

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
June 20, 2022 6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Council President, Mary K. Mattocks at 6:30PM

MEETING ATTENDANCE

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	Morley, Shawn	X	DiStasi, Vincent	X	Pokrant, Taylor (Secretary)
X	Myers, Shawn	X	Riddle, Randy (Mayor)		
Absent	Henry, James	X	Bigley, Joel (Vice-Pres)		
Absent	Hodge, Jeffrey	X	Zimmerman, William		
X	Gallagher, Amy	Absent	Messer, Mac (Jr. Council)		
X	Jaillet, Scott				

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Mark K. Mattocks announced that this Public Hearing was for the purpose to receive testimony on a resolution for the inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license. Ms. Mattocks turned the Hearing over to Mr. Vance Oakes, Borough Manager. Mr. Oakes asked that Court Stenographer, Mrs. Kelly Schaffer swear in anyone wanting to testify.

Mr. Pat Artise, The Guthrie Theater, LLC, and Mr. Taylor Pokrant, Borough Secretary/Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer were sworn in.

Mr. Oakes asked Mr. Pokrant to read the public notice for the meeting into the record. Mr. Pokrant read the notice into the record and Mr. Pokrant indicated that the notice had been advertised twice in the Allied News as required. Mr. Oakes stated that the notice made reference to a request made by The Guthrie Theater LLC. Mr. Oakes provided this as an exhibit to the Court Reporter. Mr. Oakes then called upon Mr. Artise as the sole officer of The Guthrie Theater LLC to provide testimony regarding his request.

Mr. Artise explained that he is requesting that Borough Council approve his inter-municipal license transfer from the Borough of Wheatland to the Borough of Grove City for use at the Guthrie Theater at 232 S. Broad Street. Mr. Artise explained that he plans to include a food component with the theater and that the liquor license is key for the success of that. He further detailed that this food component would include multiple types of food and that they would be open for lunch and dinner. He detailed that he has made a significant investment in the theater to make it successful and usable for his vision.

Mr. Oakes asked Mr. Artise if he was transferring a restaurant liquor license, Mr. Artise confirmed that was the case. Mr. Oakes asked Mr. Artise to confirm that the interior dimensions of the Guthrie were not less than 400 square feet. Mr. Artise confirmed that was the case. Mr. Oakes stated that Pennsylvania Liquor Code prohibits that a license be transferred out of a receiving municipality within five years of the transfer. Mr. Oakes asked Mr. Artise if he was committed to this requirement. Mr. Artise confirmed that he was. Mr. Oakes opened the hearing up to questioning by members of council.

Mr. Shawn Morley asked Mr. Artise the status of his renovation work. Mr. Artise detailed that it was going slow, but he detailed various improvements that he was working on within the structure. Mr. Morley asked if Mr. Artise was going to advertise when the theater would be opened. Mr. Artise stated that part of it was dependent upon the result of his liquor license request. Ms. Mary K. Mattocks asked Mr. Artise if he will be showing movies. Mr. Artise stated that he would be showing movies, but was working through the contract

process with the movie studios. Mr. Vince DiStasi asked Mr. Artise what the capacity of the theater would be. Mr. Artise explained that there were 280 seats remaining on the first floor and about 50 in the balcony. He stated that he also had room in the front area for about 40 people to stand.

Mr. Oakes asked if anyone else had testimony concerning the inter-municipal transfer of a restaurant liquor license. No one responded.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion concerning this inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:50PM

Respectfully,

Taylor G. Pokrant
Borough Secretary