

## Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes March 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00 PM in the Gordon Municipal Building. Council present: Richard Babb, Shannon Dumboski, Todd Houser, Tracy Hughes, Richard Korn and Jason Quick, Mayor George Brocious, Solicitor Christopher Riedlinger, and Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer. Also in attendance were 10 citizens including students attending for a Civics class. Vice-President Jeffrey Hoffman was not present.

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 February 12, 2019 meeting as presented by the secretary.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Richard Babb

**Treasurer Report:** Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of February. The Borough received income of \$12,886.83, had expenses of \$12,100.06 which left a profit for the month of \$786.77. As of February 28, 2019 the General Account Balance was \$34,094.12 and the Motor Licensing Fund balance was \$49,807.00.

The Treasurer also informed the Council that because previously the Federal Income Tax was not filed correctly there were penalties to the IRS in the amounts of \$309.77, \$342.32, and \$3,156.86 for the year 2017 and the first quarter of 2018. Ms. Moyer also informed the Council that a CD had come up for renewal on March 5, 2019. She had been instructed by the President to cash out the CD and put the money in the General Fund. A transfer was made of \$14,748.59. Another CD in the amount of \$87,062.42 is coming up for renewal on April 5, 2019. A motion was made to also cash that CD out and put it in the General Fund with the intent to one day consolidate all the funds into a Reserve Fund.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

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 March.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor George Brocious gave the police report for the month of February. Butler Township Police handled 30 calls and complaints during the month.

**Code Enforcement Report:** None

**Fire Company Report:** Mayor George Brocious informed the Council that during a recent call in Ashland the Borough's fire truck broke down and the repair would cost \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. They were able to find a used truck at the cost of \$11,000.00 and a private citizen loaned them the money to purchase the truck to carry them through the next few years. He then requested that the Borough consider a ½ mill tax raise next year to be put toward the Fire Company and saving to a new truck in the future. He noted that they would continue fund raising and Senator Argall's office is looking into grants to help them. A discussion ensued on whether the Borough should assist the fire company in this purchase since private citizens should not have to fund the Fire Company. It was noted that we need a fire company and we pay \$36,000.00 for police protection. After some discussion it was decided that the Borough pay \$11,000.00 to the Fire Company for the truck with the condition that if the truck is ever sold the Borough would receive that money.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn Roll Call was taken and all were in agreement.

**Solicitor's Report:** Attorney Reidlinger had no report but it was noted that we will continue to drafting a noise ordinance and reviewing our old ordinances.

**Communications/Manager's Report:**

Operations Manager Jason Quick gave an update on speed bumps on Hobart Street as part of the road project for the year.

The plow truck is being fixed at this time.

The cleanup at the truck accident site is almost complete.

We are trying to get 312 McKnight Street will be torn down under a Hazard Mitigation grant.

He needed the Council's approval to have porta potties in the park at a cost of either \$90.00/ month or \$100.00/month for handicap accessible. The Council opted for the handicap porta potties from April to October at a cost of \$700.00.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Weed Spraying was also considered. Two bids were Ehrlich at \$1803.00 and DeAngelo Brothers (DBI) at \$1389.00 for a year and \$1300.00 in we do a three year contract. It was decided not to lock into a three year contract and accept the \$1389.00 bid from DBI.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

The Street Committee (Richard Babb, Richard Korn and Jason Quick) will be doing an inspection of the streets to determine a plan for 2019. There will be crack sealing and tar and chip done on the most necessary areas.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** A handicap fishing pier is going to be built by Evan Houser for an Eagle Scout project. While \$1,000.00 was budgeted for the project Evan will be contacting local businesses for donations. The work is scheduled to be done on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> by Evan and some of his friends. They hope to complete the project before the Fishing Rodeo in May.

**Public Comment:** None

The next meeting will be held on April 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Gordon Borough Municipal Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer April 9, 2019