

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes February 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Tuesday, February 12, 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. Mayor George Brocius and Solicitor Christopher Riedlinger were not present as were no citizens. Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer attended via phone conference.

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

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 regular meeting as presented by the secretary.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Babb

Treasurer Report: Operations manager, Jason Quick gave the financial report for the month of January. The Borough received income of \$8,462.80, had expenses of \$23,959.61 which left a deficit for the month of \$15,496.81. As of January 31, 2019 the General Account Balance was \$40,072.53 and the Motor Licensing Fund balance was \$51,756.17. It was noted that expenses were high because we had to pay a \$6,014.00 fee to renew our Worker's Compensation Insurance. This covers not only the Borough but the Fire Company. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

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

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

Mayor's Report: Operations Manager, Jason Quick, gave the police report for the month of January. Butler Township Police handled 30 calls and complaints during the month.

Fire Company Report: None

Code Enforcement Report: None

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

Communications/Manager's Report:

Jason Quick read a letter from Schuylkill Community Action regarding a \$600.00 donation from Entech Engineering to food pantries in the area including those that serve Gordon Borough.

A letter was considered from the State Worker's Insurance Fund regarding the forming of a safety committee which would result in a 5% deduction in premiums. The item was tabled to look into more information on it.

It was reported that the garage is complete and within budget by \$1.50. The final cost was \$7,289.03.

Jason Quick reported that he obtained training on the spotted lantern fly and is now certified. The course was at no cost to the Borough.

Old Business:

It was reported that Richard Babb worked for 2 ½ hours doing snow removal in the month of January. A motion was made to pay him these wages.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

New Business:

A proclamation was signed making April 2019 “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month” in Gordon Borough.

Election Reminders: Jeffrey Hoffman, Richard Korn, and Jason Quick were all reminded that their terms will be expiring and that if they intend to run they must do petitions and have them back to the Election Bureau by March 12, 2019.

The possibility of have a new noise ordinance was considered but tabled until the Solicitor is present.

The Operations Manager informed the council that he would like to replace the lights in the Hall with new LED lights and a dimmer switch. The cost would be roughly \$120.00.

Jason Quick also thanked Richard Babb for his assistance in the snow cleanup. He is also still waiting for the money from the insurance company for the cleanup from the truck accident.

Jason Quick informed the Council that the cinder spreader has now failed and the control box needs to be replaced. He has not yet gotten the actual estimate but feels that the repair will be in the range of \$700.00 to \$800.00 which can be paid out of the Motor Licensing Fund. Approval was made to repair within a cost of \$1,000.00.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

He also gave a plan for salt and anti-skid for the remainder of this year and next, trying to use up the salt we have and getting 30 tons again next year.

He informed the Council that while preparing for events at the Community Hall there was a sewage blockage and he had to call Biros in to repair it. So far the bills are at \$880.00 with another bill yet to come. It was discussed whether the Fire company should be asked to pay half of the expense. It was decided that the Borough will pay the bill and Mr. Quick will ask Mayor George Brocius, who is the treasurer of the Fire Company, about reimbursing their half.

Under other committee news, the Property and Streets Committee has decided that this year the worst areas in the Borough will be milled and then tarred and chipped. Also, they discussed the possibility of speed bumps on Hobart Street.

Public Comment: None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

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