

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
March 29, 2023 6PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Jeff Hodge at 6:10PM**

**2. 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	Morley, Shawn	X	DiStasi, Vincent	X	Pokrant, Taylor (Boro Sec.)
Absent	Myers, Shawn	X	Riddle, Randy (Mayor)		
Absent	Henry, James	X	Bigley, Joel		
X	Hodge, Jeffrey	Absent	Zimmerman, William		
Absent	Gallagher, Amy	Absent	Riddle, Emmy (Jr. Council)		
X	Jaillet, Scott	Absent	Messer, Mac (Jr. Council)		

**3. REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

- None

**4. DISCUSS POLICY REGARDING FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE USE**

- Members of the Grove City Fire Department met with Borough Council and requested that the Borough pay for the gas, maintenance and insurance for two pickup trucks that are used by the officers of the Fire Department. The Fire Department cited past use of vehicles by the chief and the importance of being able to respond to a scene quickly without having to return to the Fire Station.
- Mr. Hodge stated that he felt that the Borough should pay for the insurance and gas for the trucks contingent upon the fire department drafting and implementing a use policy. Chief Badger stated that he will get the policy to Council. Assistant Chief Hoffman stated that since the Fire Department already bought insurance and are the owners of the trucks, that it may be easier if Council was willing to provide a stipend to cover the costs. Mr. DiStasi expressed his acceptance with this idea and Ms. Mattocks did as well, mentioning that the Borough will also cover gas and maintenance costs.
- Mr. Bigley questioned other areas that the Borough could help the Fire Department with including approaching the School District for funds. Assistant Chief Hoffman mentioned that the Fire Department is working with the School District through the Independent Learning Program.
- Mr. Oakes asked if there was an update regarding the live-in program that was discussed last year with Grove City College. Assistant Chief Hoffman shared that Grove City College is still interested, but he just has not had time to get the program up and running. He shared that he will try to work on it later this year and bring it back to Council for discussion.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Solicitor Bonner shared with Council that he continues to work on an EMS Agreement with Superior Ambulance. Solicitor Bonner highlighted that two issues remain, the required minimum number of ambulances that Superior will have staffed and whether or not Superior Ambulance can bill a portion of the co-pay if insurance denies the claim. Mr. Bonner stated that he is working on the legality of the co-pay issue and will get back to Council regarding that. Regarding the number of ambulances, Solicitor Bonner suggested that a meeting be scheduled with Superior Ambulance to allow Council to express their desire that a minimum number of ambulances be maintained as a part of the agreement. Solicitor Bonner shared that it is important that Superior Ambulance hear directly from Council. Mr. Oakes stated that he will work on getting that scheduled.

**6. COUNCILWOMAN MATTOCKS ANNOUNCED THAT BOROUGH COUNCIL WOULD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER**

**7. NEWS MEDIA**

- None

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully,

Taylor G. Pokrant, Borough Secretary