

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes December 10, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Gordon Municipal Building. Council members who were present are as follows: President Todd Houser, Vice-President Jeffrey Hoffman, Richard Babb, Shannon Dumboski, Tracy Hughes, Richard Korn, Jason Quick, Mayor George Brocious, Solicitor Christopher Riedlinger, and Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer. Also, in attendance was Leo Rauber.

Council President 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 November 12, 2019 Meeting as presented by the secretary.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Treasurer Report: Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of November. The Borough received income of \$16,909.94 and had expenses of \$ 9,889.42. As of November 30, 2019, the General Account Balance was \$83,688.18 and the Motor Licensing Fund balance was \$3,682.62. The Treasurer also Informed Council that Barry Township Donated \$550.00 toward Worker's Compensation for the Fire Company. A letter of thanks had been sent.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

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

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

Mayor's Report:

1. **Police Report:** During the month of November Butler Township Police handled 16 calls and complaints.
2. **Fire Company Report:** None
3. **Code Enforcement Report:** None

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Reidlinger informed Council that a response was received from Lettich & Zapay CPA's dated December 3. Lettich & Zapay had been given the Borough's records for 2015 to 2017 prior to July of 2018 in order to have an audit prepared for DCED filing. In January 2019 the 2018 records were also given for the same purpose. In July of 2019 when no audits were ever completed the records were picked up and given to another accountant. Lettich & Zapay then sent an invoice for \$1,720.00 for work supposedly done on the records. No audit was ever completed. Attorney Reidlinger then responded in a letter dated September 4, 2019 that an itemized invoice would have to be submitted for payment to occur. On December 6, 2019 Attorney Reidlinger received a letter with a vague description and itemization of work performed. Being no proof of work performed was presented in an itemized invoice, he questioned the Council as to how they wanted him to

proceed. Council agreed that no action was going to be taken on this response from the accounting firm.

It was announced that the 2020 Budget had been approved in a meeting earlier in the evening. Resolution # 2019-04 was presented and approved holding taxes at 8.5 mills.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Communications/Manager's Report:

1. Councilman Jason Quick commented that there had been some damage in the park to the trashcans.
2. Councilman Jason Quick also informed council that there had been some illegal dumping on Borough property. The situation had been resolved.
3. There is no news on when the new streetlights will be completed.
4. The streambank project has been completed.

II. New Business

1. A motion was made to remit payment to Metzler Forest Products in the amount of \$21,944.00 for the work done on the streambank rehabilitation project.

Motion: Jason Quick Seconded: Richard Babb.

2. The meeting dates for 2020 were presented by the secretary. A motion was made to advertise them.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Babb

3. The Borough Office Holidays were presented and approved.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Tracy Hughes

III. Old Business:

Councilman Richard Babb gave a report on the status of the dump truck repair. President Houser noted that wherever we take the truck to be repaired it must be stressed that this is a time sensitive issue. Councilwoman Shannon Dumboski offered to make the appointment for the repair.

Public Comment: None

The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2020. The Reorganization Meeting is at 6:30 pm and the regular meeting is at 7:00 pm at the Gordon Borough Municipal Building. It was noted that the meetings will now be held on the first Monday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer January 6, 2020