City High School. Approximately 200 attended.
- The application process for the new Jr. Council Member has begun.
- Ms. Cammie Messer thanked Council for her time served as a Jr. Council Member.

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

- Mayor Riddle thanked Borough Manager, Vance Oakes for his tireless efforts to lead the PMEA Group.

- Mayor Riddle presented Senator Brook with Resolution 2017-6 Defense of Borough Municipal Electric Systems at the Sharpsville Meeting.
- The Mayor and his wife Sally helped out on the United Way Day of Caring.
- During the PSAB Conference the Mayor attend a tour of the Capital hosted by Senator Brooks.
- Mayor Riddle, as President led the Association of Mayors of PA Meeting.
- PSAB has put together a CD for use in schools to introduce local government education.
- The Grove City Police Department is participating in a seatbelt campaign operating now through June 4th.
- Mayor Riddle reported that protesting is expected when Vice President Pence is in town for the Grove City College Commencement.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Dave Heath from Gateway Engineers presented the plans for the addition to the Grove City College Field House for Council's review
- Councilman, Todd Wood reported that the Grove City Fire Department purchased a new 2017 Chevy pick-up truck.
- Councilwoman, Mary Kay Mattocks remind Council that the Strawberry Days Festival will be June 9-10. She also handed out fliers for the event to be posted.

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 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanya M. Pollard,
Borough Secretary