

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes January 8, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 PM in the Gordon Municipal Building. Council present: Richard Babb, Shannon Dumboski, Jeffrey Hoffman, Todd Houser, Tracy Hughes, Richard Korn and Jason Quick. Also, present were Mayor George Brocious and Solicitor Christopher Riedlinger. Citizens present included: Rich Harris, Lynn Korn, Dennis Morgan, Tom Place, Leo Rauber and Jessica Slotcavage.

Council Member Todd Houser called the meeting to order, confirmed a quorum by roll call, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Jessica Slotcavage presented her concerns about the recent truck accident coming down the Gordon Mountain. She reached out to Universal Forest Products and they confirmed that they are trying to help with the problems by requiring their drivers to have an appointment and purchase order. She offered some suggestions to help alleviate the problem before a more serious incident occurs. She also set up a website for people want to offer suggestions. It is stoppinggordonmountaincrashes@gmail.com. Operations Manager Jason Quick said he reached out to SEDCO who reached out to Walmart about their inbound trucks and the logistics of the area.

Dennis Morgan brought his complaint to the Council about a neighbor's barking dog. He was told that he had to get more proof in order for a citation to hold up in court.

Lynn Korn questioned whether the budget meeting was advertised. The secretary assured her it was and that she would give her a copy of the Proof of Publication.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 Budget Meeting as presented by the secretary.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 regular meeting as presented by the secretary.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

Treasurer Report: The treasurer gave the financial report for the month of December. The Borough received income of \$6,147.77, had expenses of \$12,359.50 which left a deficit for the month of \$6,211.73. As of December 31, 2018 the General Account Balance was \$48,374.72 and the Motor Licensing Fund balance was \$53,352.08. Treasurer Moyer also commented that there was an increase in the Park Fund and the Community Hall Fund due to receiving interest. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

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

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

Mayor's Report: Mayor George Brocious gave the police report for the month of December. Butler Township Police handled 12 calls and complaints during the month and a 2018 yearend report showed a total of 234 calls and complaints.

Fire Company Report: Mayor Brocious gave a yearend report for the fire company in the amount of 91 total calls for 2018.

Code Enforcement Report: Code Officer Richard Harris reported that he sent out 24 letters with 9 being currently non-compliant and 10 being compliant. He is working on his updates on these sites.

Solicitor's Report: Christopher Reidlinger informed the Council that the tax exemption has been filed for 0 Hobart Street.

Communications/Committee Reports: It was reported that in 2019 the Borough will be investing in street repairs.

Old Business:

The 2019 borough Office Holiday schedule was presented and will be posted at the Borough Building and on the Borough's website.

Jason Quick announced that all the rental properties are being taken care of with their inspections.

New Business:

A motion was made to approve a resolution designating Jason Quick as the agent to PEMA for the August 2018 Flooding. It will be Resolution 2019-01.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

Ballfield Requests: Jason Quick said he would like to see approvals for the ballfield be done not on a first come, first serve basis but letting everyone put their requests in and those who contribute the most to the Borough would have first chance.

Building Permits: Jason Quick showed Council some changes he made to the Building Permit process. Permits would now be given a permit number and would include the tax parcel number for county purposes. Those applying would be given an application and the new permits will be typed at the office.

Wages for Part time Worker: It was agreed to allow Jason Quick to have a paid part time worker on an as need basis.

Garage Completion: Jason Quick presented Council with estimates on costs to complete the garage. A motion was made allowing Jason Quick to purchase garage door openers, heat and insulation at a cost of \$7,491.53.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

Roll call was taken and with Richard Babb, Richard Korn, Jason Quick, Todd Houser, Jeffrey Hoffman voting yes and Tracy Hughes and Shannon Dumboski voting no. the motion passed.

Update on Truck Accident: Jason Quick informed the Council that a 2017 Ordinance on hazmat incidents allows him to put in for expenses that the Borough and Fire Company incurred at the accident. He expected approximately \$2,415.17. He also requested to be able to have an excavator come in at an expense of 650.00 prior to receiving reimbursement. The request was granted.

Garbage Bill Increase: the issue of a letter to residents from County Waste announcing an increase in the monthly fee from \$17.00 to \$18.00. Solicitor Readinger said he reached out to County Waste in view of the Borough's contract. County Waste said it was an error and only intended for those with Gordon addresses not under the contract. Residents should pay only their \$17.00 fee and any who have been paying more can have a refund.

Public Comment: President Houser announced that an Eagle Scout will be building the new handicap fishing pier as his scout project under the supervision of the Operation Manager. He is hoping to have it completed before the fishing rodeo in spring.

The next meeting will be held on February 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Gordon Borough Municipal Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer February 12, 2019