

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 12, 2020**

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**Members:** Barr, Chairperson, Ressler, Zimmerman, Martin (Alternate)

**Attendees:** Barr, Ressler, Zimmerman, Rowe, Reinhold and Thompson

The Special Projects Committee met on Monday, September 21, 2020 and discussed the following:

### **Action Items:**

1. The Committee reviewed two applications for gateway signs. The first was from the Ephrata Masonic Lodge #665; and, the second was from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3376. Both applications are acceptable and the Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve the applications at their October 12, 2020 meeting.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. The Committee discussed the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Junior Council Program. Borough Manager Thompson reviewed with the Committee one of the keys to success with the Grove City program. He stated that in Grove City, one of their elected officials serves as an advocate and a mentor for the program and suggested that Ephrata should consider an elected official as a sponsor. In addition, Mr. Thompson indicated that he reached out to Dr. Troop to ask for his input on how to make the program more sustainable. It was suggested that this item be tabled until the next meeting when the Committee could review Dr. Troop's response.

### **Old Business Items:**

1. Mr. Thompson reported that little action has been performed on the free electricity policy guidelines.
2. Mr. Thompson reported that the information for new customers is currently on the Borough's website; however, the information is not all located in one place. The Staff will be budgeting to update the Borough's website in 2021 and will place all of the items in one easy-to-locate section of the site. It was suggested that the Borough consider utilizing the school district's intern program to update the site. Mr. Thompson will discuss with Ms. Moore and Mr. Kachel.