

**GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL  
N CENTER STREET  
PO BOX 305  
GRATZ, PA. 17030**

**August 10, 2022**

The Regular Meeting was held in the Gratz Boro Meeting Room at 7:00P.M. with the following persons attending: Lynn Schadle, William Reed, Mayor David Norris, Angela Sitlinger and

President Kylie Bender was absent

Glance Associates: Pete Fleszar

Solicitor: Sean Logsdon, Esq

Citizens: Lori Williard, Troy Schadel, Gerald Wolfgang, Kenneth Dunn and Robin Dunn, Jason Morgan, Tim Daniels, Tim Leshner, Liz and Kyle Groff and Chris Kauffman

This meeting is being recorded

Pledge to the Flag

On a motion made by Lynn Schadle and second by William Reed the minutes were approved as read after correction of typos. Motion Carried

**Report of Engineer:** Pete reported that as far as he knows he does not have anything, Pete just reviewed that the Multimodal Mobility Corridor Project Pa DCED Grant Application was submitted and cross our fingers that will be approved. Lynn said that he has been becoming good friends with person writing us up. Lynn said her conversation was very pleasant and she said that we have a 50/50 shot because it is competitive. She told Lynn if we don't get it to apply next year for an application and she sent Lynn the information with highlighted information for Lynn to look at. Lynn said we did get an email from Mark Whitaker (see attached email). The email information will be put on our Website and Post Office.

Fred asks about the pipes that are underneath the road. Fred wanted to know if this is going to cause any problems down the road. Lynn said that most of pipes they are talking about run parallel and Pete said they can be highlighted. Lynn said there are two pipes that need to be checked.

**Citizens to be Heard:** Chris Kauffman plans were to be reviewed. Pete said everything was approved regarding sewer water and stormwater information. Lynn asks if the access was going to be from Spruce Street and over. After review of the plans a motion was made by Fred Willard and second by William Reed to approve the proposed plans for Chris Kauffman Motion Carried.

Tim Daniels and Gerry Wolfgang were there regarding the Fire Company Siren. Gerry said they got the Siren checked and it has to do with the Siren itself. Gerry said they had ask if the Gratz Borough would replace the Siren and Gerry had one quote so far from Sentry siren in the amount

of \$18,836.23. (See Attached quote) After further discussion the Fire Company would like to have two quotes and to do more research.

Tim said the Car Show was a success and wanted to Thank everyone who helped.

Robin Dunn wanted to know if there is a way, she could see ordinances that relate to upkeep of properties. Council told her The Ordinance information is on the Web Site. Ken Dunn wanted to know if the Burn and Water restriction is still on. After further discussion the Gratz Borough Council lifted the Burn and Water restriction.

Chris Kauffman wanted to know what direction he should go for permits. Lynn explained to him to go on the Gratzboro.com web site and look under documents and print out UCC permit and the Zoning Permit, fill out and get to Cindy and she will scan and sent to Ed Wenger.

Troy Schadel had a question regarding the Cell Tower. Attorney Sean Logsdon explained to Troy that we are selling the Cell Tower not the Land that the Cell Tower is on. Troy also asked about the one lump sum. Lynn explained to Troy the amount of monies we are getting monthly \$23,000.00 monthly and the amount they are offering \$602,000.00, it will take quite a few years the way Technology is growing the Cell Tower will soon be going to Satellite, so it is good that we are going toward this transaction.

**Community Center:** No Report

**Code Enforcer and Zoning/Bldg Permits:** Ed sent Council his report to review

**Sewer Authority:** Lynn reported that between the Sewer and Water and Borough it would be to our advantage to purchase a Bush Hog. Tim explained places that this could be used. Lynn said it would cost around \$5,000.00 and between the Sewer, Water and Borough. Lynn said we have good employees and thought it would be a good idea to purchase this equipment. After further discussion Lynn told Tim to do some research and come back with a price.

**Planning Commission:** No Report

**Report of Waterworks and Pumping Station Attendant:** No Report

**Report of the Tax Collector:** No Report

**Mayor's Report:** No Report

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Recreation:** Mommy and Me program is doing great, and the park looks great.

**Cogs:** Cindy reported she had gotten a resolution from Cogs stating they had wanted to change the number required annual COG meetings from six to four. Cogs is looking to have four meeting in January, March, June and October and they need to have a resolution to change the

number required at a meeting. On a motion made by Lynn Schadle and seconded by Angela Sitlinger to approve the Resolution for cogs Motion Carried.

**Highway:** William Reed said they are holding off for any major work for this year, look at the roads in the Spring.

**Information Committee:** No Report

**Ag Security:** No Report

**Budget and Finance Committee:** No Report

**Insurance:** No Report

**Solicitor's Report:** Shawn reported that he had two intent Resolutions regarding the Cell Tower. Sean reviewed them with council  
Resolution No 8102022A is A Resolution of the Borough of Gratz approving the assignment of the ground lease and telecommunications easement for the property located at 129 N Center Street originally between Gratz Borough and Cellco Partnership, D/B/A Verizon Wireless to Wireless Propco LLC \$592,000.00  
Resolution No 8102022B amount of \$10,500.00 (see attached resolutions)  
On a motion made by Lynn Schadle and second by Fred Willard to approve the intent Resolutions. Motion Carried.  
Once the formal agreement is signed by both parties a check will then be released.  
Lynn ask Sean if he feels we are doing the right thing and Sean thinks the Council is doing the right thing because the way of the world changing to Satellite driven.

Sean reviewed the Webb Property situation; they have filed a Judgement on the property and are in the process of putting a package together to have Sheriff Sale and Sean said it is also up for Tax Sale. The property is up for upset sale on September 14<sup>th</sup> and Sean thinks we should hold off on our sale and see if it happens on September 14<sup>th</sup>. If they pay would go ahead and Sale, it in January. Lynn had a question regarding the bring down of the title, we are not the only lien holder against them so if it goes to Tax Sale there as to be enough of a bid for the taxes and us as a Municipality, Lynn wanted to know what happens if we do not get enough at sale to pay taxes and all the liens, Sean said it would go to Judicial Sale, County does this once a year. Sean will keep us up to date

Sean reported there was an appeal filed for the G Morris Solar, this was filed the 29<sup>th</sup> July. Sean said he will email a copy to everyone. There is a hearing on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00AM regarding the Solar appeal. Sean feels the court will consolidate the two appeals. Sean will keep us updated. Lynn ask what presentation to we need for this. Sean said he would need 1 Council member.

Sean wanted to let Council know about a change in the law, there is a change in the Vehicle Code that is coming into place on September 20<sup>th</sup> and being signed into law. Vehicles that don't belong on the streets such as ATV, 4 Wheelers, side by sides etc. Sean reviewed the new law to

Council. Lynn ask about golf carts. Sean will check about golf carts and if they have slow moving sign on the golf cart.

Council went into Executive Session

**Other Business:** Bill had a invoice in the amount of \$130.06 for the Councils email accounts

Lynn said about the contract for the Recycle Clothes etc that was discussed a month ago and we then ask for a contract. Sean had reviewed the contract and was agreeable. On a motion made by Fred Willard and seconded by Lynn Schadle to sign the contract for the recycling. Motion carried. (See Attached Agreement)

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasury Report was read on a motion made by William Reed and second by Angela Sitlinger to pay the bills.

**Expenses to be Approved:** The Expenses for the month were read. On a motion made by Lynn Schadle and second by Fred Willard to pay the bills. Motion Carried

**Adjournment:** No further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. on a motion made by Angela Sitlinger and second by Fred Willard Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy L Shade  
Borough Secretary

These notes are intended as an overview of the meetings discussions and not intended as an exact word account of what was said. So, if there are any comments or concerns or objections to what is written within this report. Please forward those comments and we will gladly make any adjustments after the approval of the Gratz Borough Council Meeting.