

**GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL
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May 11, 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, Fred Willard

President Kylie Bender was absent

Glance Associates: Pete Fleszar

Attorney Sean Logsdon

Chris Hirkle from Birch Associates

Citizens: Brian Novinger, Lori Williard, Jean Rodichok, Tim Lesher, Troy Schadel

This meeting is being recorded

Pledge to the Flag

Correction of minutes, misspelled word creed should be creek

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

Report of Engineer: Pete handed Council information regarding the 2022 Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant Opportunity Market Street Multimodal Mobility Corridor Project. Pete reviewed this information and wanted Council to check the information and give Pete any comments. Pete reported the project has to be under 3 million and the Municipalities do not need matching funds. Pete said he took a bunch of pictures and said that the grass plots can be shorten a little. Angie said she had talked to Christine from the Café, and she understand what is happening and she is open to have something orderly.

Lynn had 2 questions for Pete, in Pete email when we walked thru this Pete had it at 2.1 million, Lynn wanted to know if this was going to do the sidewalks thru town or the 4 blocks that was spoken about. Pete said some of the sidewalks are good and he said 90% of sidewalks from Specktown thru town could be done. Pete didn't go to the North side and Lynn ask why. Pete said it is something they could do.

Lynns other questions putting lighting in different area, Lynn wanted to make sure the lights in the grass plots would be retained. Lynn said if we get this grant would we then work with Pendott. Lynn said he is thinking they would have to grade down and not just pave on top. Pete said the other concept of doing this is to cut the speed limit down to 25 to Specktown Road to Country Essa.

Fred asks if Pendott needs to approve the speed limit and Pete said yes. The next stop to this is the Boro Planning Commission

Angie said she has 2 concerns, she said when there is a sign that says No Parking it is very hard to pull out in several streets in town because people still park up to the sign and she does not feel comfortable regarding the 4 ways stop because she feels they will start to go thru the alleys. She is hoping the 25-mile speed limit would at least slow people down. Lynn said on page 3 the way that is that could stop people from going out around the other vehicle, and he feels it could give better vision and Lynn said he really does not want stop signs there because of living right in front of the road and the tractor trailer being loud right in front of residence, because of stopping at the stop signs.

Council told Pete that he did a very nice job After further discussion Angie said that Council can look over and if they have any questions, suggestions or concerns email to Pete by May 20th.

Pete said the other grant for the water, hopefully by next Council meeting will have something on that.

Tim Leshner asked about the MI Speed limit to reduce the speed limit how far is that suppose to go. Pete said he would have to look it up. Troy Schadel said that it is 600 feet from where it was. It was approved for 600 feet, and we should stick to 600 feet.

Chris Hinkle from Glace Associates handed out information regarding the Jean L Rodichok property on S Center Street, Chris said there is a 90-acre parcel, and the Rodichoks would like to construct a second family residence and they are not going thru sub dividing. Angie asks Attorney Sean if he is familiar with this project and Sean said yes. Chris is looking for approval pending on the Sewer Module, Lynn asks about the sewer system and Chris said they are putting a new sewage system in. Angie left Chris know that Mike Brown is our Sewage enforcement officer. Angie read the letter from the Planning Commission, which was approved.

On a motion made by Lynn Schadle and seconded by William Reed to approve the Land Development for the Rodichok's Motion Carried.

A Resolution was adopted for this, Resolution number 05112022 and the motion was made by Fred Willard and seconded by William Reed to adopt this Resolution.

Citizens to be Heard: No Citizens to be heard

Community Center: Cindy said that Chad had always taken care of opening if there is someone using the center. Who is going to do with opening and closing? Cindy said she could help when she can. Tim and other will help also.

Code Enforcer and Zoning/Bldg Permits: Lynn reviewed the report from Ed that was given out by Cindy. Lynn said we are proceeding with the Webb situation. Lynn included the email from Donald Karpowich regarding the Webb Property. Lynn said what that means is not a foreclosure it basically forces a sell and if they want to retain their property, they will have to pay our lien of \$12,0000 not sure the exact amount or it will default to us. Ed Wenger emailed and said he revisited 307 W Main Street (Laudenslager) to follow up on their progress in resolving the Zoning Enforcement Notice that was issued November 18, 2021. To refresh your memories, after Ms Laudenslager received the Notice, Ed was contacted by her Attorney Andrew Withers, who asked for a time extension until this April 2022. April has come and went and as of this date

nothing has changed. Ed called the Attorney Withers and put him on notice that the Borough intends to follow through with the Zoning Enforcement Notice in the very near future. Attorney Withers stated that he will be reaching out to his client today and anticipated a response by the close of business today. Lynn made a motion to make one last call made by the Solicitor and if no response have the Solicitor and Zoning Officer draft a civil complaint for failure to comply with the Zoning Enforcement Notice. Fred second the motion. Motion Carried. Attorney Sean Logsdon will keep the Council updated on this issue.

Lynn said he is just putting this out to us, our Zoning Officer is complaint Driven, the Borough has not got any complaints about Larry Shade properties, however while he was down at Laudenslager today, one of the neighbors came out and yelled at him when are you going to take care of the property over there. The property is beginning to look bad. Council had talked about contacting Cory (Larry's son) Lynn said we need to do something about the property across from Shade's. Lynn said the final thing about Webb property the carport now collapsed, and therefore we are pushing this. David said if the Mr Webb pay the amount, they own we still have the problem. The Attorney said if nothing is done, we would start the paperwork all over again.

Tim Leshner asks about a letter sent regarding the mowing and if nothing is done, mow and charge.

Attorney Sean will contact AT&T regarding the lease.

Sewer Authority: Brian gave Angie a grant request to sign requesting payment for supplies purchased. Supplies were purchased in accordance with the Dauphin County Local Share Grant Agreement #2019-31 in the amount of \$3,634.43. There will be a remaining Grant balance of \$4,250.28 after payment is made. See attached letter

On a motion made by Lynn Schadle and second by Angela Sitlinger to pay the grant amount of \$3,634.43. Motion Carried.

Fred had a question about what is going on over at Ruby Leitzel place is that private or is something else going on. Brian said it was private.

Brian had reported that Tim is fining good leaks and Brian wanted to go on record that the Sewer and Water Authority are responsible for the main of water and the main of sewer to the curve stop and the homeowners is responsible for the curve stop to their home. The Homeowner is responsible to get a contractor to fix the issue, but the Water and Sewer Company would help.

Planning Commission: Fred Willard reported that last month they approved Rodichok plan.

Report of Waterworks and Pumping Station Attendant: No Report

Report of the Tax Collector: No Report

Mayor's Report: David reported that on April 28th he met with Beverly Hutzell with the Pa Department of Community and Economic Development, she touched on information on grants, and she would be our contact if we would have any questions or concerns. David did reach out to Tulpehocken regarding the Department of Transportation he did not answer. David has an email address. David Contacted PP&L for the 3rd time.

David said the only other thing is the chickens in town we have enough of an issue at Pine Creek Café we don't need to dodge chickens. Lynn will reach out to Ed and, he will reach out to the owner.

David mention back at the park at the Tennis Courts has a different sign on it, plus a handicap sign was laying there. Angie said there were two spots back there so the signs should be fixed.

Fred Willard said specking about the lady with the chickens, that car with the flat tire is that person around. The car is the owner of the chickens. Lynn will talk to her about that also.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Recreation: Angie reported that Park and Recreation are going to redo the grandstand and they are getting some quotes. Going to try to keep the historical look to it.

Lynn wanted to say the church will be having a 200 Anniversary and they will be sponsoring a Volleyball tournament etc. on July 23rd will be an all day event.

Cogs: No Report

Highway: Starting to patch ask if they used the new patch, Tim said not yet but will

Information Committee: No Report

Ag Security: No Report

Budget and Finance Committee: No Report

Insurance: No Report

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Sean said he got a Right-to know request, so he and Cindy will work together on that.

Other Business: Brian mentioned at their meeting they got a credit card to limit of getting gas cards etc On a motion made by Angela Sitlinger and second by Fred Willard to fill out an application for a credit card for the Borough. Motion Carried.

Tim Leshner asks a question about the old service lines when they would be redoing the curbs. Lynn said that we would coordinate with water and sewer when this happens.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasury Report was read on a motion made by Angela Sitlinger 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 8:20 P.M. on a motion made by Angela Sitlinger 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.