

## **Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes** **April 9, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Tuesday, April 9, 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 3 citizens. 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:** Jessica Slotcavage brought flyers she made for upcoming events. They included the Fishing Rodeo, May 4, 2019, the Community Yard Sale, June 1, 2019, and the Memorial Day Block Party. She also noted that the Fish and Game Club would like to donate to the Handicap Fishing Pier that is being built.

Lynn Korn asked why street cleaning was not done on Biddle Street where she lives. Jason Quick told her that it is State road there and they do street cleaning. Jason Quick said he would also do it when he does street sweeping. She also asked about the charge to use the Community Hall for the Gordon School Homecoming on August 10, 2019. The Council agreed to let them use it at no charge due to it being a community event. She then questioned who paid for the sewage blockage, the Borough or the Fire Company. She was told that the Borough paid it but the cost was to be split. It hasn't happened yet due to the truck breaking down. It will be discussed at the next Fire Company meeting.

**Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting as presented by the secretary.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jason Quick

**Treasurer Report:** Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of March. The Borough received income of \$29,049.62 and had expenses of \$23,416.38 which left a profit for the month of \$5,633.24. As of March 31, 2019 the General Account Balance was \$43,488.20 and the Motor Licensing Fund balance was \$76,696.07 due to receiving the Liquid Fuels Allotment of \$28,450.99.

She also reported that the IRS penalties for the year 2017 and the first half of 2018 have been taken care of by Specht & Co. and will soon be resolved.

An update was also given on the status of the Borough's CD's. Treasurer Moyer reported that she cashed in another CD which matured on April 5, 2019 and rolled the money into the General Fund Account as decided on at the March meeting. A motion was then made to do the same to a CD maturing on May 2, 2019 and put the money into the General Fund. At the May meeting it will be decided how much to put into a new CD.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

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 April.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

**Mayor's Report:**

**Police Report:** Mayor George Brocious gave the police report for the month of March. Butler Township Police handled 14 calls and complaints during the month.

**Fire Company Report:** Mayor George Brocius told Council that the Fire Company wanted to extend its thanks for the donation to purchase a fire truck. Also, fund raising letters will be going out soon.

**Code Enforcement Report:** None

**Solicitor's Report:** Attorney Reidlinger answered Jason Quick's questions about how to handle possibly purchasing a truck from a neighboring Township. He noted that Township Code would allow that Township to sell it to the Borough without advertising or accepting any other bids. Also, he discussed the pros and cons of using Pa Fire Recovery to collect money from insurance companies when the Gordon Fire Company is at a call.

**Communications/Manager's Report:**

Operations Manager, Jason Quick, informed the Council that he attended Flood Plain and 811 Training. Gordon Borough also received a check for damages and services incurred during the truck accident in the amount of \$1,690.94. He said this worked out well because we got paid for work he wanted to do anyway.

He informed Council of a visit from FEMA regarding the August 2018 flood damage. Gordon Borough could receive money to do bank stabilization. If we meet the criteria supposedly we will be guaranteed payment, but we must pay for it upfront and it is a possible \$200,000.00 project. The application for Park damage has already been submitted and we have the DEP Permit for sediment removal.

Mr. Quick asked for Council's approval to do crack sealing on Hobart and McKnight Streets at a cost of \$4200.00 to do the whole job. A motion was made to approve the project.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Babb

He also explained that he would like to put a pipe on Elm Street for a water problem. The project could be paid out of Liquid Fuels. He will more information on the cost at the next meeting.

**Old Business:** Council was to address how much funding to set aside for the Handicap Fishing Pier, but felt it was now unnecessary due to donations.

**New Business:**

A resolution was presented for Gordon Borough to participate in the Schuylkill County Hazard Mitigation Program. The resolution was accepted and it will be Resolution 2019-01.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

A discussion was held on how to handle getting a new truck since the pickup truck is not going to pass inspection in July. It was decided to put a bid in for a truck being sold by Foster Township.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Richard Babb

The possibility of purchasing the remainder of the playground border with the Park Fund was considered and Jason Quick will provide prices at the next meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Tracy Hughes brought up the fact that there have been code enforcement complaints that are not being addressed. Jason Quick said he will speak to the Code Enforcement Officer about handling them. Also, the status of 312 McKnight Street was discussed.

The next meeting will be held on May 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Gordon Borough Municipal Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Richard Babb Seconded: Tracy Hughes

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer May 14, 2019