

**GRATZ BOROUGH MEETING
REORGANIZATIONAL
JANUARY 5, 2026**

The Reorganization Meeting was held in the Gratz Borough Meeting Room at 7:00P.M. with the following people

Attending: Mayor Lynn Schadle, Coy Rickert, William Reed, Lori Williard, Jem Jeffries
Solicitor Attorney Sean Logsdon, Esq
JHA: Pete Fleszar

Citizens: Bruce Wolfe, Nathan Steinbach, Troy Schadle, Laci Engle Kahler, Rusty Hubler, Tracey Bixler, Brianna Rickert, Tim Lehser

Mayor Lynn Schadle called the meeting to order

Pledge to the Flag

Mayor Lynn Schadle swears in the elected Council Members William Reed, Coy Rickert and Lori Williard. At that time Mayor Schadle ask for nominations for President.

Nominations for President: Jem Jeffries nominated William Reed
No other nominations, William Reed, President Motion Carried

Nomination for Vice President: Lori Williard nominated Jem Jeffries
No other nominations, Jem Jeffries Vice President Motion Carried

Nomination for Pro-temp: Lori Williard Motion Carried

Mayor Lynn Schadle then turned the meeting over to President William Reed

Appointment of the Vacant Seat on Council. President William Reed gave ballots to Council with the following name on the Ballot. Nathan Steinbach, Laci Engle Kahler and Christina Rodichok. The Ballots were given to Attorney Logsdon and Tim Leshner to count. The Count was a tie and Attorney Sean said the mayor would break the tie or do another vote. Another vote was held and there was no change in the vote. Mayor Schadle then broke the tie, and Nathan Steinbach filled the vacant Council seat. Mayor Schadle then gave Nathan the Oath.

Mayor Lynn Schadle wanted the citizens to know that Nathan Steinbach is not blood relative. Nathan is very active in the Church and the Historical Society and helps with setting up events.

The following appointments were made:

Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Shade

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Tracey Bixler

Solicitor: Donald G Karpowich Attorney at Law Motion Carried

Code enforcer and Zoning/Bldg. Permits: Lehigh Engineering Motion Carried

Engineer: JHA Pete Fleszar Motion Carried.

Auditor: L Samuel Deegan Corp Motion Carried

Community Center: Cindy Shade

Gratz Borough Building Authority: Cindy Shade Secretary/Treasurer
Jem Jeffries
Laci Engle Kahler

Planning Commission: Jason Klinger, Drake Lenker, Bryan Bender

Committees:

Recreation	Kylie Bender, Jem Jeffries
Cogs	Nathan Steinbach
Ag Security	Coy Rickert
Finance Committee	William Reed, Lori Williard
Insurance	Cindy Shade, Lori Williard
Highway	William Reed, Tim Leshner
Zoning:	Bruce Koppenhaver, Gerald Wolfgang

New Business:

1. Policy on Public Comment & Participation President William Reed reviewed the Policy and Resolution 010526A and on a motion made by Jem Jeffries and second by Lori Williard to approve the policy and the Resolution. Motion Carried
2. Agreement to Elect the Dauphin County Treasurer to collect the Real Estate taxes. Reviewed the agreement and on a motion made by Coy Rickert and second by Jem Jeffries to approve the agreement. Motion Carried. Cindy will send it to Dauphin County Treasurer.

3. Pete Fleszar JHA Pete talked about Land Development from MI that was not recorded. Pete will reach out to Mi to resend the Plan to get signed and recorded. Attorney Longsdon will reach out to Mi also.
4. Core Program President William Reed reviewed the CORE Program. Tim Leshner and Rusty Hubler will deal with minor issues of Boro through this program. Ed Wengert will still be involved and give the correct paperwork to Tim and Rusty. (see attached Program) On a motion made by Jem Jeffries and second by Lori Williard to approve the CORE Program and Resolution 010526. Motion Carried.
5. Budget Council had the Budget to review. On a motion made by Lori Williard and second by Coy Rickert to approve the Budget for 2026. Cindy will advertise the Budget.

Tim Leshner mentions putting railing on the porch at the Community Center coming out of the Door. People come out the door and go straight into the parking lot and Tim feels there could be an accident. Putting a railing up will detour them to the middle of the porch, which you would be able to see better. On a motion made by Coy Rickert and second by Lori Williard to have Tim put a railing up. Motion Carried.

No further business

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M. on a motion made by Jem Jeffries and second by Coy Rickert. Motion Carried.

Respectively Submitted:

Cindy L Shade
Borough Secretary