

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes June 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Gordon Municipal Building. Council present: President Todd Houser, Vice- President Jeffrey Hoffman, Richard Babb, Shannon Dumboski, Tracy Hughes, Richard Korn and Jason Quick, Mayor George Brocious, Solicitor Christopher Riedlinger, and Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer. Also, in attendance was Code Officer Richard Harris, Lynn Korn, Leo Rauber, and Barbara Liem.

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

Public Comment: Lynn Korn questioned if the dishes purchased by the Ladies' Auxiliary have been gotten rid of. Manager Jason Quick informed her that they are still there but something should be done with them because they need the room for fund raisers. Lynn Korn then questioned if the Borough bought the new fire truck and if so, who owns it, the Borough or the Fire Company? It was explained that the Borough paid for it, but the Fire Company owns it. If in the future it would be sold, then the Borough would receive the receipts from the sale.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 and May 28, 2019 meetings as presented by the secretary.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

Treasurer Report: Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of May. The Borough received income of \$49,381.04 and had expenses of \$31,592.76 which left a profit for the month of \$17,788.28. As of May 31, 2019, the General Account Balance was \$244,887.01 and the Motor Licensing Fund balance was \$61,343.64. She wanted it noted though that \$176,579.20 of the money in the General Fund is from the roll over of CD's. Without that money the General Fund would be at \$68,307.81. President Houser noted that the Financial Committee would be meeting to decide on a recommendation for how much would be put in a new CD.

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 June.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Babb

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocious gave the police report for the month of May. Butler Township Police handled 24 calls and complaints during the month.

Fire Company Report: Mayor George Brocious told Council that the Fire Company's fund raising events are doing well. The Fire Company made \$1500.00 at it's golfing event, \$3500.00 from the Block Party, and \$500.00 from the last Wing Night.

Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Officer, Richard Harris reported that he did 15 new citations, 10 of which were warnings and 5 were going to the Magistrate. It was noted during his report that the Operations Manager, Jason quick, spoke to the contractor doing the demolition on the Stepulitis house about finishing the demolition.

Solicitor's Report:

Parking Ordinance: Attorney Reidlinger answered questions on the new Parking Ordinance which was up for adoption. A motion was made to adopt the Parking Ordinance, which will be Ordinance 2019-01.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

312 McKnight Street: The property is in repository and a previous bid to purchase the property was rejected by the Borough. A motion was then made to approve the Borough purchasing the property to gain ownership. It is in the Schuylkill county Demolition Program and is scheduled to be torn down.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

Communications/Manager's Report:

1. Bids for the 2019 Road Project: One bid was received for the Bituminous Seal Coat road Project. The bid came in at \$38,482.08 from Shiffer Bituminous Services. A motion was made to accept the bid.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Babb

2. The Milling and Paving Project cost will be \$6,000.00 for the paving and the total cost should come in under \$10,000.

3. The Elm Street Project is almost completed.

4. Gordon Borough will be applying for an NRCS Grant for \$36,235.00 to fix the stream wall above the bridge. A motion was made to execute all documents and complete all applications to apply for the grant.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

5. As far as the FEMA Grant, we are now awaiting payment.

6. Demolition of 312 McKnight Street is definitely on the county's list for demolition.

7. The 2005 Ford F250 the Borough purchased from \$7500.00 is now running well, but the repairs were well over \$1,000.00 which Foster Township will be taking care of.

8. A bid was made by Red, White, and Blue Auto Sales to purchase our Chevy pickup at a cost of \$1800.00. A motion was made to accept the bid.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

New Business

Fees for the Park: Operations Manager, Jason Quick, brought up the subject of possibly starting to charge for the use of the Park, as the Treasurer told him that she has seen the cost of electricity going up for the Park account. He suggested a minimal fee of \$25.00 for the use of the pavilion. It was decided that the recreation committee consisting of Jason Quick, Jeffrey Hoffman, and Richard Korn would meet and discuss the matter and then give a recommendation to Council. Also, a copy of the Rental Agreement would be given to Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger to review.

Old Business

1. Salary for Richard Babb: Approval was given to Richard Babb to receive wages for 18 hours of work for the month of May at a cost of \$270.00.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman All in agreement, Richard Babb abstaining.

2. Stepulitis House: As discussed earlier, the contractor for the demolition was spoken to and will be completing the project as soon as possible.

3. Hometown Heroes Program: Richard Harris informed the Council that the committee for the Hometown Heroes Program met. There was discussion as to whether it should become a committee of the Borough, bonding a secretary, and that they would meet the second Thursday of each month.

4. Clothing Allowance for Operations Manager: Operations Manager, Jason Quick, asked the council to consider giving him a yearly clothing allowance. The matter was tabled until next month's meeting.

5. Traffic Study: Operations Manager, Jason Quick, informed Council that a traffic study had been performed to look at the feasibility of speed bumps on Hobart Street.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer July 9, 2019