

**GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL
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July 13, 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, President Kylie Bender

Angela Sitlinger and Fred Willard were absent

Glance Associates: Pete Fleszar

Solicitor: Sean Logsdon, Esq

Citizens: Brian Novinger, Lori Williard, Troy Schadel, Gerald Wolfgang, Kenneth Dunn and Robin Dunn, John Hartman, Carol Engle

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Pledge to the Flag

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

Report of Engineer: Pete reported that Lynn, William and Pete were working on the Market Street Multimodal Mobility Corridor application, and we have the dollar amount, and we are down to a formal resolution. Lynn reported that the deadline is coming the end of the week and we need to adopt the resolution that is attached. Also, an approval of the \$100.00 fee for the application. On a motion made by Lynn Schadle and second by William Reed to adopt the resolution. Motion Carried. On a motion made by William Reed and second by Lynn Schadle to approve the \$100.00 fee for the application. Motion Carried.

Pete reported they have another pending grant for the water and a letter will be needed from the Boro, Tim will get with Kylie to get a letter ready.

Kylie reported that Daniel Rodichok is looking for a resolution to continue with his project. Sean gave Cindy a copy of the resolution to put the raise seal on and Kylie will make sure that Daniel receives it.

Citizens to be Heard: Gerald Wolfgang on behalf of the Gratz Fire Company letting the Council know that the alarm is not working, and the guys went up on the Roof to check it out and the brushes that are on the alarm are wearing down. Gerald is asking the Borough Council if this is something that we need to have. Tim Leshner is working with 3T trouble shooting to see what is causing the issue with the brushes. The Gratz Fire Company may have to replace it and it could cost up to \$20,000.00. Lynn said this is the Civil Defense Siren and we should have it. Lynn asks how long would it take to get the figures together either to repair or replace and Gerald said that once 3T see what exactly is wrong with the siren we can go from there. It could be as simple as

wiring. Fire wise the firefighter have pagers and radios. Lynn said we have our second amount of Covid monies coming we could help with the fees. Gerald said about setting up Brian Novinger with a pager so he would be aware to help with any issues.

Kylie asks Council what they thought of a burn band since it is so dry. Tim Leshner feels that we should sent out an alert for a burn band and putting up signs at the Post Office.

Ken Dunn told Council that he walks every morning and he reported that he almost got bit by a dog in the alley. Ken also said that kids go up and down the alley and he would hate to see them get bit by this dog. Lynn said if Ken would fill out a Complaint form and we will let our Zoning Officer send them a letter. Kylie and Lynn said we should put something on our Webb Site and at the Post Office.

Community Center: Kylie talked to Willy about looking at the Bathrooms and maybe during the winter months to paint or remodel. Cindy said someone had contacted her regarding putting up clothing bins, shoes, curtains etc. all recycle, and they would clean up and come and empty the bin. Lynn said they represented very well, and they tie in with Dauphin County. Cindy will contact them and ask for a contract for Council to review.

Kylie had been trying to reach Drumheller regarding the mini splits have not heard back yet.

Code Enforcer and Zoning/Bldg Permits: No Report

Sewer Authority: Brian reported he sent Bill Reed an email to set up Tim Daniel and Bob Miller emails for them. Brian also reported that there are 5 water hydrants that are going to be replaced and then they will be flushed. Brian told Council that Tim is doing great getting water meters replaced and finding leaks. Gerald Wolfgang commented the Water Company with their help with the Fire, they had plenty of water.

Brian reported there were several people past due some were almost a year, so they sent them a letter to put them on a payment plan and to have them sign and return. Some people signed and returned and there were 7 people that were turned off.

Planning Commission: No Report

Report of Waterworks and Pumping Station Attendant: No Report

Report of the Tax Collector: No Report

Mayor's Report: Mayor David said he did receive a complaint about a property up town and it was passed on to Ed and he will take care of it. David had a compliment about the park, the person is very happy with the programs that are going on and it is good to see the kids back there. Willy is doing an excellent job. Kylie said that people are coming from other towns and posting it on Facebook how nice it looks back there. Kylie asks if anyone knew who the Amish was you was running the bases with their buggy.

David wanted to comment that the Gratz Fire Company did an excellent job with regards to the Fire. Gerald said thanks to all the Fire Companies that came to help.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Recreation: Kylie reported that Jolly Jim approached Kylie with an idea of having a Holiday Parade, Kylie said no one else has a parade, and she brought it to Tim to see if the Fire Company would be on board with it. Kylie suggested replace the tree lighting to a Holiday Parade and have Santa at the Fairground where the Parade will end. Kylie wanted to know if it would be ok, she did get the approval from MI to start the Parade there and have approval from the Fair board to end at the Fairgrounds. Kylie needs to apply for a permit. Kylie said this will not replace the Santa Truck. The date will be November 26, 2022.
Kylie ordered the ornaments that will be sold.

Cogs: No Report

Highway: William reported that Tim and Willy have been patching. Lynn asks how the new patch was working. Tim said good they are out of that patch. Willy is working on the signs. Tim reported that the sign by MI is changed. Tim said there is a sign missing and wanted to know if that was the Borough or the States responsibility. Troy thought the signs in the Boro is the Boro responsibility. Tim said Willy is doing an inventory on to what he needs Bill said that they are on hold for the major projects for the road.

Information Committee: No Report

Ag Security: No Report

Budget and Finance Committee: No Report

Insurance: No Report

Solicitor's Report: Sean had a couple of things to review with Council. Sean reviews the G. Morris Solar decision (see Attachment) Sean reviewed the Cell Tower and this should be done by the August Meeting. Sean reviewed the Webb Property; Sean spoke to Ed, and they will be working on that and will have something for next meeting. Sean will keep the Boro posted. Lynn said the Webb property is bad and we will need to thrash hold the grass, Lynn is getting complaints.

Troy had a question regarding the cell tower, if the Borough was selling the Land. Council said the Gratz Borough Council is selling the lease to the Cell Tower not the Land.

Other Business: Cindy had received a call from the Upper Dauphin School District to have an agreement signed by the Gratz Borough. This agreement is between the Borough of Gratz, the Upper Dauphin School District, Janis Creason, elected treasurer of Dauphin County and Dauphin County to collect for Real Estate and Per Capita for Gratz Borough (see attached agreement) On a motion made by Lynn Schadle and seconded by William Reed to approve the agreement, the term will be until January of 2026. Motion Carried.

Lynn asks if we got anywhere with the sign company. Brian said he called Shade up in Valley View and he got information from Todd Peifer, Brian will have more information coming

Treasurer's Report: The Treasury Report was read on a motion made by William Reed and second by Lynn Schadle 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 William Reed to pay the bills. Motion Carried

Adjournment: No further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M. on a motion made by Lynn Schadle and second by William Reed 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.