

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2021 7:00pm**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRAYER:** was offered by **Mr. Vincent DiStasi**

**MEETING ATTENDANCE / ROLL CALL**

<b>X if present</b>	<b>Council Member Name</b>	<b>X if present</b>	<b>Council Member Name</b>	<b>X if present</b>	<b>Other Name</b>
X	Mattocks, Mary Kay	Absent	Bonner, Timothy (Solicitor)	X	Oakes, Vance (Boro Manager)
Absent	Daley, Kathleen	X	DiStasi, Vincent	X	Pollard, Tanya (Boro Secretary)
X	Myers, Shawn	X	Riddle, Randy (Mayor)	Absent	Goncz, Dan (Engineer)
X	Henry, James	X	Bigley, Joel (Vice-Pres)	X	Bonner, Ryan
X	Hodge, Jeffrey	Absent	Zimmerman, William		
X	Gallagher, Amy	X	Oakes, Alex (Jr. Council)		
X	Jaillet, Scott	Absent	Foley, Hannah (Jr. Council)		

**REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Laura Kennedy of 511 Spring Street addressed Council regarding her cousin’s utilities being shut off after he passed away. He was set-up on auto pay and so a paper bill was never received. When his Executor, Patricia Rodgers, tried to pay the balance and get the utilities back on the Borough required that she produce a Short Certificate naming her as the Executor resulting in a delay. This caused food and meat to spoil. Ms. Kennedy believes that the situation should have been handled differently and the power should have been restored immediately after payment was made. Mr. Vance Oakes and Council President, Mary Kay Mattocks will meet to discuss procedures on when someone passes away and how to handle their utilities.

Ken Frenchak, Jr. expressed his concern about the intersection of N. Broad Street and Lincoln Avenue. He said that with the truck traffic coming from Hall Industries the intersection is too narrow and the trucks are jumping the curb as they try to turn. Council referred the discussion to the Infrastructure Committee.

The following Candidates were present to introduce themselves to Council and make known their qualifications.

- Neil McEwen, Candidate for County Judge
- Douglas Gerwick, Candidate for District Magistrate
- Doulas Straub, Candidate for District Magistrate

**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. Vincent DiStasi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the March 15, 2021 Regular Meeting and the March 22, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting and the April 14, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.

- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021 Regular Meeting and the March 22, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting and the April 14, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

#### **GROVE CITY LIBRARY REPORT**

Ms. Amy Gallagher reported that the Library is now open at 75% capacity.

**CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST:** Grove City High School Show Choir and Jazz Band Concert in the Joseph D. Monteleone Pavilion in Memorial Park on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

- **Mr. Jim Henry moved to approve the Grove City High School Show Choir and Jazz Band Concert in the Joseph D. Monteleone Pavilion in Memorial Park on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Ms. Amy Gallagher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST:** Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce 2021 Trade Show & Wellness Expo to be held in Memorial Park on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce 2021 Trade Show & Wellness Expo to be held in Memorial Park on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST:** Grove City Girls Fast Pitch Tournament Request on July 15-18, 2021 at 6:00 PM on Fields 1 and 2.

- **Mr. Vincent DiStasi moved to approve the Grove City Girls Fast Pitch Tournament Request on July 15-18, 2021 at 6:00 PM on Fields 1 and 2. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

#### **CONSIDER BIDS FOR THE BOROUGH WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

- **Ms. Amy Gallagher moved to accept the low bid from Advanced Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$1,813,468.00 for the Water System Improvement Project. Mr. Joel Bigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

#### **CONSIDER REQUEST FROM LIBERTY TOWNSHIP FOR THE FOLLOWING WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SERVICE EXTENSIONS**

307 Nicklaus Court, Liberty Township

311 Nicklaus Court, Liberty Township

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

#### **CONSIDERATION OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY, GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND JAMES AND NOELLE TOROK FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATER LINE ACROSS THEIR PRIVATE PROPERTY**

- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve the easement agreement between the Borough of Grove City, Grace United Methodist Church and James and Noelle Torok for construction of a new water line across their private property. Mr. James Henry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

#### **ENGINEERS REPORT presented by Borough Manager, Vance Oakes**

##### **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. They are moving forward with the process design for the facilities.

Groundwater Resources completed the testing of the wells. Gannett Fleming anticipates receiving the hydrology report by the end of April. Gannett Fleming is using the performance test data to size the Water

Treatment Plant equipment. Gannett Fleming has contacted Groundwater Resources regarding the scope of work to put three new wells into service. Gannett Fleming will be preparing a summary of the remaining scope of work and associated costs for developing each of the well sites into production wells.

**Water Distribution System Improvements (Alternative No. 3)**

On March 23, 2021, the Mercer County Conservation District approved the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan; Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan; and the General Permit for the creek/stream crossings for the waterline project.

Gannett Fleming met with Grace Methodist Church and the Torok's regarding the easements required for the crossing of Wolf Creek between the parking lot along Grace Street and Pine Street to the area of the Pine Grove Hotel. It appears that both parties have found the proposed waterline location acceptable. The Borough Solicitor's office has prepared the easement agreements for the Borough's use in obtaining the required rights-of-way.

On April 15, 2021, bids were received for the Water Distribution System Improvements Project. A copy of the bid tabulation will be provided at the Council Meeting.

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

- Mr. Vance Oakes shared some pictures of the updates that Hall Industries has been making to the old Cooper Commons complex that they recently purchased.
- The Borough's CDBG COVID-19 Relief Grant Applications closed on March 26, 2021 at 4:30 PM. The Borough received two applications, Grove City Dry Cleaners and Collage Coffee. The applications are being reviewed Penn Northwest but are not ready for Council's consideration yet. Being that there are only two applications Council will have the option to award grant funding greater than \$10,000. The maximum award to any one applicant can be as much as \$35,000. The Borough has approximately \$70,000 to award.
- The Borough has received one quote on the repairs to the library façade and awaiting a second quote. The one quote received was well under the bidding limits so we can proceed with the repairs as soon as the insurance company approves the work.
- The water main being constructed by our public works department on Pine Street and Elm Street has been installed, filled, pressure tested and is now being disinfected. A water sample will be taken to confirm there are no bacteria present. Once that sample is determined to be bacteria free we will then begin connecting the individual home to the new water main.
- There was a theft of 26 pine trees from Memorial Park and the police department has cited the individual responsible. Mr. Oakes plans to ask the court to have that person either return the trees or plant new trees in the park.
- The summer Street Paving Project is currently out for bids. We will have the results for the May Council Meeting.

**JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT – Junior Council Member, Alex Oakes**

- The Grove City Theater hosted their production of Lost and Found last month in a COVID-19 friendly way by piecing a lot of monologues together. The message of the production is how we are all inter-connected.
- The Boys track and field placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at the South Hills Invitational and girl placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.
- Induction into Honor Society will occur on April 20, 2021.

**MAYORS REPORT presented by Mayor Randy Riddle**

- Mayor Randy Riddle was appointed President of the Wolf Creek Slippery Rock Creek Council of Governments.
- On March 28, 2021 the Mayor's Association conducted it's meeting via Zoom.

- On April 6, 2021 Mayor Riddle met with Hudson Ohio's Mayor Craig Shubert. He explained how differently they run their Council meetings.
- The Grove City High School Senior Awards Program will be held on June 1, 2021. Mayor Riddle will recognize Junior Council Member Hannah Foley.
- Mayor Riddle prepared two proclamations for the Eagle Scout Ceremonies of Corey Medve and Evan Scott.
- Grove City High School Graduation will be held at Forker Field on June 4, 2021.
- Grove City College Commencement for the classes of 2020/2021 will be on May 15, 2021. The Commencement Speaker will be Dana Perino.
- April is distractive driving awareness month.
- March 18 thru April 25 police will be targeting aggressive driving enforcement.
- Officer Darryl Webb's training will be complete tomorrow.
- Mayor Riddle thanked Council members for the quilt that they signed and gifted to his wife Sallie.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mr. Scott Jaillet reported that Mr. Jim Thrasher who lives on Main Street has complained that the alley behind his house is very rough and he would like to have it paved.
  - Mr. Shawn Myers reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee reviewed an alternate location in Memorial Park for the proposed "Bump Track" for bicycles that would not interfere with the use of the picnic pavilions. He is recommending that Council approve the track.
- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the proposed "Bump Track" for bicycles that would not interfere with the use of the picnic pavilions. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

#### **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 8:39 pm.

Respectfully,

Tanya M. Pollard  
Borough Secretary