

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 15, 2024 at 7PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Council President, Mary K. Mattocks at 7:07 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER: was offered by **Mr. Jeffrey Hodge**

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)
Absent	Morley, Shawn	X	DiStasi, Vincent	X	Pokrant, Taylor (Secretary)
X	Eakin, Patrick	X	Riddle, Randy (Mayor)	Absent	Goncz, Dan (Engineer)
X	Henry, James	Absent	Bigley, Joel (Vice-Pres)	X	Graham, Will (Engineer)
X	Hodge, Jeffrey	X	Zimmerman, William	X	Contestabile, Ryan (Engineer)
X	Hoffman, Jared	X	Myford, Elle		
X	Jaillet, Scott				

SWEARING-IN OF JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON ALEX SMITH

- Mayor Riddle swore-in Junior Councilperson Alex Smith and welcomed him to Borough Council.

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- Mr. Deven Flick, Boy Scout Troop 76, discussed his proposed bat box project that will serve as his eagle scout project. Mr. Flick explained that he would like to install two bat boxes in Memorial Park and one near the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Flick discussed the benefits of bats in controlling mosquito populations. Mayor Riddle shared that the thought that this was an excellent project.
- **Mr. William Zimmerman moved to approve the bat box project. Mr. Jared Hoffman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

REQUEST TO ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

- None

APPROVAL OF 'BILLS PAID' REPORT

- **Mr. Jared Hoffman moved to approve the 'Bills Paid' report. Mr. Scott Jaillet 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 REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 17, 2024 AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON JULY 1, 2024

- **Mr. Patrick Eakin moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

GROVE CITY LIBRARY REPORT

- Mr. Scott Amon presented the Library Report. Mr. Amon reported that the Library has switched providers of their genealogy software, with the new software allowing access outside of the library. Mr. Amon

reported that the library has 3,380 members that live in the Borough and that they have added 100 new members so far this year. Ms. Heather Baker reported that there are two weeks left for the summer reading program and that they have had a very successful summer. Ms. Baker discussed some of the new language offerings at the library, which will include Italian, French, Spanish and German.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 1500 A ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR DAY CARE CENTERS AS A CONDITIONAL USE WITHIN THE C-1 CENTRAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

- Mr. Pokrant reminded Council that this would be a zoning ordinance amendment to allow day care centers as a conditional use within the C-1 Central Commercial District and that this ordinance had been tabled at the last meeting on the request that Ms. Caitlin Robbins, proposed daycare operator for 112 S. Broad Street, submit a parking/traffic plan. Mr. Pokrant confirmed that this was attached in Council's meeting packet. Mr. Oakes asked Mr. Evan Lowe, building owner of 112 S. Broad Street, if the project would be feasible given the sprinkler requirement. Mr. Lowe confirmed that it is and that he was willing to bear the cost for this system. Mayor Riddle stated that what has been provided to Council in terms of the parking/traffic plan was exactly what Council was looking for.
- **Mr. Jared Hoffman moved to adopt Ordinance 1500. Mr. Jeff Hodge seconded the motion. Ms. Mattocks requested a roll call vote and it carried unanimously with 8 votes for and no votes opposed.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: TRANSFORMATION CHURCH RUN BABY RUN 5K TO BE HELD ON 9/14/24 FROM 8-11:30AM AT HUNTER FARM PARK

- Mr. Oakes confirmed that Grove City Little Eagles had been contacted regarding this event and they did not have a game scheduled on this date at Hunter Farm Park.
- **Mr. Pat Eakin moved to approve the event request. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 1501 AMENDING EXCAVATION PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- Mr. Oakes explained that this would require resident notification for work performed and increase the paving requirements for streets that have been paved within the last two years.
- **Mr. Vince DiStasi moved to adopt Ordinance 1501. Mr. William Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING BIDS FOR THE BLACK RUN LIFT STATION:

- **CONTRACT 24-S1 FORCEMAIN CONSTRUCTION**
- **CONTRACT 24-S2 LIFT STATION GENERAL AND MECHANICAL**
- **CONTRACT 24-S3 LIFT STATION ELECTRICAL**
- Mr. Oakes introduced William Graham and Ryan Contestabile from LSSE Engineers. Mr. Graham explained that the project would include construction of a forcemain and upgrades at the existing lift station. Mr. Graham explained that the work was split up into three separate contracts. Mr. Graham detailed that for contract one that five bids had been submitted with Heckman Diversified being the low-bidder. Mr. Graham detailed that for contract two that four bids had been received with S.E.T. Inc. being the low-bidder. Finally, Mr. Graham reported that four bids were received for contract three with Right Electric being the low-bidder. Mr. Graham recommended that the low-bidder for all three contracts be awarded the contract. Ms. Mattocks asked how long the project would take. Mr. Graham stated that the contractors are provided 270 days, but the majority of this is to allow time to receive certain equipment and that work should start in about 60 days. Mr. Oakes reminded Council that the Borough will be paying for this using ARPA funds and money from the most recent bond issue.
- **Mr. Patrick Eakin moved to award the respective contracts to Heckman Diversified in the amount of \$654,880, S.E.T. Inc in the amount of \$728,536.21 and Right Electric in the amount of \$177,777. Ms. Mary K. Mattocks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GROVE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY DAYS TO BE HELD ON 9/14/24 FROM 10AM TO 4PM

- Mr. Hoffman confirmed that this event would be the same as last year with a street closure request on East Pine Street in front of the fire station.
- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve the event request. Mr. Jim Henry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER LIBERTY TOWNSHIP'S REQUEST FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE EXTENSION TO 318 NICKLAUS COURT, GROVE CITY, PA, OWNED BY CRISPIN ANDERSON

- Mr. Oakes confirmed that there is capacity for this request.
- **Mr. Vince DiStasi moved to approve the water and sewer service extension. Mr. William Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

ENGINEER'S REPORT, PRESENTED BY VANCE OAKES

- Mr. Oakes reported that Mr. Goncz was not able to make it tonight. Mr. Oakes reported that concrete work is finishing up at the water treatment plant, with the plant on schedule to be completed by the end of the year. Mr. Oakes stated that Mr. Goncz recommends the approval of the attached payment requests.
- **Mr. Vince DiStasi moved to approve payment requests from Gannet Fleming for construction observation and management in the amounts of \$16,100 and \$22,805.50, from Global Heavy Corporation in the amount of \$206,297.24 and from McCurley-Houston in the amount of \$9,180.00. Mr. Jeff Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT PRESENTED BY BOROUGH MANAGER, VANCE OAKES

- Mr. Oakes reported that due to an equipment failure, three street lights along Breckenridge Street have stopped working. Mr. Oakes explained that it will cost approximately \$5,000 to replace the buried electrical lines to get these lights working again. Mr. Oakes stated that there are not any residential homes on the street and that many of the businesses have their own external lights. Mr. Oakes questioned if the street lights could just be eliminated instead of fixing them. Mr. Jaillet asked if any of the business owners have complained about them not working and Mr. Oakes stated that they haven't. Mr. Hoffman asked if the Borough would just remove them completely and Mr. Oakes stated that they would. Mr. Jaillet stated that he doesn't see a reason to keep them.
- **Mr. William Zimmerman moved to eliminate three street lights on Breckenridge Street. Mr. Jared Hoffman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Mr. Oakes reported to Borough Council that a press release had been sent out from GCRI explaining the tree replacement project and that work will begin next week.
- Mr. Oakes reported that Public Works is currently completing their preparation work for street paving and that Shields is expected to pave the second week of August.
- Mr. Oakes detailed that he has submitted a grant application to the soil conservation district to address the presence of multiflora rose in Borough Parks. Mr. Oakes explained that there is no monetary match requirement, but the Borough will be providing in-kind services as a part of the program.
- Mr. Oakes noted correspondence from Swank Construction that was included in Council's meeting packet regarding work along I-80.

JR. COUNCIL REPORT PRESENTED BY JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON, ELLE MYFORD

- Ms. Myford reported that three high school students worked with the Grove City Historical Society and have painted a mural on the College Ave side of the building.
- Ms. Myford reported that students from Grove City High School traveled with the high school French teacher, Karyn Senita, to France last month.
- Ms. Myford reported that the Grove City Rotary Club will be welcoming foreign exchange students from Romania and Argentina this year.

MAYORS REPORT PRESENTED BY MAYOR RANDY RIDDLE

- Mayor Riddle shared that over the last month he attended the following events:
 - 6/18- America 250 Presentation at Grove City Historical Society
 - 6/25- Penn Northwest Sites Committee meeting
 - 7/6- Proclamation for Kaelyn Cozad for earning the rank of Eagle Scout
- Mayor Riddle reported that he has the following events upcoming:
 - 7/17 COG meeting
 - 7/27- Valvoline Express Care and Car Wash fundraiser for Grove City Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Riddle asked Mr. Hoffman to speak a little about the event. Mr. Hoffman explained that proceeds from oil changes that day will go to the Grove City Volunteer Fire Department and that they are working to advertise the event.
 - 8/7- VFW Veterans Day Parade meeting
 - 8/8- PSAB Summer Board meeting
- Mayor Riddle reported that Chief Allias reported that Nevan Vodzak has passed all of his required testing and that he should be starting next week. Mayor Riddle also reported that the new records management software should be up and running by October and that the live scan machine is scheduled to be delivered at the end of the month.
- Ms. Mattocks asked Mayor Riddle about Ms. Emmy Riddle receiving a scholarship from the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania. Mayor Riddle shared that she was awarded the scholarship and that it was announced during the senior awards ceremony at Grove City High School.

OTHER BUSINESS

- None

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 8:10PM.

Respectfully,

Taylor G. Pokrant, Assistant Borough Manager