

**GROVE CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
GROVE CITY, PENNSYLVANIA
REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2008 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER by Council President George Pokrant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER was offered by Council Member George Pokrant

ROLL CALL was answered by Council Members Slagle, Chapman, Pisano, Hodge, Folkertsma, Pokrant, Black, Coulter, Bigley, Talbert, Mayor Riddle and Solicitor Bonner.

Mr. Pokrant wished Mr. Oakes a happy birthday today.

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Lisa Pritchard – Olde Town Grove City and Grove City Revitalization Inc., presented information on an Olde Town American Festival to replace the former Street Fair event downtown. Downtown business owners were in attendance and spoke on the positive effect that this event has made on their businesses in the past and encouraged support of this revised event.

Dr. Coulter moved to cover the electric expense for the proposed Olde Town American Festival and to approve the event to be held Tuesday, August 4, 2009 through Saturday, August 8, 2009. Mr. Black seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dennis Kirkland – AMP-Ohio, presented a resolution recognizing the borough for more than 100 years of electric distribution to Grove City.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Mr. Oakes noted the following addition to the report: G H Hurl Construction, \$7,550, lead hazard housing rehabilitation project.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve the bills to be paid report, and the addition presented, with a second by Dr. Coulter. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID REPORT

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve the bills paid report with a second by Dr. Pisano. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Talbert and seconded by Mr. Chapman to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of November 17, 2008 and the Special Meeting of November 24, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS – Cab/Chassis

Mr. Oakes reported that this vehicle was in the 2009 Public Works budget for a dump truck, and recommended that the low bid submitted by Skinner Pontiac Buick GMC Truck, in the amount of \$62,669.88. This bid is lower than the state contract amount.

Mr. Black moved accept the low bid for a 2009 cab/chassis from Skinner Pontiac Buick GMC Truck in the amount of \$62,669.88. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF KEYSTONE RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION –
Library Addition

Jim Hughes, President of the Library Board, presented information on the proposed addition to the library facility. RPA Associates Inc. has been approved as the project architect. Bill Limberg spoke regarding the engineering proposal that has been submitted and noted that he and Mr. Oakes will be reviewing the proposal.

Mr. Talbert moved to authorize the submission of a letter of intent to submit a grant application for a Keystone Grant in the amount of \$280,000 to the Office of the Commonwealth Libraries. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 1378 – Sale of Bulk Water

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve Ordinance 1378, permitting the sale of bulk water. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 1379 – Fixing Tax Rate for 2009

Mr. Talbert moved to approve Ordinance 1379, fixing the tax rate for 2009 at 2.5 mills. Dr. Pisano seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in eight aye votes, cast by Chapman, Pisano, Hodge, Folkertsma, Pokrant, Black, Coulter and Talbert. No votes were cast by Slagle and Bigley. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 1380 – Compensation of Tax Collector

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve Ordinance 1380, amending the compensation of the Tax Collector. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF ADVERTISING INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCE –
Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Financing

Solicitor Bonner reported that, in order to proceed with the rehabilitation of the wastewater treatment plant, it is necessary to borrow approximately \$12 million. Authorization is needed to advertise an ordinance authorizing that borrowing through bond issuance.

Dr. Pisano moved to advertise Council's intent to adopt an ordinance authorizing a bond issuance to finance the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Solicitor Bonner noted that the existing Wastewater Treatment Service Agreements with the Townships of Pine, Liberty and Springfield and the Borough of Harrisville would need to be amended.

Mr. Black moved to advertise Council's intent to enter into amended Wastewater Treatment Service Agreements with Pine Township, Liberty Township, Springfield Township and Harrisville Borough. Mrs. Folkertsma seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM PINE TOWNSHIP – Sanitary Sewer Extension, George Junior Republic

Mr. Oakes reported that this would be eight new EDU's for a special needs facility. Mr. Goncz reported that this request is within the Pine Township existing allocated usage.

Dr. Coulter moved to approve the request from Pine Township for a sanitary sewer extension to George Junior Republic for a special needs facility. Mr. Talbert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF 2009 BUDGET

Mr. Oakes reported that the proposed budget has been reviewed, in detail, twice and that he is comfortable with it. Dr. Coulter brought attention to several new projects and purchases that have been needed and are included in the budget. Mrs. Folkertsma noted that it is a very good budget.

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to adopt the 2009 proposed budget. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF SEWAGE FACILITIES REVIEW – New Grove City Middle School

Mr. Oakes reported that the school needs approval for a sewer tap in. Mr. Goncz determined that the proposed request equates to 41 EDU's. The Planning Commission will be considering the actual plans for the new school. There will be a Public Hearing on the Planning Commission level and one hosted by the school district. Tonight, the engineers are looking for confirmation that there are 41 EDU's available for the project.

Dr. Coulter moved to approve the request from Eckles Architecture Engineering for a sanitary sewer extension to the new Grove City Middle School. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISED SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN – Enclave Residential Development, increasing requested EDU's from 26 to 42

Mr. Chapman moved to approve the request from Enclave Residential Development to increase the number of requested EDU's from 26 to 42. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL – Engineering Services 2009, Gannett Fleming, Inc.

Dr. Pisano moved to accept the proposal from Gannett Fleming, Inc. for engineering services for 2009, contingent upon approval by Solicitor Bonner. Mr. Talbert seconded the motion and it carried with one negative vote, cast by Mr. Black.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2008-30 – Disposition of Records

Mrs. Folkertsma moved to approve Resolution 2008-30 for the disposition of certain records by the Police Department. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT – Kimberly Trimpey, Library Board

Mr. Talbert moved to appoint Kimberly Trimpey to the Library Board. Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Oakes reported that:

- A motion was needed to reconfirm the Act 511 Taxes. **Dr. Pisano moved to reconfirm the Act 511 Taxes as follows:**
 - **Local Services Tax - \$47**
 - **Real Estate Transfer Tax – ½%**
 - **Amusement Device Fee - \$50 per year per machine**
 - **Earned Income Tax – 1%****Dr. Coulter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Thanked Council for a productive year and is looking forward to a busy 2009.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Riddle reported:

- Questions concerning the police report may be directed to him or Chief Osborne.
- The Christmas Extravaganza and Parade were held on December 6th, and were successful.
- The police safety meeting was completed December 9, 2008.
- Requested that Council consider the resignation of Officer Chad Nych. **Mr. Black moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Officer Chad Nych, effective December 21, 2008. Mr. Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pokrant reported that a Grievance Committee met regarding a non-uniformed grievance.

Dr. Coulter reported on the Elm Street Program. The program is funded by a grant proposal submitted to DCED. The grants may be \$25,000 per year for 5-10 years, up to \$250,000. Grants require a 10% match, which may come from the private or public sector, and may be in the form of in-kind contributions or cash.

Solicitor Bonner reported that the municipalities involved with the Wastewater Treatment Plant project are adopting guarantee agreements. This will require a motion authorizing advertisement of Council's intent to adopt an ordinance permitting the signing of those agreements. **Mrs. Folkertsma moved to advertise Council's intent to adopt an ordinance authorizing the Borough to enter into guarantee agreements with the municipalities involved in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Dr. Pisano seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Mr. Talbert reminded members that Mr. Hart did not seek re-appointment to the Planning Commission. He requested that recommendations for appointment be provided.

Ernie May thanked Council for the downtown revitalization project.

NEWS MEDIA

Council offered clarification for members of the news media that were present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Paris L. Weiland
Borough Secretary