

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
ORIGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2024 6:00PM**

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jared Hoffman, Scott Jaillet, Jeffrey Hodge and James Henry

CALL TO ORDER by The Honorable Randy Riddle, Mayor at 6:05PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER: was offered by Mayor Randy Riddle.

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 Secretary)
Absent	Myers, Shawn	X	Riddle, Randy (Mayor)	Absent	Goncz, Dan (Engineer)
X	Henry, James	X	Bigley, Joel		
X	Hodge, Jeffrey	X	Zimmerman, William		
X	Hoffman, Jared	Absent	Riddle, Emmy (Jr. Council)		
X	Jaillet, Scott	Absent	Myford, Elle (Jr. Council)		

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- None

REQUEST TO ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

- None

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mayor Riddle opened the floor for nominations for President of Council.

- **Mr. James Henry nominated Ms. Mary Kay Mattocks for President of Council. Mr. William Zimmerman nominated Mr. Scott Jaillet. Mr. Vince DiStasi made a motion to close nominations. This motion was seconded by Mr. William Zimmerman and it carried unanimously. Mayor Riddle requested a roll call vote for Ms. Mary K. Mattocks. All members present voted in favor of Ms. Mattocks except Mr. Zimmerman. Ms. Mattocks received 8 votes for and 1 vote against. Mayor Riddle declared Ms. Mattocks President of Council.**

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Mayor Riddle opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of Council.

- **Ms. Mary Kay Mattocks nominated Mr. Joel Bigley for Vice President of Council. Mr. Jeff Hodge made a motion to close nominations. This motion was seconded by Mr. Vince DiStasi and it carried unanimously. Mayor Riddle asked for a vote and Mr. Joel Bigley was unanimously declared as Vice President of Council.**

Mayor Randy Riddle turned the meeting over to Ms. Mary Kay Mattocks.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Ms. Mattocks opened the floor for nominations for President Pro Tem of Council.

- **Mr. Joel Bigley nominated Mr. James Henry for President Pro Tem. Mr. Vince DiStasi made a motion to close nominations. This motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Jaillet and it carried unanimously. Ms. Mattocks asked for a vote and Mr. James Henry was unanimously declared as President Pro Tem.**

CONSIDER INTENT TO ADVERTISE AND ADOPT BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY DEBT ORDINANCE 1498

- Mr. Vance Oakes introduced Anthony Ditka of Dinsmore & Shohl and Mike McCaig of Raymond James. Mr. Ditka explained that the Borough would be going through the borrowing process for approximately four million dollars in sewer and general fund projects. Mr. Ditka explained that the first step was to pass Council's intent to adopt and advertise the ordinance. Mr. Ditka stated that they would be back at the regular meeting to adopt the ordinance. Mr. McCaig provided a brief update regarding the bond market.
- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to advertise the intent to adopt Ordinance 1498. Mr. William Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Oakes announced that there will be a PennDOT meeting tomorrow morning at 9AM at the Borough Office to discuss a full lane closure for three months or a single lane closure for eight months for the Bridge Replacement Project on Main Street in 2025. Mr. Oakes encouraged council members to attend if they are able.
- Mr. Oakes asked Solicitor Bonner if he was correct that Mr. Shawn Myers has ten days to be sworn-in otherwise his seat can be declared vacant since he failed to appear this evening. Solicitor Bonner confirmed this and stated that Council would be able to declare the seat vacant at their meeting on the 16th.

NEWS MEDIA

There were no questions from any media representatives.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29PM.

Respectfully,

Taylor G. Pokrant
Assistant Borough Manager