

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2020 7:00pm**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER: was offered by **Mr. 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	X	Pollard, Tanya (Boro Secretary)
X	Myers, Shawn	X	Riddle, Randy (Mayor)	X	Goncz, Dan (Engineer)
X	Henry, James	X	Bigley, Joel (Vice-Pres)		
X	Hodge, Jeffrey	Absent	Zimmerman, William		
X	Gallagher, Amy	Absent	Oakes, Alex (Jr. Council)		
X	Jaillet, Scott	X	Foley, Hannah (Jr. Council)		

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

APPROVAL OF 'BILLS PAID' REPORT

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting and the June 4, 2020 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.

- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting and the June 4, 2020 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting. Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: American Cancer Society Relay for Life Luminaria Event to be held in Memorial Park on July 25, 2020

- **Ms. Kathleen Daley moved to approve the event request for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Luminaria event to be held in Memorial Park on July 25, 2020 pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance naming the Borough of Grove City as an additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: American Cancer Society Relay for Life Family Movie Event to be held in Memorial Park on July 15, 2020 or July 17, 2020.

- **Ms. Kathleen Daley moved to approve the event request for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Family Movie Event to be held in Memorial Park on July 15, 2020 or July 17, 2020 pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance naming the Borough of Grove City as an additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000. Mr. Joel Bigley seconded the motion. Upon further discussion on sound amplification Council referred the discussion to the Parks and Recreation Committee. No vote was taken.**

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2020-13 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE COVID-19 CDBG

- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to adopt Resolution 2020-13 Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Grant Assistance from the COVID-19 CDBG. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2020-14 APPROVING ADDITIONAL POLICY CHANGES IN LIGHT OF GOVERNOR TOM WOLF'S PHASE PLAN TO REOPEN PENNSYLVANIA

- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to adopt Resolution 2020-14 Approving Certain Policy Changes in Light of Governor Tom Wolf's Phased Plan to Reopen Pennsylvania. Mrs. Amy Gallagher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER LIBERTY TOWNSHIP'S REQUEST FOR WATER AND SEWER EXTENTION AT 138 GOLF CLUB LANE AND 142 GOLF CLUB LANE

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the above Pine Township water and sanitary sewer connections to 138 Golf Club Lane and 142 Golf Club Lane Grove City, PA 16127 in Liberty Township. Ms. Kathleen Daley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**CONSIDER PINE TOWNSHIP'S REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING WATER AND SANITARY SEWER EXTENTIONS:
110 West Hunt Drive, Grove City, PA 16127 in Pine Township**

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the above Pine Township water and sanitary sewer connections to 110 West Hunt Drive, Grove City, PA 16127 in Pine Township. Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

ENGINEERS REPORT presented by Gannett Fleming Engineer, Dan Goncz

Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project – Phase IV

- Work is in the final stages of construction with the project being approximately 95% complete. Paving and restoration work was performed in May and June. On-site job conferences have been cancelled due to COVID-19.
- At the request of the operations staff Gannett Fleming has evaluated some change order items and have combined them into one change order. The items are delineated below:

Secondary clarifier concrete deck repair	\$3,450.00
Additional paving for truck traffic and valve vault	\$11,436.81
French drain on the west side of plant	\$3,118.23
Additional handrail safety chains	\$1,518.64

Gannett Fleming is recommending the approval of Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1 (McCrossin) in the total amount of \$19,523.68.

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1 in the amount of \$19,523.68. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
 - Gannett Fleming is recommending approval of Pennvest Payment Requisition No. 15 in the amount of \$122,483.94 with a breakdown of sources of funds as follows:

Pennvest Funds	\$ 81,365.30
Local Share	\$ 19,098.64
- **Mrs. Amy Gallagher moved to approve the Pennvest Payment Requisition No. 15 in the amount of \$122,483.94. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Water Treatment Plant

- Gannett Fleming has completed the Preliminary Design Report for the new water treatment plant and has reviewed it with the operations staff. The project will result in the construction of a new 2.0 MGD water treatment plant at the location of the existing Girl Scout Lodge in Memorial Park. They have prepared the Certificate of the Engineer for the Series 2020 Bond Issue for use by Bond Council. Gannett Fleming has prepared an Agreement for Engineering Design and Bid Phase services for the new water treatment plant and has submitted it to the Borough Manager for review. The scope of work for the project was attached to the Engineer's Report for Council's review. Gannett Fleming proposes to complete the design and bid phase engineering services for the following amounts:

Design Phase	\$553,000.00
Bid Phase	\$29,000.00
- A separate proposal will be submitted to the Borough by Groundwater Resources, LLC for the design and permitting associated with placing Well No's. 8 and 9 into operation (Well No. 7 is currently in operation but will require permitting for the installation of a larger pump). Gannett Fleming will utilize the design documents prepared by Groundwater Resources in the overall design of the project.
- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the submission of a proposal from Groundwater Resources, LLC for the design and permitting associated with placing Well No.'s 8 and 9 into operation. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Water Distribution System Improvements (Alternative No. 3)

- Gannett Fleming is in the process of preparing design documents for the waterline from the site of the proposed Water Treatment Plant in Memorial Park to Harvard Street. They met with PennDOT on June 2, 2020 to review the requirements for post construction road restoration. Part of the discussion include the repairs required on South Center Street at the intersection of College Avenue. PennDOT agreed that the road restoration could wait until the road was restored after the completion of the Water Distribution Systems Improvements Project. The Commonwealth Financing Authority has not yet taken action on the H2O Grant application but has extended the meeting date to September 2020. Gannett Fleming anticipates having 60% of the design drawings complete by August 2020 for the operations staff's review and permit applications. The project will be ready for construction in early 2021.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT presented by Borough Manager, Vance Oakes

- The Memorial Park Swimming Pool is set to open on Friday, June 19, 2020. Kimmi Wendelschafer will be the pool supervisor for the season. She will be responsible for hiring and training the lifeguards. Reinhardt's Insurance has confirmed that the Borough has the appropriate liability insurance and supplies have been purchased to operate for the season. The Grove City Health Foundation has agreed to graciously contribute \$5,000.00 to help pay lifeguard salaries.
- House Bill 1036 was signed into law by Governor Wolf on June 5, 2020. This is the Borough Code amendment that clarifies the tax exempt status of Borough electric systems. With the passage of this bill Borough's will not be taxed on their electric supply.
- The Mercer County VFD made an offer to purchase our used squad truck but the offer was rejected for being too low based on the opinions of the salesman from whom we are buying the new firetruck and from a firetruck broker. Fire Chief, Jeffrey Badger recommends that we list the truck for sale with a broker.
- The clean-up cost for cleaning up the hoarding situation on Gilmore Avenue has been paid in full.
- Mr. Oakes corresponded with two different product managers at Reinhardt's Insurance about the Borough's newly adopted Ordinance 1470 regarding Fire Insurance Escrow. They both agreed that the Fire Escrow Ordinance would be like having a lien on a property and would have no impact on a territory's insurance rates.
- The only event requests before our July Council Meeting are the July 4th Fireworks Display and County Markets Firework on July 17, 2020. Olde Town has cancelled the wine walk that was scheduled for July 18, 2020.

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT – Junior Council Member

- Mr. Connor McEwen reported that the school district will hold a drive-in graduation for senior due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also announced that a group of student mothers' have organized a grand march at The Guthrie Theater and a traditional dinner and dancing at the American Legion.
- Junior Council Member, Ms. Hannah Foley voiced her opinion that hosting a "Prom" at the American Legion is concerning to her due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted that over 200 students have sign-up to attend. Another unsanctioned "Prom" in Texas ended with 13 new cases of COVID-19. Ms. Foley believes this should be frowned upon and stopped if possible. Council President, George Pokrant sympathized with Ms. Foley but explained the Council has no authority to intervene.

MAYORS REPORT presented by Mayor Randy Riddle

- The May 24, 2020 Crestview Memorial Service was canceled.
- PSAB Trustees had a conference call on June 3, 2020.
- On June 4, 2020 Black Lives Matter had a peaceful protest in Grove City.
- Call levels are have been going up in the Police Department.
- Courts have returned to their normal schedules.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks thanked Pine Township for their very generous donation for the Annual 4th of July Fireworks presentation. The fireworks will be set off at the Grove City High School Football Field at 9:30 PM. This year there will be no concert and no low fireworks. Entrance to the football field will not be allowed.
- Hillcrest Circle neighbors joined together to clean up and revive the Hillcrest Circle Park.
- Mr. Scott Jaillet shared that he has received three complaints about motorists speeding in Memorial Park. Chief Osborne said that is difficult to catch speeders in the park, but suggested putting the electronic speed detection sign in the park as a deterrent.
- Mr. James Henry reported that a local business man had noticed that there were some low branches that needed to be trimmed at Hunter Farm Park and took it upon himself to do the job. Mr. Henry stated that it is nice to see citizens helping out and taking pride in the Borough.

NEWS MEDIA

No members of the media were present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully,

Tanya M. Pollard
Borough Secretary