

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2021 7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER by Council President, Mary Kay Mattocks 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER: was offered by **Mr. Joel Bigley**

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	Remote	DiStasi, Vincent	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	Remote	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

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the December 21, 2020 Regular Meeting and the January 11, 2021 Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

- **Mr. Scott Jaillet** moved to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2020 Regular Meeting and the January 11, 2021 Infrastructure Committee Meeting. **Mr. James Henry** seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

GROVE CITY LIBRARY REPORT – Mrs. Heather Baker reported that the Library is still conducting curbside business at least until the end of this month. The library will re-evaluate opening its doors at that time.

CONSIDER CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION'S ELIGIBILITY LIST FOR THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN

1. Darryl Webb
2. Adam Steiner

- **Joel Bigley** moved to offer employment as a patrolman to Daryl Webb the first place candidate on the Civil Service Commission list, contingent upon a successful psychological exam and pre-employment physical. **Mr. Jeffrey Hodge** seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDER INTENT TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE 1476 for CIRT MOU

- **Mr. Shawn Myers** moved to advertise Ordinance 1476 for CIRT MOU. **Mr. Jeffrey Hodge** seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDER INTENT TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE 1477 PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP REDUCTION

- Ms. Amy Gallagher moved to advertise Ordinance 1477 Planning Commission Membership Reduction. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR LEASED WITH FNB

- Mr. Jeffrey Hodge moved to adopt Resolution 2021-01 Authorizing the Purchase of a 2021 Ford Police Inceptor Leased with FNB. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2021-02 APPOINTING RICHARD BRIGGS TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD FOR THE TERM 01/2021 -12/2025

- Mr. Shawn Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2021-02 Appointing Richard Briggs to the Zoning Hearing Board for the Term 01/2021 – 12/2025. Ms. Kathleen Daley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2021-03 APPOINTING JAMES POULOS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF 01/2021 – 12/2024 AND APPOINTING MARK ARCHIBALD AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM 01/2021 – 12/2024

- Mr. Shawn Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2021-03 Appointing James Poulos to the Planning Commission for the Term of 01/2021 – 12/2024 and Appointing Mark Archibald as an Alternate Member of the Planning Commission for the Term 01/2021 – 12/2024. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING RE-APPOINTMENTS:

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (Term 01/2021 – 12/2026) – Brad Morgan & Gary Forsythe

VACANCY BOARD (Term 01/2021 - 12/31/2021) – Tom Nesbit

- Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to re-appoint Brad Morgan and Gary Forsythe to the Civil Service Commission and Tom Nesbit to the Vacancy Board. Mr. William Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING SOLICITOR BONNER TO DRAFT A FIELD USE AGREEMENT WITH THE GC PONY LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM FOR USE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL AND JV BASEBALL FIELDS IN MEMORIAL PARK

Council agreed to table the request from the GC Pony Baseball Team. It was decided to defer to the Parks and Recreation Committee and review all sports agreements utilizing our parks at once.

CONSIDER COVID-19 PAID LEAVE POLICY FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

- Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the COVID-19 Paid Leave Policy for Borough Employees. Ms. Amy Gallagher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENGINEERS REPORT presented by Borough Manager Vance Oakes on behalf of Gannett Fleming Engineer, Dan Goncz

Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project – Phase IV

- The final Pennvest funds were deposited in the Borough’s construction account earlier this month. The Pennvest Debt Service payments are scheduled to begin in March 2021.

Water Treatment Plant

- Gannett Fleming is in the process of preparing the design documents and permit applications for the new Water Treatment Plant. The Borough’s hydrogeologist firm, Groundwater Resources, has scheduled the week of January 25, 2021 for the drilling for Well No. 10.
- On January 11, 2021, Gannett Fleming’s design team met with the Infrastructure Committee to review the Water Treatment Plant design prepared to date, as well as exterior alternatives for the plant and

the public restroom. Gannett Fleming recommends a meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss the exterior of the proposed buildings and security alternatives.

- Gannett Fleming anticipates design and permit application completion in April 2021 for a May 2021 permit submittal to PaDEP.

Water Distribution System Improvements (Alternative No. 3)

- The design drawings are over 60% complete. Gannett Fleming is in the process of preparing the required PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit application and the environmental permit applications for the project. It is anticipated the permit applications will be submitted to the agencies later this month.

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

- A June 2020 Presidential Executive Order on safe policing requires that law enforcement agencies must amend their use of force policy to prohibit the use of choke holds by police officers except in those situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law. Chief Osborne has revised our policy to be in compliance with the executive order. Once Council adopts the revised policy Chief Osborne is then required to send a copy to the PA Chiefs Association to obtain certification that our department is in compliance.
- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to adopt the revised policy to prohibit choke holds by police officers except those situations where the use of deadly force is allowable by law. Mr. William Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
 - Mr. Vance Oakes shared a draft settlement plan with the owner of condemned property located at 138 N. Broad Street and 108 Lincoln Avenue. The owner is agreeing to demolish the residential home located at 138 N. Broad Street within 120 days. He is further agreeing to bring the commercial building at 108 Lincoln Avenue up to code and obtain an occupancy permit for the structure before the end of May 2022.
- **Mr. Shawn Myers Moved to enter into a consent order with Hometown Rentals. Mr. Vincent DiStasi Seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge abstained.**
 - The Borough advertised for bids on the airport fence repair and gate installation project. We did not receive any bids and will be re-advertising the project. One contractor said the reason he did not bid the job was that the job required installing power from the building to the proposed electric gate opener. He stated they did not have the expertise in-house to install the electric gate and would have to sub-contract. For that reason they decided not to bid on the job. Mr. Oakes is in talks with the engineer about having the Borough Electric Department do the wiring and taking that work out of the bid specifications before re-advertising for bids.
 - Darryl Webb has been offered the position of patrolman pending a favorable psychiatric exam. Darryl lives on Slippery Rock Road just outside Grove City. He is married and has two children. He currently works at George Junior as a campus supervisor. Darryl was a professional basketball player in Europe after graduating from IUP. He worked part-time as a police officer in New Sewickley Township. Chief Osborne will invite him to the next meeting to introduce him to Council.

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT – Junior Council Member, Hannah Foley

- Ms. Hannah Foley reported that the School District will resume in-person learning on January 11, 2021. She reported that the School District is following very strict guidelines in efforts to remain open.

MAYORS REPORT presented by Borough Manager, Vance Oakes

- Mayor Riddle has been contacted by a local church and asked what they can do to provide help to the community.
- The Wolf Creek Slippery Rock Creek Council of Governments met last night and elected its new officers.

- Mayor Riddle reminded Council of the February 3rd, 2021 work session meeting with Groundwater Resources and Gannett Fleming.
- Officer of the Year will be selected next month.
- Mayor Riddle shared the Annual Police Report as well as the December Police Report with Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Scott Jaillet recognized and thanked Mr. Elliot Lengel for his portrayal of Santa Clause in Memorial Park this year.

NEWS MEDIA

Council was available to answer questions from the media.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully,

Tanya M. Pollard
Borough Secretary