GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL
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June 10, 2026

The Regular Meeting was held in the Gratz Boro Meeting Room at 7:00 P.M. with the following, persons attending: President William Reed, Mayor Lynn Schadle, Lori Williard, Jem Jeffries, Nathan Steinbach Coy Rickert Absent
JHA: Absent
Solicitor: Zoom Sean Logsdon ESQ
Lehigh Engineering: Absent

Citizens: Brian Novinger, Tim Lesher, Ayden Welsh, Lacie Kahler, Tyler Kahler, Troy Schadel, and James Hepler

This meeting is being recorded.

Pledge to the Flag

Minutes: Lynn ask Attorney Sean regarding the G Morris Solar if it was gotten by the 18th of May and Sean said yes. Lynn ask Sean if he wrote a letter regarding Miss Hoffman, Sean got some more info and Sean will get a letter ready. Brian Novinger suggested putting something in with the water bills. On a motion made by Jem Jeffries and second by Lori Williard to approve the minutes as read. Motion Carried.

Report on Engineer: No Report

C**itizens to be Heard:** James Hepler wanted to talk about Beautification one and Beautification 2. With the 250 Birthday coming up. James said that parts of our community are beautiful and other parts of our community are not. James would like the Council to consider looking at the ordinances and follow through to look into the areas that need to be cleaned up. James is concerned with the Junk as well as the Junk cars that are on some of the properties. This is beautification one.
Beautification two James would like to see a big star put on the water tower at Christmas time. Also to have something put on the poles for Christmas. James said he would be willing do the fundraising, if this is something that Council feels this would be a positive thing the community would like.
James would like to see Council to enforce the codes to the people that need to be cleaned up. Lynn Schadle told James that we have a beautiful Christmas Banners to raise money for and Lynn will give James the catalog.
Bill Reed explained to James that we just kicked off the CORE Program (Community Ordinance Regulation Enforcement) to let Tim and Rusty go around and do door hanger, letting the residents know what needs to be done or cleaned up. If they do not clean up in a certain amount of time, we then call the code enforcer.
Tim said he hung 12 Tags on the doors.

Code Enforcer and Zoning/Bldg. Permits: Report given to Council Bill ask if we should do an amendment regarding to a hearing if they are doing something on the same adjoining property. Bill ask about the issue at the old Miller residence regarding the height of the bushes. Bill said there is an ordinance regarding the height of the bushes.

Sewer Authority: Brian reported that they changed Propane from Koppy's to Bolig's. Cindy will look into putting into the Community Center and Boro's office. On a motion made by Bill Reed and second by Lori Williard to call Bolig's to have them service the Community Center and Boro Office. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission: Meeting on Monday the 15th. Sean said there is the revised land development plan from G Morris Solar. Mi windows will need to be address. Saldo will be on the agenda.

Gratz Boro Building Authority: No Report

Mayor Report: Lynn reported back on some of the grants that we have. The grant from 2024 we started getting our reimbursements. The $70 thousand we received to do the handicap bathrooms at the Community Center we put out $31,927.57 of our own and we got that reimbursement. Tim is in the process of ordering the stalls for the bathrooms.
2025 Gaming grant $82 thousand is for a new kitchen at the Community Center. Tim said they are delayed in getting those monies to start the kitchen.
Lynn said on the other grant of $800,000.00 for the Market Street Corridor. Boro got an invoice from JHA Companies in the amount of $12,239.73 for the Multimodal Design and Multimodal Surveys, these monies came out of the Bird-N-Hand money market account and when we get reimbursement will go back into the money market account
James Hepler ask Lynn if there are any grant monies for beautification. Lynn said he just got an email with a list of other grants, Lynn will follow up.

Community Center: No report

COMMITTEE REPORT

Recreation: Jem reported Mommy and Me on Wednesday, Bible School is back at the park for a week.

Cogs: Nathan reported that Tuesday the 16th of June will be a Public Hearing at the Upper Dauphin Middle School at 6:30p.m. will review the ordinance Nathan said there is no fees included at this time. Anyone is welcome to the Hearing.

Highway: Bill reported regarding the speed bumps, they did not say no. Tim said there should be signs posted regarding the speed. A suggestion was made to do it 20 miles per hour. Lynn said if anyone wants to see the report that was sent to Tim and Lynn. Lynn will send it to them. We will need to do an ordinance.

Bill said that we need to get in touch with Rick Levan to come and measure South Street by the Bank, Spruce Street and Chestnut Street to get it milled and black topped. Tim will give Rick a call.
Bill said we also need to do some hot batching.

Ag Security: No Report

Budget and Finance Committee: No Report

Insurance: No Report

Solicitors: Report: Sean requested an executive session after the meeting. Sean talked about the 4th of July fireworks, there are regulations for private fireworks. Sean is keeping an eye on the skills games the state should have something coming out soon. Sean said that he thinks the legislation will tax them with high taxes.
Sean talked about the Sunshine Act and said if there were any changes in the agenda needed to be posted 24 hours before the meeting.
Sean talked about if Council wants to further pursue the trespass letter.
Regarding the Cog Ordinance more will be forthcoming after the hearing on the 16th.

Sean talked about the No parking Zone along a portion of South Second Street near Gratz Fire Company No. 1. Location on the north and south sides of West South Street, beginning at the western curbline of South Center Street and extending westward for 114 feet, adjacent to the Gratz Area Fire Company 1. A fine of not more than $50 plus costs or removal and towing of the vehicle at the owner's expense. Tim said they put up signs back at the Fire Company.
On a motion made by Bill Reed and second by Nathan Steinbach to approve the No Parking Ordinance with the amendment given to Sean. Motion Carried.
Sean talked about the signs that show speed. Tim will get the flashing speed limit sign out.
Sean talked about having a meeting to talk about the budget. Also, we should talk about the milage for Real Estate. Bill had given the Council his thoughts on the milage and wanted the council to think about going from .8 to 1.5 right away. At the August meeting, we will meet at 6:00 P.M. to discuss.

Any other Business: James Hepler commented on the fireworks.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasury Report was read, and a motion was made by Nathan Steinbach and second by Lori Williard to pay the bills.

Expenses to be Approved: The Expenses for the month were read. On a motion made by Nathan Steinbach and second by Lori Williard to pay the bills. Motion Carried

Adjournment: No further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M. on a motion made by Jem Jeffries and second by William Reed Motion Carried

Council then went into Executive Session.

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.