



# CITY OF DRAKESBORO

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## City of Drakesboro

November 15, 2021

### Drakesboro Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Mike Jones

- Roll Call: Councilmen present

Joe Studer, Larry Shrodes, Eddie Brake, Frank Schmautz, Scott Newman, Tex Allen

- A motion by Eddie Brake to accept minutes from October's meeting was given and seconded by Joe Studer. Motion passed  
October's financial report was given and a motion to accept was made by Frank Schmautz and seconded by Joe Studer. Motion passed.

#### Old Business:

- The Council discussed the information provided by Joe Ford and they voted unanimously to stay with our current contract with Muhlenberg County Police Department.
- The ordinance for golf carts and utility highway vehicles is still at the attorney's office.
- Notice to the citizens of Drakesboro that their gas rate will be locked in has been put on social media and will be put in the paper soon.
- The Mayor informed the council that he had been looking into the Muhlenberg South School's pump station that they wanted to donate to the City of Drakesboro. More consultation with engineers is needed.

#### New Business:

- Shawn Martin of Russmar Utilities spoke to the council about where the city stands this month as far as the safety aspect and what the PSC is expecting of us.
- The Mayor let the council know that we were approved for a CDGB grant of 514,977 that must be matched to use it. Frank Schmautz made a motion for the Mayor to submit all paperwork and proceed with the grant. Joe Studer seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Frank Schmautz made a motion for the Mayor to seek financial help with the matching funds for the grant or a line of credit with the bank if need be. Eddie Brake seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The City was given written appreciation for their donations to the Run for the Fallen and Resource Conservation & Development Area.
- The Fire Department will be using the Community Center on December 11<sup>th</sup>, provided by the City.

- The council agreed to keep a pressure test for gas customers who have had their gas turned off for 6 months or greater. Frank Schmautz made a motion to have this put in an amended ordinance that it be standard operating procedure for gas turn on reconnections. Scott Newman seconded the motion and motion passed
- Frank Schmautz made a motion that each employee receive their choice of a turkey or ham for Christmas and any remaining funds would go to Hope 2 All.
- The Council and the Mayor will be receiving \$500.00 for the council meetings. Previously, it was in minutes that it be \$41.67 per meeting. However, according to KRS this change can only be made in a certain time frame in the election year before the first Monday in May and must be in form of an ordinance.
- The council was asked to waive \$50.00 reconnection fee to Tim Cook. Eddie Brake made the motion to waive the fee and Frank Schmautz seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The council was asked to waive the \$50.00 reconnection fee for Mr. Benton. The City had an easement on Mr. Benton's property and had yet to finish the repair to his yard. This waiver is in lieu of Mr. Benton fixing the yard himself.
- Cheryl Shrewsberry has asked that the City move her water meter as it is 240 ft from her land. Frank Schmautz made the motion to move the meter and Tex Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Brian Jones asked that the City be allowed to clean up the plant and recycle or junk the old meters, pump, copper etc. Frank Schmautz made the motion to allow the City to recycle or junk items and Eddie Brake seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- A request to put in a higher wattage light at Castaneda's was given to a councilman. Eddie Brake made the motion to put in a higher wattage bulb in the streetlight and Scott Newman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- There is a pump down at Gregory station. The Mayor had a quote from KLM to provide 2 pumps and free installation. He would also get a second quote to make sure the City was getting the best deal. Frank Schmautz made a motion for the Mayor to get the second quote and go ahead with KLM's offer. Tex Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- A motion by Frank Schmautz to go into closed session and seconded by Eddie Brake. Motion passed.
- A motion to come out of closed session was given by Eddie Brake and seconded by Frank Schmautz.
- The Council appointed Brian Jones as the Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Drakesboro All were in favor for of this and it will be on a trial 6 month basis. The council will look at this again in June 2022.
- Motion to adjourn given by Frank Schmautz and seconded by Tex Allen. Motion passed.

  
 Mayor, Mike Jones

  
 City Clerk, Sandy Goff