

The regular monthly meeting of the Gordon Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. The meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Gordon Municipal Building and Council President Michael Rader was presiding. Council persons present: Michael Rader, Valerie Stitzer, Richard Babb, Jason Quick and Shannon Dumboski. Council absent: Councilmen Barry Brecker and Jeffrey Hoffman. Also present at this meeting: Mayor George Brocious, Borough Solicitor Christopher Riedlinger, Esq., Borough Manager/Secretary-Treasurer Paul Snyder, Assistant Linda Gately; and Citizens Ramon Soto, Leo Rauber, Jessica Slotcavage, Dominic Puglia, Carole Cheeseman, Harry Cheeseman, and Ray and Pat Miller.

Motion by Dumboski that borough council accept the minutes from the last meeting September 15, 2015, as they were presented in written form by the secretary-treasurer. Council President Michael Rader asked if council had any objections. The motion was carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Motion by Dumboski that borough council accept the General Account financial report and Motor License Fund report as these reports were written and read by the secretary-treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Motion by Dumboski that borough council accept the Sewage Revenue Account financial report, the Sewage Operations & Maintenance Account financial report, and the and the Sewage Reserve Account financial report as these reports were written and read by Secretary-Treasurer Paul Snyder. Motion carried unanimously upon voice vote. Citizen Leo Rauber asked about the Portnoff contract for collection of outstanding sewage delinquent accounts.

Dominic Puglia asked for reimbursement of the paint and materials used by the boy scouts' fire hydrant project. He also requested information on how to schedule youth ball games in Gordon Park, adding that his girls would do any field repairs. The group is under Ashland Softball insurance. Snyder replied that the Over 50 group may be moving to Barry Township fields next year. Motion by Dumboski to reimburse Puglia as requested was carried unanimously upon voice vote.

A letter received from Ashland Public Library requested their annual Gordon Borough donation. The municipal building roof loan matures on 12/17/2022. Snyder added that the oil burner service was to be done shortly. Council was provided a line item budget of all accounts showing month and year to date revenues and expenditures against budget.

Snyder read the current invoices for borough council approval, including a \$478 invoice from Copycat Business Systems for their annual copier maintenance service agreement for May 2015-May 2016. Fire Chief George Dornsife requested reimbursement for his work (\$800) approved last month on the park fireplace, shed corner plus rebar costs of \$29.⁰⁵. Snyder added that the extra blocks will be stored in the park shed. Davey Snyder donated the steel plate.

CourseVector.com submitted their web logo creation invoice for \$50 as part of the borough's agreement with PSAB. Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association fund receipt for \$3,574.⁶⁵ from the Commonwealth of PA was given to the Gordon Citizens' Fire Company No. 1 in accordance with Act 205; documenting paperwork was submitted to the Auditor General's office. Commonwealth of PA's DCED \$35,890 direct deposit was sent to EIP auditors Stevens & Lee for final payment of outstanding invoices #4-7 plus a \$1,282.⁹⁴ Gordon Borough local cash match.

Motion by Stitzer to pay all invoices presented for payment as read by the secretary-treasurer, including the approval of the \$25 annual donation to Ashland Public Library. The motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Snyder reminded citizens and council that the next regular meeting of borough council is the second Tuesday of the month, November 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gordon Municipal Building.

Solicitor Christopher Riedlinger, Esq., sent a letter of violation notice to Dr. Weber regarding property maintenance violations discussed at the council meeting last month. In answering a citizen's question about progress on town cleanup, President Rader replied that a candidate who had applied for the open Code Enforcement Officer's position last month has not yet been reached; the solicitor stated his intention to help with the appropriate protocols.

Mayor George Brocius reported Butler Township did not submit a monthly police report for council review. The mayor also thanked the scouts for their borough cleanup work, and noted the recent Fire Prevention Night presentation was well attended.

An emergency water leak at Elm & Hobart was fixed by the water company. Aqua PA plans on a water main replacement with 995 linear feet of pipe on Hobart to Royer to Elm, and Otto at Hobart Streets by early January, plus the completion of cold patch in the early spring, affecting approximately 36 properties and three hydrants, with digging from the street into the affected properties. Snyder said the borough received a letter from a GHD engineer asking for related fees.

A tree that fell down by the former bank office weeks ago ripped three sections of fence. Bixler will remove the tree, with an estimate for fence repair. We priced moving posts back to the macadam plus the three new sections. The cement post is exposed to the elements, which could fall wash out and fall back in the stream. Quick asked that Mid Penn Bank be contacted to see if this is covered by their property owners' insurance as opposed to it being a borough expense.

The Street Committee will submit a snow removal plan, and will meet with Mr. Kiehl for roads work pricing. Butler Township will be contacted to arrange a salt purchase agreement. Borough Council decided to follow the Saturday, October 31st date set for Halloween Trick or Treat Night set for Ashland, Girardville, and Butler Township. Gordon Borough Fire Police will assist.

In Public Participation, council discussion turned to the recurring truck accidents at the bottom of the mountain coming into town. Citizen Jessica Slotcavage presented her petition to council, which she will mail to the governor and other legislative leaders in addition to PennDOT once the required 500 signatures are gathered.

Councilman Quick stated that police have been watching more closely as they are available in town since the recent three accidents within a week of each other. Mayor Brocius added that these events have reopened the state's eyes to our plight. President Rader recapped activity on this issue, noting it takes time to implement any fixes. He has met with PennDOT, SEDCO, Argall and Goodwin. Walmart redesigned their sign for trucks and sent notices to their drivers. However, trucks using GPS navigation are routed through Gordon when listing the shortest distance, forcing large trucks to try and turn around where no room is available after missing the designated turn. All truck traffic over a specified weight coming down the mountain will stopped. Universal Forest Products truck thoroughfare would be exempted.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dumboski that this meeting of the Gordon Borough Council be adjourned, carried unanimously upon voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Attest:  Paul L. Snyder, Secretary-Treasurer October 13, 2015