

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes January 4, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM. President Todd Houser lead the pledge of allegiance, Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Todd Houser, Richard Babb, Richard Korn and Jeffrey Hoffman, were present providing a quorum. Operations Manager George Troutman, Mayor George Brocious and Secretary Cathy Moyer were also in attendance. Council members Shannon Dumboski and Tracy Hughes were not in attendance.

An executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of the Budget Meeting of December 7, 2020 as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Jeff Hoffman Seconded: Richard Babb

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Minutes: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting of December 28, 2020 as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

Treasurer Report: Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of December. The Borough received income of \$5,786.92 and had expenses of \$17,563.62. At the end of 2020 the Borough had a balance of \$100,165.71 in the General Fund and \$21,483.81 in the Motor Licensing Fund. The Community Hall Fund is at \$2,500.91 and the Park Savings Fund is at \$3,819.54.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

Payment of Invoices: A motion was made to pay the invoices for January.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Richard Babb

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Reidlinger was not present but consideration was given to a Livestock Ordinance he forwarded to them for consideration. After some discussion it was decided to table it for further consideration at the next meeting possibly adding some stipulations for a resident to have livestock in the Borough.

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocious gave the police report for 2020. There were 293 calls and complaints in 2020. President Houser noted that comes to a cost of \$112.00 for each incident handled by Butler Township.

Fire Company Report: The Mayor reported that the Fire Company has been using the COVID grant in the amount of \$22,699.00.00 to purchase gear, helmets and gloves. The Fire Company also made \$1500.00 from the soup sale on December 19. He was asked if they have been hurt by not having fund raisers with the pandemic. Mr. Brocious said they may have lost \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00 but the community has been very supportive.

Code Enforcement Report:

A motion was made to pay Nick Hazlett \$525.00 in advance for the month of January.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

Operations Manager Report:

Operations Manager, George Troutman has been working on the recycling pad. He said to complete it with a fence would cost between \$2300.00 and \$2500.00. A motion was made to give him up to \$2500.00 to complete the project.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Babb

Mr. Troutman then requested to be able to purchase a chipper for the purpose of disposing of the recycled yard waste. He was told to get prices. He also asked if he could look at trading in the trailer we currently have and purchasing a smaller one. Council gave him authorization to look into options.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made to approve the 2021 meeting dates as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Babb

A motion was made to approve the 2021 office holidays as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Babb

Rate Adjustments for Borough Employees:

A motion was made to increase the salary for George Troutman from \$43,000.00 to \$45,000.00 a year.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

A motion was made to increase the salary for Cathy Moyer from \$16.50/ hour to \$17.00/hour.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

Donation for Washington Fire Company Ambulance Inc.:

A motion was made to give a \$100.00 donation to the Washington Fire Company Ambulance.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn Recused: Todd Houser due to family member on ambulance board

Public Comment: None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

The next meeting will be held on February 1, 2021.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer February 1, 2021