GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL
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May 13, 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, Coy Rickert, Nathan Steinbach
JHA: Absent
Solicitor: Zoom Sean Logsdon ESQ
Lehigh Engineering: Absent

Citizens: David Koppenhaver, Robert Snyder, Terry Snyder, Brian Novinger, Christy Schlegel, Debbie Baker, Chad Phillips, Tim Lesher, Tim Daniels, Rusty Hubler, Ayden Welsh, Tara Miller, Lacie Kahler, Tyler Kahler, Bruce Wolfe, Melissa Davis and Derrick Wright

This meeting is being recorded.

Pledge to the Flag

Minutes: On a motion made by Jem Jeffries and second by Coy Rickert to approve the minutes as read. Motion Carried.

Report on Engineer: Lynn reported at last night's meeting (Sewer Meeting) we should be discussing with Sean about G Morris Solar, there was no paperwork received, will discuss with Sean

C**itizens to be Heard:** David Koppenhaver reported on the Shade Tree Committee, David wanted to thank everyone in the Community who was there for the celebration (Arbor Day), and it was in honor of Clair Koppenhaver who played an important role in the Community. David hung the new banner in the meeting room as well as updated the plaque. Thanks to Borough Council and Parks and Recreation. David reported that the residence may see some green ribbon on some of the trees, this means they will be trimmed up. Some orange ribbon will be on some trees; this means that the trees have died and will be cut down. Last flag that was taken down will be put into the Gratz Historical Society. As of now there will be no more 5-year awards.

Christy Schlegel was at the meeting about the Keith Moyer situation. Christy feels if you would get to know him, he has some disabilities and it is sad that he is being judged. Christy feels we are back at the park for the love of baseball and enjoying the park. Christy feels if you get to know Keith, he is a good person. Christy feels if anyone is being threatened then watch their children. Lacie Kahler feels he is a threat to our children and Sean pulled up a criminal docket on Keith Moyer and Lacie said she will not feel sorry for keeping him away from the park. Chad Phillips and others said that the trooper they had talked to had no record on Keith Moyer. Tyler Kahler said that Keith's own family said that he should not be around children. Chad Phillips wanted to know you was acted on this situation. Tyler said there were multiple people

concerned. After further discussion, Council will talk with Sean. Bill Reed explained to Sean the situation regarding Keith Moyer. When Kylie Bender went to the PSP there was no record of Keith Moyer, but we know that Sean had found a record. Sean explained the Criminal Docket that he found. Council at that time thought it would be appropriate to give Keith no trespass paperwork, since we do not have a police department.
Sean found the criminal docket regarding the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Keith Moyer and read it for Council and the citizens that were there. After further discussion, Sean will find out more regarding Keith Moyer. Cindy will share when she gets the information.

Bruce Wolfe said the last time he was at the Planning Commission meeting they identified several items 6 to 8 items that were lacking regarding G Morris Solar, and the question is how we tie that to some legal requirements. Bruce would request that the Zoning Board review the final submission and see what is missing that should be there. Bruce is at the meeting to let Council know that the Planning Commission said that the Zoning is not their responsibility. Bruce said it comes back to Council to get that done. Bruce is requesting that zoning review G Morris Solar submission. Tyler Kahler, who is on the Planning Commission said it is a waiting game for when G Morris Solar will finalize the Land Development Plan. Lynn said that Sean said we need to deny their approval because they have not gotten back to the engineer the question the engineer had. So, they are going to see if they want an extension and if not, they will be denied. Bruce would like to see the zoning ordinance from 2014. Will discuss with Sean.

Code Enforcer and Zoning/Bldg. Permits: Council has Ed's Report. Zoning Board meeting on May 28th at 6:00 P.M. Two applications; 143 W Market Street. A Zoning Hearing Board application was received requesting a variance to allow for the placement of an accessory structure upon a lot without primary use. and 494 S Center Street A zoning hearing board application was received requesting a variance to allow for the placement of a horse stable within the 200-hundred-foot required setback from a residential property.

Sewer Authority: Brian reported not too much going on. When Lynn brought about the new sidewalks it would be a good idea to replace calvinized pipes that need replaced. Discussing the sewer and water shut off fees to make them the same.
Tim Lesher said in the first three blocks on the south side there are eight service lines that need to be replaced. The Boro would take care from the main to the curve stop, the pipes going into the home and if they wanted to change their pipes the homeowners would be responsible. Lynn said we will have information from the surveyors about where the sidewalks are. Lynn said we received $800 thousand and can start paying the bills that will be coming in for the sidewalks. Lynn said the goal is to have the lines in by the end of spring.

Planning Commission: Planning meeting May 18th

Gratz Boro Building Authority: Tim is ordering the bathroom items that are needed. Grant was approved for next year in the amount of $82 thousand to redo the kitchen. Will need to rewire the kitchen.

Mayor Report: No Report

Community Center: Tim Lesher reported that 3T electric engineers were at the Community Center to upgrade the electrical service. We now have a 400 amp we are looking to upgrade to a 600 amp.

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Recreation: Jem reported Mommy and Me in June on a Wednesday, and they will be serving a hot meal. May 30th Parade and Fireworks.

Cogs: Nathan reported on the resolution and is asking for a representative for the EMS. Bill nominated Nathan Steinbach and Coy Rickert seconded the nomination. Motion Carried. Cogs also ask Nathan for other information on the authorities and the names on the authorities. Nathan said Cindy gave him the information needed.

Highway: No Report

Ag Security: No Report

Budget and Finance Committee: No Report

Insurance: Curtis from Deibler, Straub and Troutman reviewed the insurance with Council went up $1760.00.

Solicitors: Report: Sean reported that a request came in for a no parking ordinance for South 2nd Street back at the Fire Company, the draft is ready do with both sides of the street. Lynn feels that we should do both sides of the street (South 2nd Street). Sean will send the ordinance to be reviewed.
Sean talked about the Council Vacancy Appointment Policy. Sean reviewed the policy. On a motion made by Nathan Steinbach and seconded by Lori Williard the policy was approved. Motion Carried.
Resolution 51326 for the Council Vacancy Appointment Policy was signed and adopted on May 13, 2026.
Sean reported zoning hearing coming up on May 28th. Everything has been advertised.
Sean reviewed the Planning Commission agenda and will be discussing the SALDO and will keep MI Window application for discussion. Regarding G Morris Solar they are sending over an extension request. Sean is asking Council to approve the extension request based upon the date received May 18th if not the application will be denied. We need to act within 90 days to do the extension or deny the application.
On a motion made by Coy Rickert and seconded by Jem Jeffries to except G Morris extension conditioned upon receipt by May 18th, not received by the 18th of May 2026, we will deny the application. Motion Carried.
Sean said we will do the same thing at Planning Commission.
Seana talked about some of the info that G Morris sent and will be discussed with the Planning Commission.
Sean said an email was sent in from a recycling place. If Council wants to look at it.

On a motion made by Bill Reed and seconded by Coy Rickert to have Sean advertise the No Parking Ordinance back at the Fire Company. Motion Carried.

Any other Business: Brian Novinger said we have one citizen that when we put the shut off sign on their property and they said if we go on their property again they will call the police, so Brian is asking as a municipality do we have the right to go on a property to put on a door tag when needed. Sean told Council and Brian that we have the right to go on their property to put a tag on it would be the same as if it was a mail carrier. If it is a representative of our Boro. Bill ask if that would be the same for our CORE Program and Sean said yes, it would.

Cindy brought up the agreement between the Gratz Boro, and the Upper Dauphin School District as collectors of Real Estate Taxes and Per Capita Taxes for the Borough and the District. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2026, to February 28, 2030. On a motion made by Jem Jeffries and seconded by Nathan Steibach to except the agreement. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasury Report was read, and a motion was made by Coy Rickert 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 Coy Rickert and second by Nathan Steinbach to pay the bills. Motion Carried

Adjournment: No further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 P.M. on a motion made by Jem Jeffries and second by Coy Rickert 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.