

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2021 7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER by Council President, Mary Kay Mattocks 7:00 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	Absent	Bonner, Timothy (Solicitor)	X	Oakes, Vance (Boro Manager)
X	Daley, Kathleen	X	DiStasi, Vincent	X	Pollard, Tanya (Boro Secretary)
X	Myers, Shawn	X	Riddle, Randy (Mayor)	X	Goncuz, Dan (Engineer)
Absent	Henry, James	X	Bigley, Joel (Vice-Pres)		
X	Hodge, Jeffrey	Remote	Zimmerman, William		
X	Gallagher, Amy	X	Oakes, Alex (Jr. Council)		
X	Jaillet, Scott	X	Foley, Hannah (Jr. Council)		

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

INTRODUCTION OF PATROLMAN DARRYL WEBB

Chief Osborne introduced Patrolman, Darryl Webb and Mayor Randy Riddle administered the Oath of Office at an earlier date. Mr. Webb started on February 24, 2021 and has been training under the direction of Corp. Allias.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

Chief Osborne presented Corp. Michael Allias with the “Officer of the Year” award. This program started in 2009 and Corp. Allias has earned this honor three times.

APPROVAL OF ‘BILLS PAID’ REPORT

- **Ms. Amy Gallagher moved to approve the ‘Bills Paid’ report. Mr. Vincent DiStasi 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 February 15, 2021 Regular Meeting and the March 4, 2021 Park and Recreation Committee Meeting.

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2021 Regular Meeting and the March 4, 2021 Park and Recreation Committee Meeting. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

GROVE CITY LIBRARY REPORT

Mrs. Heather Baker reported that the Library has installed new shelving and the carpet has been fixed. She reported that they are hopeful to open back up to the public sometime in April.

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: Grove City Area Community Library Easter Bunny Breakfast in the Highland Pavilion in Memorial Park on April 2, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 10:00AM

- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the Grove City Area Community Library Easter Bunny Breakfast in the Highland Pavilion in Memorial Park on April 2, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Ms. Kathleen Daley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: Grace United Methodist Church Sunrise Service in the Joseph D. Monteleone Pavilion in Memorial Park on Sunday, April 4, 2021 from 6:00 AM - 9:00 AM

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the Grace United Methodist Church Sunrise Service in the Joseph D. Monteleone Pavilion in Memorial Park on Sunday, April 4, 2021 from 6:00 AM - 9:00 AM. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: Grove City Wrestling Banquet to be held in Highland Pavilion in Memorial Park on April 18, 2021

- **Mr. Vincent DiStasi moved to approve the Grove City Wrestling Banquet to be held in Highland Pavilion in Memorial Park on April 18, 2021. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: Eagle Scout Ceremonies in the Joseph D. Monteleone Pavilion in Memorial Park on May 1, 2021 for Corey Medve and Evan McCreary

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the Eagle Scout Ceremonies in the Joseph D. Monteleone Pavilion in Memorial Park on May 1, 2021 for Corey Medve and Evan McCreary. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: Grove City Volunteer Fire Department Disc Golf Tournament to be held in Memorial Park and Hunter Farm Park on Saturday, August 28, 2021.

- **Ms. Amy Gallagher moved to approve the Grove City Volunteer Fire Department Disc Golf Tournament to be held in Memorial Park and Hunter Farm Park on Saturday, August 28, 2021 pending a certificate of insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: 519 Strong Off-Road 5K to be held in Memorial Park using the mountain bike trails on May 15, 2021 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the 519 Strong Off-Road 5K to be held in Memorial Park using the mountain bike trails on May 15, 2021 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER BIDS FOR THE AIRPORT PERIMETER FENCE PROJECT

- **Ms. Amy Gallagher moved to accept the bid from PennWest Specialized Contracting, Inc. of Grove City, PA Alt 1-5 for the base bid amount of \$77,933 and alternates #2 thru #5 for a total award of \$97,315 contingent upon the Bureau of Aviation approval and grant availability. Mr. Scot Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EQUIPMENT BIDS FROM MUNICIBID AUCTION FOR VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

- **Mr. William Zimmerman moved to accept the bids for various equipment and materials advertised for sale from the Municibid Auction. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2021-04 UNCLAIMED/ABANDONED BICYCLES

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2021-04 Unclaimed/Abandoned Bicycles. Ms. Kathleen Daley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2021-05 UTILITY REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PENNDOT SR0173

- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to adopt Resolution 2021-05 Utility Reimbursement Agreement with PennDOT SR01723. Mr. Jeffrey Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 1476 TO ENTER INTO A MOU RELATING TO THE CRITICAL RESPONSE TEAM (CIRT)

- **Mr. Jeffrey Hodge moved to adopt Ordinance 1476 to Enter into A MOU Relating to the Critical Response Team (CIRT). Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 1477 REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS FROM 9 MEMBERS TO 7 MEMBERS

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to adopt Ordinance 1477 Reducing the Number of Planning Commission Members from 9 Members to 7 Members. Mr. Vincent DiStasi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER RECREATIONAL LAND USE LEASES FOR THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- **Grove City Area School District (Girls Softball & Boys Baseball Fields use) *GCASD will have primary use of the fields**
- **Grove City Little Eagles Football and Cheer**
- **Grove City Girls Fast Pitch Softball**
- **Grove City Midget Football Club**
- **Grove City Pony Baseball League**
- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the Recreational Land Use Leases contingent upon execution. Mr. Vincent DiStasi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM PINE TOWNSHIP FOR THE FOLLOWING WATER SERVICE EXTENSIONS

Stephen Martin at 344 Center Church Road

Jason Knight at 33 Gill Road

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the water service extensions. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM PINE TOWNSHIP FOR THE FOLLOWING SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION:

Jason Knight at 33 Gill Road

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the sanitary sewer extension. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

ENGINEERS REPORT presented by Gannett Fleming Engineer, Dan Goncz

Water Treatment Plant

Gannett Fleming is in the process of preparing the permit applications for the environmental permits needed for the construction of the new water treatment plant and connection to Well Nos. 8, 9 and 10. We are moving forward with the process design for the facilities. We performed a wetlands investigation the week of March 8, 2021.

Water Distribution System Improvements (Alternative No. 3)

The environmental permit applications were submitted to the Mercer County Conservation District on February 4, 2021. The Highway Occupancy Permit was submitted to PennDOT on February 5, 2021. Comments were received from both agencies and we have addressed the comments.

PennDOT is requiring a full lane pavement mill and overlay on Main Street. The Borough Manager, Vance Oakes is still in communication with PennDOT to get approval for trench pavement replacement only.

Gannett Fleming is recommending that Borough Council allow the Contractor to have the option to work between the hours of 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM on Main Street in order to avoid traffic congestion. Water service reconnections would be performed during normal working hours.

Gannett Fleming is also in the process of preparing the necessary rights-of-way exhibits for the Borough's use in obtaining easements that will be needed for the project.

Gannett Fleming is recommending a Bid opening date of April 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Consider Gannett Fleming's proposal for engineering services during the Construction Phase of the project, which will include daily Construction Observation services.

- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve Gannett Fleming's proposal for engineering services during the Construction Phase of the project, which will include daily Construction Observation services. Ms. Amy Gallagher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

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

- Consider extending the COVID-19 Leave Policy to June 30, 2021.
- **Ms. Amy Gallagher moved to extend the COVID-19 Leave Policy to June 30, 2021. Ms. Kathleen Daley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
 - Consider authorizing the Borough Manager to execute all required functions as Plan Administrator of the Borough's Non-Uniform Pension Plan retroactive to February 1, 2021.
- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to authorize the Borough Manager to execute all required functions as Plan Administrator of the Borough's Non-Uniform Pension Plan retroactive to February 1, 2021. Mr. Vincent DiStasi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
 - The COVID-19 Grant Program opened on February 22, 2021 and is scheduled to close on March 26, 2021. One business owner in Grove City has shown interest. So far county wide there has only been 15 applications. There has not been much interest due to the guidelines being so strict.
 - Mr. John Hood, Jr. passed away on February 1, 2021 at the age of 77. He worked at the Grove City Water Department from 1984 to 1998.
 - The Borough is getting estimates for the library handrail and building repairs and the East Pine Street bridge railing due to car accidents.
 - The Public Works Department has started work on the College Avenue water mains.
 - The Grow Grove City Board has approved matching funds for the downtown landscaping work and tree stump removal.

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT – Junior Council Member, Hannah Foley

- Ms. Foley reported that she interviewed Mrs. Beth Black of the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has had to adapt due to COVID-19 with staffing, hours and event cancelations. Mrs. Black are looking for some different versions of events that could be held for 2021.

MAYORS REPORT presented by Borough Manager, Vance Oakes

- The Wolf Creek Slippery Creek Council of Government will meet on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.
- The Mayors Association Meeting will be held via Zoom.
- Hall Industries has started clean-up in the "Hog Yard" of the old Cooper Bessemer complex.
- James Kennedy passed away on March 13, 2021. He served as a Grove City Police Officer for 25 years.

- PSAB has cancelled it's in person annual conference. It will host a virtual conference on June 7th and 8th.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks announced that Strawberry Days will happen this year. It is scheduled for June 11, 12 & 13. Precautions outlined by the State will be taken due to the pandemic.

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 8:05 pm.

Respectfully,

Tanya M. Pollard
Borough Secretary