

**GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA
7:00 P.M.**

November 9, 2022

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING
KYLIE BENDER
 2. PLEDGE
 3. REVIEW THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
MEMBER
 4. REPORT OF ENGINEER
GLACE ASSOCIATES
 5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD
 6. SEWER AUTHORITY/WATER
BRIAN NOVINGER
 7. REPORT OF MAYOR
DAVID NORRIS
 8. COMMUNITY CENTER
KYLIE BENDER
CINDY SHADE
 9. CODE ENFORCER AND ZONING/BLD PERMITS
LEHIGH ENGINEERING LLC
 10. PLANNING COMMISSION
FRED WILLARD
BRIAN BENDER
MISTY KOLVA
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- A. RECREATION
KYLIE BENDER
ANGELA SITLINGER
 - B. COGS
LYNN SCHADLE
 - C. HIGHWAY
KYLIE BENDER
WILLIAM REED
 - D. AG SECURITY
LYNN SCHADLE
 - E. FINANCE COMMITTEE
ANGELA SITLINGER
WILLIAM REED
 - F. INSURANCE
ANGELA SITLINGER
CINDY SHADE
12. SOLICITOR'S REPORT
DONALD G KARPOWICH

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14. TREASURER'S REPORT

CINDY SHADE

15. EXPENSES TO BE APPROVED

CINDY SHADE

16. ADJOURNMENT

SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST:

Borough Council meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00p.m. at the Borough Meeting Room. The Public is always welcomed to attend.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING TAX BILLING OR TAX INFORMATION NEED TO CALL DAUPHIN COUNTY TREASURER.

717-780-6550

**GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL
N CENTER STREET
PO BOX 305
GRATZ, PA. 17030**

October 12, 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,

Fred Willard Absent Angela Sitlinger

Glace Associates: Pete Fleszar

Solicitor: Sean Logsdon, Esq

Citizens: Lori Williard, Troy Schadel, Tim Leshner, Brian Novinger, Dan and Christina Rodichok, Trooper Gary Williard Commander of Lykens Barracks

This meeting is being recorded

Pledge to the Flag

On a motion made by Fred Willard and second by William Reed the minutes were approved as read Motion Carried

Trooper Gary Williard Station Commander of the Lykens Barracks introduced himself. Trooper Gary was attending all the Municipality meetings to review the incidents in the Boro Trooper Gary wanted to let the Boro Council know the calls they received as well as the services they did for the Boro Trooper explained the numbers from January 1st until today October 12th had a total of 99 calls that they responded to. Last year at this time there was a total call of 100 which he explained is very good. Trooper Gary then reviewed a few statistics. Trooper Gary said they had 17 arrests, 5 crashes, 23 traffic violations, and 17 warnings.

Kylie mentioned to the Officer that she lives on Rt 25, and she sees a lot of cars passing and there is a no passing zone, and she is asking if there is any way to get more patrols in the morning.

Kylie then asked the Trooper how they would handle when there are 3 buggies racing on Rt 25 on a Sunday night all night long. Trooper said rules are rules they have insurance, and they would fall under the same umbrella as vehicles. Lynn had talked about the Amish not having seat belts. Trooper Gary said he likes being out with the communities. Trooper Gary said they will be present on Trick or Treat night.

Report of Engineer: Pete brought up that he has been coming here 15 years and when people come with Land Development Plans and the practice as he understood it, they always come to Council and then Council decides whether the plans need to be reviewed. Pete said that in the past month there are other companies reviewing the plans. Pete said there was a denial for a home being built. Pete wanted to know if the Boro wants to maintain the policy that we have. Lynn explained that when someone comes with plans for building a house or farm, or Barn and

they come with a Storm Development plan that has been created by Birch Assoc. and they are presented to us as part of a package. Lynn said we should have the Storm Development plans be reviewed by our engineer, and when they are acceptable what we should be doing is collecting an escrow that would pay for the fees. What happens is we ended up denying someone building permit pretty much the 11th hour because they were in a R1 residential area which does not allow double wide mobile homes. Lynn said the authority went and got items and the double wide mobile home was ordered without a permit.

Going forward we should collect the fees and the Storm Development plan go to Pete to be reviewed. Sean will investigate a written policy for how this will be taken care of.

Lynn just wanted to bring up that the individual that did the application we gave every attempt to help him to fill out the application and Lynn wanted to thank Ed Wenger in going in with the zoning permit he was going to return it because it was incomplete, Ed was the one that caught that this was a mobile home, so rather Ed called the individual and said that he had a problem and this individual was able to stop the production of the home.

Fred asks Pete if his point is to have Pete review everything in going forward especially the storm water development plans.

The Council will issue a policy regarding the steps that applications need to go through.

Pete mentioned there is another Multimodal grant that Lynn will check on, it is due November 14th deadline that we will then copy and paste the application we put in before.

Citizens to be Heard: Dan and Christine Rodichok ask about Building Permits and zoning application. Cindy gave them a copy of both, and Lynn said to call if he needs help filling the applications out. Dan asks about improvement for winter ice skating on the tennis court. Kylie said we will talk she loved his idea.

Community Center: Lynn said for the 20th are the lights on the stage fixed. Tim said the lights that were out are fixed.

Code Enforcer and Zoning/Bldg Permits: No Report

Sewer Authority: Brian told Council that the Swift 911 will be now called Rave. Brian said will get together with whoever wants training regarding the Rave.

Planning Commission: No Report

Report of Waterworks and Pumping Station Attendant: No Report

Report of the Tax Collector: No Report

Mayor's Report: Dave came across information on a School Council person program, Dave didn't know if that would be something that the Council would be interested in. We would have to pass a resolution for High School Students, and they would come to meetings and get credit. Dave thinks it would be a good idea for young people to get involved in Council. Dave didn't know if they would have to be in the Boro, he needs more clarification. Dave said if we want to pursue, he will pull the documents.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Recreation: Kylie had a few things, Treat or treat was reviewed, Kylie said that Bill and Leslie Hepler and Kylie met about the monument for Jack Hepler, and they are looking at different ideas and would need Lynn's help with names of other baseball players. As soon as they get the quote Kylie will let everyone know. This was Larry Shade project.

Kylie said the Grandstand needs work with the steps and it is a safety issue at this point, there are rotten boards Gerry Stauffer quote on the cost of the steps would be around \$2400.00 but in saying that once he rips it out, he does not know what else he is going to find. Kylie did ask if he could use rough cut wood and said he does not suggest that because of it rotting again. Lynn said you could get rough cut treated lumber. Tim asks if it needs to be roped off. Kylie asks if this could be done right away. Kylie said the Teener out field is all shale, and she did get a quote to have it fixed up by a gentleman who did it over at Lykens Tigers in Lykens, the cost would be \$4700.00. Lynn said he agrees with Kylie but what about the car shows that are back there. Kylie said she did ask about that and he said if you maintain it every year it should be good. Lynn said to find out about a maintenance plan Fred feels the Grandstand and the Teener Field should be priority. Kylie said that the Parks and Recreation are focusing on that area this year, putting in benches and good garbage cans.

Kylie reported that she is working on the Holiday Parade with Tim. Santa truck is still happening the VFW is buying the popcorn balls again. On March 18th, Kylie is having a Comedian, this is not a fundraiser, this is just for entertainment. One question Kylie had could we have it BYOB so Kylie asks Curtis what it would cost for one time insurance on BYOB and Curtis said it would cost \$300.00. Park will pay for everything. Fred said better safe than sorry regarding the insurance. Sean will look at the agreement for renting the Community center and maybe change the agreement. Sean will look at our agreement and amend that.

Cogs: No Report

Highway: No Report

Information Committee: No Report

Ag Security: No Report

Budget and Finance Committee: No Report

Insurance: No Report

Solicitor's Report: Sean reported that after the meeting he would like to go into Executive Session.

Sean reported that the Act 57 of 2022, he needs approval to advertise, See Attached Ordinance. On a motion made by Lynn and seconded by Bill to approve the advertisement of this Ordinance. Motion Carried.

Sean reported that the Prohibiting the Harboring of an animal nuisance exceptions penalties, See Attached Ordinance On a motion made by Lynn and second by Fred Willard Motion Carried. Sean reported regarding the Webb Property the Leffler did purchase it and there should be a payout of the monies that are owned to the Boro.

Sean said he was hoping he would have the final agreement for the Cell Tower, once Sean gets them, he will send them to us to look at. They have not been altered everything is done as we requested. Once we sign, they would send us a copy along with check within 10 days.

Sean said he was talking to Ed and he wanted Sean to talk about a few things with Council. Sean asks Council if there is any interest in adopting the International Maintenance Code. Lynn said not the one the state has put out. Lynn would like to see something that is not so intense. Kylie feels if we are not going to enforce it why have it. Sean said that most Municipalities that he works with do some form of the International Maintenance Code, he said you do not need to adopt the whole code. Council thinks we should investigate it.

Fred said that he needs to say something to clear his conscience sitting and listening about somebody not having paint on their house but want about the junk yard that is sitting in the middle of town, talking about not enforcing anything. Fred does not understand. The Hepler property has more cars than anyone. Fred does not have any issues with the family but of all the issues that we talk about those issues never gets resolved. Kylie said he had talked to Marshall Hepler and he is trying to find someone to take the barn down.

Daniel Rodichok asks about the house that Larry Shade owns beside Shade's store he wanted to know what is going on with that. Kylie told him that is in legal suit. Lynn said that this property is owned by 3 different people and the Bank has part of it. Council told Daniel that it being torn down.

Sean brought up about a Zoning Amendment regarding horses in a residential garage. This is not permitted has of this date Could change to read if there are any special exceptions. Council don't feel this is a good idea.

Other Business: No other business.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasury Report was read on a motion made by William Reed and second by Fred Willard 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 8:40 P.M. on a motion made by William Reed and second by Fred Willard 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.

GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL

11/3/2022 12:00 PM

Register: THE GRATZ NATIONAL BANK

From 10/01/2022 through 10/31/2022

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
10/04/2022			AT&T	Deposit		X	440.56	284,647.92
10/04/2022			PUBLIC REALTY TA...	Purta Dist 2021		X	124.72	284,772.64
10/04/2022	11547	GNB	TRANSFERS	To Community...	39,690.05	X		245,082.59
10/04/2022	11548	GRATZ FIRE CO R...	FIRE PROT, W/C INS	GRATZ FIRE ...	4,188.83			240,893.76
10/05/2022			EARNED INCOME T...	Deposit		X	894.21	241,787.97
10/10/2022			EARNED INCOME T...	Deposit		X	700.00	242,487.97
10/11/2022			PER CAPITA TAXES	Deposit		X	15.00	242,502.97
10/11/2022			VERIZON	American Tower		X	427.69	242,930.66
10/12/2022	11549	SWIF	INSURANCE PREMI...	06009573	732.00	X		242,198.66
10/12/2022	11550	PP&L	STREET LIGHTING		209.22	X		241,989.44
10/12/2022	11551	PP&L	STREET LIGHTING		741.27	X		241,248.17
10/12/2022	11552	PPL	MUNICIPAL BLDG (...)		24.28	X		241,223.89
10/12/2022	11553	PPL	MUNICIPAL BLDG (...)		107.06	X		241,116.83
10/12/2022	11554	SK LUMBER & BUI...	HIGHWAY MAINT (...)	Inv 22-4352	66.00	X		241,050.83
10/12/2022	11555	Donald G Karpowich...	SOLICITOR	STMT 85829	1,084.01	X		239,966.82
10/12/2022	11556	GLACE ASSOCIAT...	ENGINEER - SEO	Inv 52769712 ...	450.00	X		239,516.82
10/12/2022	11557	GRATZ BORO WA...	WATER ACCOUNT	3300 & 3025	144.00	X		239,372.82
10/12/2022	11558	SK LUMBER & BUI...	HIGHWAY MAINT (...)	Inv 22-4359	15.00	X		239,357.82
10/12/2022	11559	Wirts Auto Repair	HIGHWAY MAINT (...)	Inv 39437	57.88	X		239,299.94
10/12/2022	11560	Lehigh Engineering ...	SOLICITOR	Inv 2022-000849	1,482.00	X		237,817.94
10/12/2022	11561	Lehigh Engineering ...	SOLICITOR	Inv 2022-000850	39.00	X		237,778.94
10/12/2022	11562	GRATZ SEWAGE A...	Sewer Authority	SEWER	63.00	X		237,715.94
10/12/2022	11563	Tim Leshner	HIGHWAY MAINT (...)	13 hr \$23.50	269.51			237,446.43
10/12/2022	11564	William Girard	HIGHWAY MAINT (...)	Boro Labor	567.88	X		236,878.55
10/12/2022	11565	Lori Bender	MUNICIPAL BLDG (...)	Cleaning & Su...	394.00	X		236,484.55
10/12/2022	11566	GRATZ FIRE CO # 1	TRANSFERS	2022 Donation	6,000.00	X		230,484.55
10/12/2022	11567	GRATZ SEWAGE A...	Sewer Authority	1/2 Swift 911 c...	625.00	X		229,859.55
10/12/2022	11568	William Reed	GENERAL EXPENES...	Google	139.92	X		229,719.63
10/13/2022			PER CAPITA TAXES	Del Taxes		X	143.00	229,862.63
10/14/2022			PER CAPITA TAXES	Deposit		X	140.19	230,002.82
10/17/2022			EARNED INCOME T...	Deposit		X	900.00	230,902.82
10/17/2022			-split-	Deposit		X	56.45	230,959.27
10/21/2022			VERIZON	American Tower		X	1,557.97	232,517.24
10/24/2022			OCCUPATIONAL PR...	LST		X	20.00	232,537.24
10/24/2022			BLDG PERMITS &T...	Dwight Davis ...		X	60.00	232,597.24
10/24/2022			BLDG PERMITS &T...	Christian P Ka...		X	100.00	232,697.24
10/24/2022			OCCUPATIONAL PR...	LST		X	99.56	232,796.80
10/24/2022			OCCUPATIONAL PR...	LST		X	71.82	232,868.62
10/24/2022			OCCUPATIONAL PR...	LST		X	64.22	232,932.84
10/24/2022			OCCUPATIONAL PR...	LST		X	5,277.58	238,210.42

GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL

11/3/2022 12:00 PM

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From 10/01/2022 through 10/31/2022

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Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
10/24/2022			PER CAPITA TAXES	Deposit		X	15.00	238,225.42
10/24/2022			EARNED INCOME T...	Deposit		X	1,700.00	239,925.42
10/24/2022	11569	PSMA	ORGANIZATION DU...	PA STATE M...	70.00			239,855.42
10/24/2022	11570	SHELL	HIGHWAY MAINT (...	Gas Cards	300.00	X		239,555.42
10/24/2022	11571	United State Treasury	US Treasury	3rd quarter tax...	802.27	X		238,753.15
10/24/2022	11572	PSAB U/C PLAN	UNEMPLOYMENT F...	3rd quarter tax...	111.63			238,641.52
10/24/2022	11573	Custer, Faust & Asso...	GENERAL EXPENES...	3rd quaerter ta...	140.00	X		238,501.52
10/26/2022			MISCELLANEOUS (S...	Brian K Webb ...		X	12,851.40	251,352.92
10/28/2022			OCCUPATIONAL PR...	LST		X	5.39	251,358.31
10/28/2022			REAL ESTATE TRAN...	Deposit		X	1,077.51	252,435.82
10/31/2022			PER CAPITA TAXES	Deposit		X	20.00	252,455.82
10/31/2022			INTEREST ON INVE...	Deposit		X	21.28	252,477.10
10/31/2022			KEYSTONE COLLEC...	3rd quarter tax...	39.18			252,437.92
10/31/2022			PA Department of Rev...	3rd quarter tax...	2.35	X		252,435.57
10/31/2022			PA UC Fund	3rd quarter tax...	120.24	X		252,315.33

GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL
Profit & Loss
October 2022

	Oct 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
AT&T	440.56
BLDG PERMITS &TV FRANCHISE	160.00
EARNED INCOME TAX	4,194.21
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	21.28
MISCELLANEOUS (SEO OFFICER, ETC)	12,851.40
OCCUPATIONAL PRIVILEGE TAX	5,538.57
PER CAPITA TAXES	353.19
PROPERTY TAX INCOME	36.45
PUBLIC REALTY TAX (UTILITIES)	124.72
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX	1,077.51
VERIZON	1,985.66
Total Income	26,783.55
Expense	
ENGINEER - SEO	450.00
FIRE PROT, W/C INS	4,188.83
GENERAL EXPENSE FOR ADMIN	279.92
HIGHWAY MAINT (LABOR & MAINT)	1,276.27
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	732.00
KEYSTONE COLLECTION	39.18
MUNICIPAL BLDG (ELEC & REP)	525.34
ORGANIZATION DUES	70.00
PA Department of Revenue	2.35
PA UC Fund	120.24
Sewer Authority	688.00
SOLICITOR	2,605.01
STREET LIGHTING	950.49
TRANSFERS	45,690.05
UNEMPLOYMENT FUND (PSAB & STATE)	111.63
US Treasury	802.27
WATER ACCOUNT	144.00
Total Expense	58,675.58
Net Ordinary Income	-31,892.03
Net Income	-31,892.03

GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison
 October 2022

	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
AT&T	440.56	4,405.60
BEVERAGE TAX (PA LIQUOR BOARD)	0.00	150.00
BLDG PERMITS & TV FRANCHISE	160.00	33,252.20
EARNED INCOME TAX	4,194.21	62,796.16
FINES (STATE & LOCAL)	0.00	455.06
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	21.28	1,561.22
MISCELLANEOUS (SEO OFFICER, ETC)	12,851.40	49,701.26
OCCUPATIONAL PRIVILEGE TAX	5,538.57	20,746.73
PER CAPITA TAXES	353.19	3,958.46
PROPERTY TAX INCOME	36.45	20,453.88
PUBLIC REALTY TAX (UTILITIES)	124.72	124.72
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX	1,077.51	9,919.02
TRANSFER	0.00	40,250.26
VERIZON	1,985.66	19,497.17
Total Income	26,783.55	267,271.74
Expense		
Advertising	0.00	2,949.63
COUNCIL MEMBERS SALARY	0.00	1,620.00
ENGINEER - SEO	450.00	8,046.03
FIRE PROT, W/C INS	4,188.83	4,188.83
GENERAL EXPENSE FOR ADMIN	279.92	2,005.17
HIGHWAY MAINT (LABOR & MAINT)	1,276.27	13,864.89
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	732.00	40,075.30
KEYSTONE COLLECTION	39.18	122.31
MAYOR'S SALARY	0.00	360.00
MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	18,618.74
MUNICIPAL BLDG (ELEC & REP)	525.34	76,245.03
ORGANIZATION DUES	70.00	136.87
PA Department of Revenue	2.35	7.34
PA UC Fund	120.24	369.23
RECREATION	0.00	5,481.24
SECY/TREAS. & ASSISTANT	0.00	2,400.00
Sewer Authority	688.00	1,193.00
SHADE TREE EXPENSE	0.00	300.00
SNOW & ICE REMOVAL	0.00	667.92
SOLICITOR	2,605.01	31,886.94
STREET LIGHTING	950.49	9,353.87
TAX COLLECTION (LO & U.D. TAXES)	0.00	1,375.10
TRANSFERS	45,690.05	87,538.63
UNEMPLOYMENT FUND (PSAB & STATE)	111.63	268.33
US Treasury	802.27	2,480.97
WATER ACCOUNT	144.00	576.00
Zoning	0.00	1,295.40
Total Expense	58,675.58	313,426.77
Net Ordinary Income	-31,892.03	-46,155.03
Net Income	-31,892.03	-46,155.03

GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL
Balance Sheet
As of October 31, 2022

	<u>Oct 31, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
CERT OF DEP GNB #1	106,126.30
CERT OF DEP GNB #3	45,912.45
CERT OF DEP GNB #4	13,119.69
GNB CERT OF DEP	21,677.49
THE GRATZ NATIONAL BANK	252,315.33
Total Checking/Savings	<u>439,151.26</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>439,151.26</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>439,151.26</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	375,029.10
Retained Earnings	110,277.19
Net Income	<u>-46,155.03</u>
Total Equity	<u>439,151.26</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>439,151.26</u>

GRATZ BOROUGH BUILDING AUTHORITY

11/3/2022 12:50 PM

Register: GNB Checking Account # 1142107

From 10/01/2022 through 10/31/2022

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
10/03/2022			Rental	Karate Club Oc...		X	175.00	2,832.15
10/03/2022			Rental	Veronica Baily ...		X	125.00	2,957.15
10/03/2022			Rental	Kali Strohecker		X	31.25	2,988.40
10/03/2022			Rental	Little October		X	275.00	3,263.40
10/03/2022	1890	PP&L	Electric		72.91	X		3,190.49
10/03/2022	1891	PP&L	Electric		356.80	X		2,833.69
10/03/2022	1892	Comcast	Telephone		234.62	X		2,599.07
10/07/2022	1893	HEIM'S DISPOSAL	Refuse		367.71	X		2,231.36
10/24/2022			Rental	Deposit		X	94.00	2,325.36
10/24/2022			Rental	Schoffstall		X	300.00	2,625.36
10/24/2022	1894	Comcast	Telephone		233.29	X		2,392.07
10/24/2022	1895	Koppy' Propane	Propane Fuel		370.38	X		2,021.69
10/28/2022	1896	PP&L	Electric		98.84			1,922.85
10/28/2022	1897	PP&L	Electric		32.25			1,890.60

ORDINANCE NO. 2022- _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF GRATZ, DAUPHIN COUNTY, TO
IMPLEMENT ACT 57 of 2022**

WHEREAS, by Act 57 of 2022, the Pennsylvania General Assembly requires local taxing districts, like the Borough, to adopt an ordinance within 90 days of the effective date of Act 57 of 2022 requiring a tax collector to waive certain “additional charges”, as defined under Act 57 of 2022, for real estate taxes beginning in the first tax year after the effective date of Act 57 of 2022, provided certain conditions are met by the taxpayer.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Gratz hereby adopts this ordinance in compliance with Act 57 of 2022, and believes it to be in the best interest of the Borough to do so.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Gratz as follows:

SECTION 1

EFFECT OF FAILURE TO RECEIVE REAL ESTATE TAX NOTICE

A. As provided in section 7 of the Local Tax Collection Law, 72 P.S. § 5511.7, except as set forth in section B of this Part, failure to receive notice shall not relieve any taxpayer from the payment of any taxes imposed by any taxing district, and such taxpayer shall be charged with his taxes as though he had received notice.

B. Waiver of additional charges pursuant to Act 57 of 2022:

1. Pursuant to Act 57 of 2022, the tax collector shall waive additional charges for real estate taxes beginning in the first tax year after the effective date of Act 57 of 2022, if the taxpayer does all of the following:

(a) provides a waiver request of additional charges to the tax collector in possession of the claim within twelve months of a qualifying event;

(b) attests that a notice was not received;

(c) provides the tax collector in possession of the claim with one of the following:

(i) a copy of the deed showing the date of real property transfer; or

(ii) a copy of the title following the acquisition of a mobile or manufactured home subject to taxation as real estate showing the date of issuance or a copy of an executed lease agreement between the owner of a mobile or manufactured home and the owner of a parcel of land on which the mobile or manufactured home will be situated showing the date the lease commences; and

(d) pays the face value amount of the tax notice for the real estate tax with the waiver request.

2. Requests for waiver of additional charges pursuant to this section shall be made on a form provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, available upon request from the Borough, which form shall include a space for attestation by the taxpayer.

3. A taxpayer granted a waiver and paying real estate tax as provided in this subsection shall not be subject to an action at law or in equity for an additional charge, and any claim existing or lien filed for an additional charge shall be deemed satisfied.

4. A tax collector that accepts a waiver and payment in good faith in accordance with this subsection shall not be personally liable for any amount due or arising from the real estate tax that is the subject in the waiver.

5. As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) The term "additional charge" shall mean any interest, fee, penalty or charge accruing to and in excess of the face amount of the real estate tax as provided in the real estate tax notice.

(b) The term "qualifying event" shall mean:

(i) For purposes of real property, the date of transfer of ownership.

(ii) For purposes of manufactured or mobile homes, the date of transfer of ownership or the date a lease agreement commences for the original location or relocation of a mobile or manufactured home on a parcel of land not owned by the owner of the mobile or manufactured home. The term does not include the renewal of a lease for the same location.

(c) The term "tax collector" shall mean a tax collector as defined in section 2 of the Local Tax Collection Law, 72 P.S. § 5511.2, a delinquent tax collector as provided in section 26a of the Local Tax Collection Law, 72 P.S. § 5511.26a, the tax claim bureau or an alternative collector of taxes as provided in the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, 72 P.S. § 5860.101, et seq., an employee, agent or assignee authorized to collect the tax, a purchaser of claim for the tax or any other person authorized by law or contract to secure collection of, or take any action at law or in equity against, the person or property of the taxpayer for the real estate tax or amounts, liens or claims derived from the real estate tax.

SECTION 2

Any and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in violation or in conflict with the terms, conditions and provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such irreconcilable conflict.

SECTION 3

The terms, conditions and provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and, should any portion, part or provision of this ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, non-enforceable or unconstitutional, the Council hereby declares its intent that the ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, non-enforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part or provision of this ordinance.

SECTION 4

This ordinance shall become effective at the earliest time permitted under Pennsylvania law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this ____ day of _____, 2022 by Gratz Borough Council.

ATTEST:

GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL

Secretary

President

Vice-President

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

ORDINANCE NO. _____

GRATZ BOROUGH, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

*AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE HARBORING OF AN ANIMAL NUISANCE;
EXCEPTIONS; PENALTIES*

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the borough Council of Gratz and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. No person shall keep or harbor any dog, cat, or other animal in the Borough so as to create offensive odors, excessive noise or unsanitary conditions which are a menace to the health, comfort, or safety of the public, or otherwise permit the commission or existence of a nuisance as defined herein.

SECTION 2. Any dog, cat or other animal, which by frequent and habitual barking, howling, screeching, yelping or baying, or in any way or manner disturbs the quiet of any person of the community, or which disturbs or endangers the comfort, repose or health of persons, is hereby declared to be committing a nuisance. No owner or person having custody of such animal shall harbor or permit it to commit such a nuisance.

SECTION 3. Any dog, cat or other animal which scratches, digs or defecates upon any lawn, tree, shrubs, plant, building or any other public or private property, other than the property of the owner or person in charge or control of such animal, is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

3a. Where the owner or person in charge or control of such animal immediately removes all feces deposited by such animal and dispose of the same in a sanitary manner, wrapped, packaged, or protected so as to prevent unsightly disposal, smell or interference with the health and welfare of the community, such type of nuisance shall be considered abated.

SECTION 4. No person being the owner or in charge or control of any dog, cat or other animal shall permit such animal to commit a nuisance on any Borough Park or other public property, or upon any private property other than that of the owner or person in charge or control of such dog, cat or other animal without the permission of the owner of such property.

SECTION 5. Any person who owns, harbors, keeps, or is in charge of any a dog or other animal, other than a domesticated cat, within or frequenting the Borough shall not permit such animal to be unattended within the Borough and shall require said animal to be restrained by a leash or other appropriate device of control so that it cannot stray beyond the premises on which it is secured.

SECTION 6. Persons with defective eyesight or hearing while relying upon a dog specifically trained for these purposes shall be exempt from compliance with this Section.

SECTION 7. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution, for each offense thereof.

SECTION 8. If any section, provision, sentence, clause or part of this ordinance shall for any reason be held unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, provisions or clauses or parts of this ordinance.

Secretary

President

Vice President

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

Approved by the Mayor: _____

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October 25, 2022

Gratz Borough
PO Box 305
125 N. Center St.
Gratz PA 17030

Dear Borough Council:

It has been a pleasure working with your municipality in 2022. Effective January 1, 2023 the hourly rate that my firm will charge municipalities will be \$125.00 per hour. In addition, if costs are incurred on your behalf, you will be bill for these charges at the actual costs. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward with working with you next year.

Very truly yours,


Donald G. Karpowich

FINANCIAL REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$284,207.36

EXPENSES:

PP & L	\$209.22
PP & L	\$741.27
PP & L	\$24.28
DONALD KARPOWICH	\$1,084.01
SWIF	\$732.00
GRATZ BORO COMMUNITY & ECON	\$39,690.05
GRATZ FIRE RELIEF FUND	\$4,188.83
SK LUMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES	\$66.00
GRATZ BORO WATER	\$144.00
LEHIGH ENGINEERING	\$1,482.00
GLACE ASSOCIATES	\$450.00
SK LUMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES	\$15.00
WIRTS AUTO REPAIR	\$57.88
LORI BENDER	\$394.00
PP & L	\$107.06
WILLIAM GIRARD	\$567.88
TIM LESHER	\$269.51
SEWER	\$63.00
GRATZ FIRE COMPANY	\$6,000.00
LEHIGH ENGINEERING LLC	\$39.00
GRATZ BORO SEWER AUTH	\$625.00
BILL REED	\$139.92
PSMA	\$70.00
SHELL	\$300.00
UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$802.27
PSAB UC PLAN	\$111.63
DEPT OF LABOR	\$2.35
E TIDES	\$120.24
CUSTER & FAUST 3RD QRT TAXES	\$140.00
KEYSTONE	\$39.18

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 58,675.58

INCOME:

AT&T	440.56
EARNED INCOME	\$4,194.21
AMERICAN TOWER	\$1,985.66
PROPERTY TAXES	\$36.45
INTEREST	\$21.28
LST	\$5,538.57
PER CAP	\$353.19
BUILDING PERMITS	\$160.00
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER	\$1,077.51

PURTA PUBLIC TAX	\$124.72	
MISCELLANEOURS WEBB PROPERTY	\$12,851.40	
TOTAL INCOME:		\$26,783.55
ENDING BALANCE:		\$252,315.33