

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2020 7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER by Council President, George Pokrant 7:05 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER: was offered by **Mr. Shawn Myers**

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	X	Oakes, Alex (Jr. Council)		
X	Jaillet, Scott	X	Foley, Hannah (Jr. Council)		

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Randy Riddle presented a proclamation to cadets from Local Girl Scout Troop 36642. They choose Meadows Park to complete three sustainable projects to benefit the community. The improvements included the design, fundraising, construction, and installation of a raised flower bed with a new sign depicting Meadows Park name, new benches and pads, and the removal of the old water fountain and erection of a new fountain. Council expressed their appreciation for all the cadets have done.

Council President, George Pokrant announced that members of Council met for an Executive Session prior to this meeting starting.

APPROVAL OF 'BILLS PAID' REPORT

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting and the July 6, 2020 Work Session Meeting.

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the minutes from June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting and the July 6, 2020 Work Session Meeting. Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

GROVE CITY LIBRARY REPORT – Ms. Amy Gallagher reported that the Library has reopened with a capacity limit of 40 patrons. The Library is still providing curb side pick-up. There are four computers available for use with a 30 minute time limit. All in-house adult and children’s programming has been suspended until further notice.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE GROVE CITY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION TO INSTALL TWO KICK WALLS AT THE HUNTER FARM SOCCER FIELDS – Council referred the request to the Parks and Recreation Committee to obtain more information.

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: 10th Annual St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital 5K River Race – To be held on Saturday, August 22, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM on Greenwood Drive.

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the event request for the 10th Annual St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital 5K River Race to be held on Saturday, August 22, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM on Greenwood Drive. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S REQUEST TO UTILIZE MEMORIAL PARK PAVILIONS AND LAWN SPACES AS OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS DURING THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER THROUGH EARLY NOVEMBER

- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the request from the Grove City Area School District to utilize Memorial Park pavilions and lawn spaces as outdoor classrooms during the months of September through early November. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: TOWER CHURCH MOVIE NIGHT IN MEMORIAL PARK – To be held sometime in late August or early September (A firm date has not been set) – Council referred the request to the Parks and Recreation Committee to obtain more information.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A “BLIND PERSON” SIGN TO BE INSTALLED AT 514 BARMORE AVENUE – Council asked that Borough Manager, Vance Oakes work with Public Works Director, Barry Spike to have a sign installed at 514 Barmore Avenue.

ENGINEERS REPORT presented by Gannett Fleming Engineer, Dan Goncz

Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project – Phase IV

- Work is complete at the plant with the exception of the change orders previously approved for the secondary clarifiers. The work is being performed by Thomas Construction, as a subcontractor to Penn-Ohio Electrical.

Gannett Fleming is recommending the approval of the following Change Orders to Contract No. 1:

- Change Order No. 7 to Contract No. 1 for the additional work to install the new digester valve vault in the amount of \$21,685.04
 - Change Order No. 8 to Contract No.1 for two catch basins to be raised to match the final grade of the pavement around the new digester in the amount of \$2,457.43
 - Change Order No. 9 to Contract No.1 for additional sidewalk needed in the area of the new primary clarifiers in the amount of \$1,375.32.
 - Change Order No. 10 to Contract No.1 for reworking the final grade near the new primary clarifier building to match the grade of the existing holding pond and installing a retaining wall to support the holding pond in the amount of \$1,528.07
- **Ms. Amy Gallagher moved to approve Change Orders No. 7, 8, 9 and 10 to Contract No. 1 in the amount of \$27,045.86. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Gannett Fleming is recommending approval of Pennvest Payment Requisition No. 16 in the amount of \$620,075.81 with a breakdown of sources of funds as follows:
 - Pennvest Funds \$ 489,909.19
 - Local Share \$ 130,166.62
- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve the Pennvest Payment Requisition No. 16 in the amount of \$620,075.81. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Wastewater Treatment Plant Organic Loading

- Gannett Fleming is tabulating the results of the biochemical oxygen demand concentration results being taken at the treatment plant and at the Pine Township SR208 pump station. The tabulation will compare the test results in an effort to determine the location of the high concentration of wastewater that has been entering the Borough's wastewater treatment plant. Testing will continue through August 2020.

Water Treatment Plant

- PaDEP issued the amendment to the permit for the Park Street Water Treatment Plant. A condition of the permit was for the Borough to submit a schedule within 90 days of the permit date (June 23, 2020) for the permanent covering of the sedimentation tanks. However, the schedule that will be provided will be for the elimination of the Park Street Water Treatment Plant.
- Gannett Fleming is prepared to have a design kick-off meeting with the Infrastructure Committee. Gannett Fleming has reviewed the technical requirements of the new water treatment plant with the operations staff. The field survey work will begin the week of July 13, 2020.

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 began survey work of the creek crossings the week of July 13, 2020. The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) has not yet taken action on the H2O Grant application, however, a September meeting has been scheduled by CFA.

Pine Township Pump Station

- Gannett Fleming is in the process of evaluating the feasibility of expanding the Pine Township Pump Station at the hospital in order to accept additional sewage flows from the Borough. The project would eliminate the Borough's pump station in this area.

MAYOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mayor Thomas Oliverio of Zelienople Borough presented Mayor Randy Riddle the Mayor of the Year Award for 2020. Representative Timothy Bonner presented Mayor Riddle with a Statement of Congratulations from the House of Representatives.

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

- Shield's Asphalt has finished the milling work and put down a base layer of material everywhere except on the 4th ward streets. Public Works Director, Barry Spiker has stated that the finish coat of asphalt and sealer will be completed this week.
- Mr. Vance Oakes shared Mr. Bob Grop's letter of appreciation regarding the underground electric and street improvements of the Washington Boulevards neighborhood.
- Thayer Power has begun trimming and removing trees for the Liberty Street widening project. They are using a vacuum excavation to dig and set new electric poles. Thayer plans on working six days a week until the project is complete.
- The Mercer County Regional Planning Commission will hold the 2nd required Public Hearing for the COVID-19 Relief Grant on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 4:00 PM. The meeting has been advertised on the Borough's website and The Sharon Herald.
- The Airport Crack Sealing and Re-marking Project is scheduled to begin on August 3, 2020. The hangar tenant have been notified that the runway will be closed during work hours until the project is completed.
- Ms. Charlene Shaw from Grove City College contacted our office last week and stated that the College has cancelled its Homecoming Events.
- Grove City College has modified their school calendar with an extended break beginning before Thanksgiving. The fall semester will end on November 24th, 2020.
- The building at Lincoln and S. Broad Street has been posted and condemned. The owner had 10 days from the notice to request a hearing and that time period has already lapsed.

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT – Junior Council Member

- Mr. Alex Oakes reported on the high school's health and safety plan to resume fall sports. Temperature screening of the athletes will be required at the start of every practice and face masks must be worn when not engaging in physical activity.
- Mr. Oakes congratulated Mayor Riddle and noted that he has been a great mentor to look up to.

MAYORS REPORT presented by Mayor Randy Riddle

- On June 25, 2020 there was a second BLM Protest. There were approximately 50 people in attendance.
- Mayor Riddle performed a marriage ceremony in Butler on June 28, 2020. There were 25 attendees.
- On July 15, 2020 the Wolf Creek Slippery Rock Creek Council of Governments met.
- The COG is sponsoring the annual E-Recycle Event on September 12, 2020 at the Grove City Middle School.
- On July 25, 2020 Relay for Life will hold a Luminary Event at Memorial Park.
- On Sunday, July 26, 2020 Mayor Riddle will present proclamations to 3 Eagle Scouts.
- The PSAB summer Board of Directors Meeting has been cancelled.
- The Mayor noted that police activity has increased this month.
- Mayor Riddle reminds the community to please be aware of construction work going on in the Borough.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Ms. Amy Gallagher reported that at the Grow Grove City Board Meeting there was discussion of removing trees along Broad Street. While three of them are dead or disease it was suggested to remove some of the healthy trees to “even out the look”. A work session will be scheduled with an invitation to the Grow Grove City Board Members and Jill Shimek of Landscape Design, LLC to discuss.

NEWS MEDIA

No members of the media were present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully,

Tanya M. Pollard
Borough Secretary