

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2025, at 6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING by Council President, Mary K. Mattocks at 6:45PM

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	X	DiStasi, Vincent	X	Pokrant, Taylor (Asst. Man)
X	Eakin, Patrick	X	Riddle, Randy (Mayor)	Absent	Goncz, Dan (Engineer)
X	Henry, James	X	Bigley, Joel (Vice-Pres)		
X	Hodge, Jeffrey	X	Zimmerman, William		
X	Hoffman, Jared	Absent	Moeller, Elsea (Jr. Council)		
X	Jaillet, Scott				

HEARING FOR BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY 2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

- Mr. Chris Conti was present and discussed the Community Development Block Grant Program and past uses of CDBG funds.
- Mr. Oakes detailed that a potential project for the Borough for this year’s application will be ADA curb ramps on Woodland Ave due to planned work and paving on that street.
- Mr. Hoffman suggested that the Borough examine Cunningham Mill Park as a potential use of CDBG funds. Mr. Oakes detailed that this may not be a qualified use and that the ADA work was a focus due to the requirement to complete these ramps when paving a street.

ADJOURNMENT

- Ms. Mattocks requested additional comments, hearing none, the hearing was adjourned at 6:59PM.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING by Council President, Mary K. Mattocks at 7:05PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER: was offered by **Mr. Jared Hoffman**

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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	Absent	Moeller, Elsea (Jr. Council)		
X	Jaillet, Scott				

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- None

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUEST TO ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

- None

APPROVAL OF 'BILLS PAID' REPORT

- **Mr. Scott Jaillet 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. Jim Henry moved to approve the 'Bills to be Paid' report. Mr. Vince DiStasi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 21, 2025 AND WORK SESSION MEETING ON AUGUST 6, 2025

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

GROVE CITY LIBRARY REPORT

- Mr. Scott Amnon reported that the library raised \$5,000 from their gift card extravaganza and that summer reading has finished with a total of 300 children participating. Mr. Amon detailed that the Library has their used book sale upcoming on September 13th and a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on October 7th. Mr. Oakes questioned Mr. Amon regarding a time for the Borough Council to meet with the Library Board since the previous two meetings had been cancelled. Mr. Amon explained that the Library Board needed to do some additional work prior to scheduling a meeting.

DISCUSS GROVE CITY GIRLS FAST PITCH SOFTBALL PLANS

- Ms. Sarah Anderson spoke on behalf of the association. Ms. Anderson detailed that the softball fields need to be updated. Ms. Anderson detailed that the concession stand does not have water and that the playing fields are in need of renovation. Ms. Anderson explained that the association has been turned down for grants because they are not the owners of the fields and only have a year-to-year lease with the Borough. Ms. Anderson requested a longer lease with the Borough and possible support of their improvement plans. Ms. Mattocks referred the issue to the Parks and Recreation Committee for further discussion.

CONSIDER NON-UNIFORM UNION AGREEMENT FOR 2026-2028

- Mr. Oakes reported the Borough's Executive Committee has reached a tentative agreement with the Non-Uniform Union and thanked Ms. Mattocks, Mr. Bigley and Mr. Henry for their assistance. Mr. Oakes detailed that the agreement included raises of 4%, 3% and 2.5% in 2026, 2027 and 2028 respectively. Mr. Oakes detailed that the union would see a slight increase in the Borough's contribution to their 457 accounts and the union agreed to a two-tiered vacation leave allocation for new hires.
- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the agreement. Mr. Jim Henry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER WARD 4 WOLF CREEK STORMWATER PHASE 1 PROJECT BIDS

- Mr. Oakes detailed that the low bidder was Chivers Construction with a bid of \$1,409,988. Mr. Oakes detailed that the bid is within the budgeted amount for the project. Mr. Oakes reminded Borough Council that an LSA grant has been received by the Borough to help pay for a portion of this project. Mr. Oakes recommended that the bid be approved.
- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to accept the bids, awarding the contract to Chivers Construction. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER SERVICE ORDER AUTHORIZATION WITH LSSE FOR THE WARD 4 WOLF CREEK STORMWATER PHASE 1 PROJECT

- Mr. Oakes reported that this authorization would be for engineering and observation services during the project.
- **Mr. Vince DiStasi moved to approve the service order authorization. Mr. Pat Eakin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: OCTOBERFEST EVENT TO BE HELD DOWNTOWN ON 10/10/25 FROM 4-9PM

- Mr. Pokrant explained that this event would be a repeat of last year's event with any open containers being limited to private property.
- **Mr. Shawn Morley moved to approve the event request. Mr. Jeff Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GROVE CITY COLLEGE FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE HELD ON 9/27/25 AT 9:30PM

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

CONSIDER YOUNGBLOOD PAVING FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST AND BALANCING CHANGE ORDER TO REFLECT IN PLACE QUANTITIES FOR THE MEMORIAL PARK ADA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- Mr. Oakes reported that the change order reflected additional paving than was originally specified within the contract. Mr. Oakes detailed that the Borough is happy with the work and that he recommends approval of the change order and payment request.
- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve the pay request and change order. Mr. Shawn Morley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER REVISION OF 2021 CDBG FUNDS FROM THE SUPERIOR STREET PROJECT TO THE MEMORIAL PARK ADA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- Mr. Oakes detailed that this would take the savings from the Superior Street Project and move them to the Memorial Park Project for a final, total transfer of \$17,569.62.
- **Mr. William Zimmerman moved to approve the revision. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: ALL GOOD THINGS TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT TO BE HELD ON 10/18/25 AT MEMORIAL PARK FROM 12-2PM

- Mr. Pokrant explained that this event would be the same as last year and would honor first responders.
- **Mr. Jared Hoffman moved to approve the event request. Mr. William Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GROVE CITY DISC GOLF CLUB EVENT TO BE HELD ON 11/1/25 AT MEMORIAL PARK

- Mr. Pokrant detailed that a lease has not been finalized with the club, so they are making an event request for their annual fall event.
- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve the event request. Mr. Jeff Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER BLACK RUN LIFT STATION PAYMENT REQUESTS:

- **HECKMAN DIVERSIFIED PAY REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,624.15**
- **S.E.T. PAYMENT REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$371,801.57**
- Mr. Oakes recommended payment of these requests.
- **Mr. Pat Eakin moved to approve the payment requests. Mr. Jared Hoffman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2025-12 2025 LSA GRANT APPLICATION

- Mr. Oakes detailed that the Borough would like to submit an LSA grant application for the purchase of a street sweeper due to the age and condition of the current street sweeper. Mr. Oakes explained that the this resolution would authorize the application.
- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Jared Hoffman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER SUPPORT OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP WATER LINE EXTENSION PROJECT

- Mr. Oakes explained that this would be support of Springfield Township's efforts to secure grant funding for a water line extension project. Mr. Oakes stated that the letter does not commit the Borough to expending any funds, just water availability and support.
- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve a letter of support. Mr. William Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

ENGINEER'S REPORT, PRESENTED BY DAN GONCZ

- Mr. Goncz detailed that the permit for the new water treatment plant has been issued and that the plant is sending water to the system. Mr. Goncz explained that there are several punch list items that still need to be completed. Mr. Goncz stated that the notice to proceed for demolition of the Park Street water treatment plant has not been issued but will be issued this fall. Mr. Goncz recommended approval of the following pay requests:
 - Contract One: Global Heavy Corp Pay Request No. 32 in the amount of \$166,547.50.
 - Contract Two: McCurley-Houston Electric Pay Request 24 FINAL in the amount of \$15,240.00
 - Construction Observation: Gannett Fleming Inv. 050805.58.54795 in the amount of \$3,220.00
 - General Observation: Gannett Fleming Inv. 050805.59.54794 in the amount of \$1,987.07
 - Contract Five: Global Heavy Corp Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$175,500.00
 - General Observation: Gannett Fleming Inv. 050805.62.54793 in the amount of \$3,170.00
 - East Main Design Phase: Gannett Fleming Inv. 050805.13.54803 in the amount of \$5,680.00
 - West Main Bid Phase: Gannett Fleming Inv. 050805.14.54802 in the amount of \$1,145.00
- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the pay requests. Mr. Vince DiStasi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Mr. Goncz reported that bids were opened for the East Main Street Water Line Project, and the bids came in higher than expected. Mr. Goncz recommended that the bids be rejected, and the project be rebid later in the year.
- **Mr. Jared Hoffman moved to reject the bids. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT PRESENTED BY VANCE OAKES

- Mr. Oakes reported that the contractor reported that the East Main Street bridge will be open by the end of the day on Friday.
- Mr. Oakes detailed that the most recent PJM auction cleared at the cap that was imposed under the settlement between PJM and the Shapiro administration. This clearing price will result in about a 5% increase in electricity prices for the Borough.
- Mr. Oakes reported that notice to proceed was issued for the Edgewood Ave ADA curb ramp project with a scheduled completion date of September 10th. This completion date is to accommodate scheduled street paving the week of September 22nd.
- Mr. Oakes updated Borough Council regarding the Borough Office landscaping project, detailing that the retaining wall is completed and that Landscape Design should start in mid-September on their portion of the project.
- Mr. Oakes reported that Youngblood Paving will be sealcoating this week in the Borough and that PennDOT will be sealcoating next month.

- Mr. Oakes reported that a new finance director, Shalaine Spencer, will start on September 8th and will replace Doug Brown, who plans to retire at the end of the year.
- Mr. Oakes asked Representative Bonner to provide Council with an update regarding the CESERA ruling. Mr. Bonner explained that the Commonwealth Court revoked Tri-County's landfill permit based upon a required 10,000-foot setback from an airport, the Borough's airport is closer than 10,000 feet to the proposed landfill. Mr. Bonner stated that Tri-County is likely to appeal this ruling.

JR. COUNCIL REPORT PRESENTED BY JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON, BY MAYOR RIDDLE

- Mr. Riddle presented Ms. Moeller's written report. Ms. Moeller reported that enrollment has been declining at Grove City Area School District. There are 153 students in the 2026 graduating class, but the incoming kindergarten class only has 92 students.
- Mr. Riddle detailed that two Grove City Middle School students, Olivia Adams and Samantha Priest, placed first at the recent Inventionland competition and will have their product produced.
- Mr. Riddle reported that the first day of school is scheduled for August 25th.

MAYORS REPORT PRESENTED BY MAYOR RANDY RIDDLE

- Mayor Riddle shared that over the last month he attended the following events:
 - 7/21 and 7/22- Mayor's Roundtable on PCN
 - 7/26- Relay for Life
 - 7/29- PSAB conference call
 - 8/5 and 8/6 -PSAB Trustees meeting in Pittsburgh
 - 8/7- Ribbon cutting at the renovated Hampton Inn
 - 8/8- Meeting with Grove City College President Brad Lingo
- Mayor Riddle reported that he has the following events upcoming:
 - 8/25- All Good Things recognition event
 - 8/26- Conference call for PSAB
 - 9/18- MCRP Comprehensive Plan meeting in Grove City
 - 9/26- Grove City High School Homecoming
 - 10/3-10/5- PSAB Fall Conference
- Mayor Riddle reported that the Police Department has started the hiring process for a new officer and Mayor Riddle encouraged people to watch their speed with school students returning.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Ms. Mattocks mentioned that it great to see so many students at Meet the Eagles event and announced that Grove City High School will play their home football game at Grove City College on Friday due to the High School scoreboard not being ready.
- Mr. Hoffman announced that the Grove City Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting an oil change fundraiser with Grove City Valvoline on October 4th.
- Mr. DiStasi announced that there is an open house scheduled tomorrow for the newly renovated Smith Hall from 4-5PM.
- Mr. Hoffman announced that the Grove City Volunteer Fire Department will have two live-in students this year.

NEWS MEDIA

- None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM.

Respectfully, Taylor G. Pokrant, Assistant Borough Manager