

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 16, 2025 at 7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Council President, Mary K. Mattocks at 7:08PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER: was offered by **Mr. Pat Eakin**

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	Absent	Bonner, Timothy (Solicitor)	X	Oakes, Vance (Boro Manager)
X	Morley, Shawn	Absent	DiStasi, Vincent	X	Pokrant, Taylor (Secretary)
X	Eakin, Patrick	X	Riddle, Randy (Mayor)	X	Goncz, Dan (Engineer)
X	Henry, James	X	Bigley, Joel (Vice-Pres)		
X	Hodge, Jeffrey	X	Zimmerman, William		
X	Hoffman, Jared	X	Moeller, Elsea (Jr. Council)		
X	Jaillet, Scott				

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

- Ms. Mary K. Mattocks announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

SWEARING IN OF JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON ELSEA MOELLER

- Mayor Riddle swore in Ms. Elsea Moeller as the new junior councilperson.

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- Ms. Betty Proctor, 610 Terrace Ave, expressed her concerns regarding trees that are located on property that is owned by Hall Industries adjacent to her property. Mr. Oakes suggested that the Borough may be able to help mediate between the two private property owners, but the Borough Code does not provide the Borough with the ability to compel private property owners to remove private trees that do not present a public hazard.
- Mr. Kevin Robbins, Smooshie’s Daycare, presented his plan for how the alley would be used that is adjacent to 112 S. Broad Street should Borough Council grant the annulment. Councilman Jaillet questioned some of the equipment that is located within the alley today. Mr. Robbins informed him that it would be blocked off with fencing. Mayor Riddle questioned if there is a state requirement that outdoor play space be provided for daycares. Mr. Robbins answered that the play space could be indoor or outdoor, but did not have to be outdoor. Councilman Bigley questioned if both property owners adjacent to the alley supported this. Mr. Robbins confirmed that they did. Councilwoman Mattocks expressed her concerns for use in the future. Councilman Morley questioned who would inspect the play area after the work is completed. Mr. Robbins confirmed that the state would conduct an inspection before it could be used. Mr. Jaillet questioned how the parents enter the daycare. Mr. Robbins answered that they access it from the front and there are four leased parking spaces that parents can use for pickup/drop-off. Mr. Eakin asked if the public uses it today. Mr. Robbins answered that it is used primarily for parking.
- Ms. Anna Sprando and Mr. Dan Spatara, 143 S. Center Street, expressed their desire to have the alley annulled adjacent to their building. They expressed that the individual who opposed the alley previously has moved and that they did not expect any opposition this time. They expressed that when they had inquired several years ago that they were informed that the Borough did not maintain it and completed asphalt work in it. They later discovered that the alley was not annulled and expressed that it would need

some work if the Borough did not annul it. They further expressed that the previous owners had used it as their property, despite the alley not being annulled. Mr. Bigley stated that a work session will be held on June 30th to discuss this further.

- Ms. Heather Blanchard, 108 S. Broad Street, expressed her concerns regarding parking by Smooshie's Daycare and presented photos to Borough Council of a car parked on the sidewalk. Ms. Blanchard also explained that she hopes to hold the Octoberfest event this year and hopes to use the alley for vendor space. Councilwoman Mattocks expressed that she has also received parking complaints. Councilman Bigley stated that Mr. Robbins could address this with the families directly.

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUEST TO ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

- None

APPROVAL OF 'BILLS PAID' REPORT

- **Mr. Jared Hoffman moved to approve the 'Bills Paid' report. Mr. William Zimmerman 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. Jared Hoffman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 19, 2025

- **Mr. Shawn Morley moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Jared Hoffman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

GROVE CITY LIBRARY REPORT

- Mr. Scott Amon presented the Library report. Mr. Amon updated Council that the Library's fundraising campaign continues with efforts to solicit reoccurring monthly donations. Mr. Amon reported that the summer reading program is going well with 181 children participating so far.

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GROVE CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WINE WALK TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2025

- Ms. Beth Black, informed Council that it would be the same event as in previous years with the addition of closing East Pine Street between Broad Street and Center Street.
- **Mr. Jeff Hodge moved to approve the event. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GROVE CITY HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

- **Mr. Pat Eakin moved to approve the event request. Mr. William Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER CONSULTING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THOMAS J. ANDERSON AND ASSOCIATES INC.

- Mr. Oakes explained that the Borough had completed a RFP Process with the Executive Committee of Borough Council and it was their recommendation to select Thomas J. Anderson and Associates to provide services for the Non-Uniform Union pension plan.
- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the agreement. Mr. Jim Henry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 WITH SHIELDS ASPHALT PAVING

- Mr. Oakes explained that the Borough is working to complete the ADA Curb Ramp project on Edgewood Ave prior to the scheduled street paving. Therefore, the Borough reached out to Shields to extend the

street paving deadline to accommodate the completion of that work and Shields agreed to extend the deadline. Mr. Oakes clarified that this was a no cost time extension that adds days to the contract time.

- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the no cost change order. Mr. Jared Hoffman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER TRISCARI WEBSITE SERVICES AGREEMENT

- Mr. Oakes explained that the Borough has received a donation from Grove City College and it is sufficient to cover the cost of a new website. Mr. Oakes stated that Mayor Riddle has been working with Triscari and that Mr. Oakes recommended that the Borough move forward with them.
- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the agreement. Mr. Pat Eakin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER HECKMAN PAY REQUEST FOR THE BLACK RUN LIFT STATION PROJECT

- Mr. Vance Oakes reported that Heckman Diversified is completing restoration and is nearly complete with the entire forcemain portion of the project.
- **Mr. Pat Eakin moved to approve the pay request. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: WOODLAND AVE BLOCK PARTY TO BE HELD ON 6/21/25 FROM 4-8PM

- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve the event. Mr. William Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GCASD CROSS COUNTRY BOOSTER CLUB JOHN SAMPLE MEMORIAL INVITE TO BE HELD AT MEMORIAL PARK ON 10/4/25 FROM 9AM-2PM

- **Mr. Jeff Hodge moved to approve the event. Mr. Shawn Morley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER PETITION BY LOWE/COFFARO TO ANNUL AN ALLEY

- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to annul the alley and adopt Ordinance 1505. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion. A roll call voted was called for. Five No votes were recorded (Pat Eakin, James Henry, Jared Hoffman, Mary K. Mattocks, and Shawn Morley). 4 yes votes were recorded (Joel Bigley, Jeff Hodge, Scott Jaillet, and William Zimmerman). The motion failed.**
- **Mr. Jared Hoffman moved to discharge and deny the petition. Mr. Pat Eakin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called for. Five Yes votes were recorded (Pat Eakin, James Henry, Jared Hoffman, Mary K. Mattocks, and Shawn Morley). 4 No votes were recorded (Joel Bigley, Jeff Hodge, Scott Jaillet, and William Zimmerman). The motion passed by majority and the petition was denied.**

ENGINEER'S REPORT, PRESENTED BY DAN GONCZ

- Mr. Goncz reported that the water treatment plant is running and wasting water until DEP inspects the plant and issues their approval. Mr. Goncz detailed that restoration paving should be completed next week. Mr. Goncz detailed a change order that has been requested by the operations staff that will change the warning that is provided by the system when there are issues. Mr. Goncz recommended approval of the payment requests and change order.
- **Mr. William Zimmerman moved to approve change order number 5 to contract number 1 in the amount of \$1,090 and payment requests from Gannet Fleming for construction observation and design in the amounts of \$2,415, \$4,260, and \$9,850, from Global Heavy Corporation in the amount of \$75,335 and from Groundwater Resources in the amount of \$28,620. Mr. Vince DiStasi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Mr. Goncz detailed that notice to proceed has been provided to Global Heavy and McCurley Houston for phase two for the project.

- Mr. Goncz updated Borough Council that the goal is to complete the West Main Street water line replacement in the fall with the bid notice to go out within the next month or so.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT PRESENTED BY VANCE OAKES

- Mr. Oakes reported that sidewalk and curb ramp work will be occurring at the Borough Office prior to the parking lot paving project. Mr. Oakes reminded Council that the Borough has received a grant to complete landscaping improvements at the Borough Office and that this work will be starting soon as well.
- Mr. Oakes reported that Youngblood Paving has started work on the Memorial Park Trail project.
- Mr. Oakes thanked Pine Township for their donation to cover half of the cost of the Fourth of July fireworks.
- Mr. Oakes reported that the Strawberry Days 5K event will be occurring this coming Wednesday at Hunter Farm Park.
- Mr. Oakes detailed that stump grinding has been completed at Memorial Park with 42 stumps removed and about 15 additional stumps removed on Borough streets.

MAYORS REPORT PRESENTED BY MAYOR RANDY RIDDLE

- Mayor Riddle shared that over the last month he attended the following events:
 - 5/21- PSAB conference call and COG meeting
 - 5/23- Trigonometree planting
 - 5/25- Crestview Cemetery Memorial Day event
 - 5/28 – Awards Ceremony at Grove City High School
 - 5/29- PennNorthwest SITES Committee meeting and presentation of track team proclamations
 - 5/30-6/4- PSAB Conference, installed as PSAB President
 - 6/7- GCAYSA ribbon cutting for new concession stand/restroom building
 - 6/10- Mercer County Commissioners Town Hall event at Grove City College
 - 6/13- Presentation at Grove City College on the Virginia Tech shooting and lessons learned
- Mayor Riddle reported that the Nextera PJM update event is scheduled for June 18th at the Borough Office.
- Mayor Riddle with Chief Allias reported that the Police Department will soon be starting an aggressive driving enforcement campaign that will last until the end of August. Mayor Riddle shared that Paul Miller's law went into effect, which prohibits the use of handheld devices while operating a vehicle, even when stopped. Chief Allias shared that the Police Department did not have any issues related to the protest event at Memorial Park this past weekend.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Scott Jaillet shared a slideshow from the PSAB conference and congratulated Mayor Riddle.
- Ms. Mattocks reported that there would be fireworks on the Fourth of July and the Harrisville Community Band will be playing at the football field again this year.
- Ms. Mattocks thanked Public Works, the Electric Department and the Police Department for their assistance during Strawberry Days.
- Mr. Henry thanked and congratulated Ms. Mattocks on another successful Strawberry Days event.

NEWS MEDIA

- None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully,

Taylor G. Pokrant, Assistant Borough Manager