

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes February 3, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, February 3, 2020, 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, Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger and Secretary/Treasurer Cathy Moyer. Mayor George Brocius was not in attendance. Also, in attendance were four citizens.

Council Vice-President Jeffrey Hoffman called the meeting to order, confirmed a quorum by roll call, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Jeffrey Hoffman conducted the meeting until the arrival of President Todd Houser.

Public Comment: Citizen Larry Wolfgang came to bring to the attention of Gordon Borough Council an error on the Borough maps regarding Arch Street. Mr. Wolfgang owns Lots 4, 5, and 6 between Gordon Street and an alley called Arch Street. Mr. Wolfgang explained that Arch Street was running up the hill but over time the upper portion became grass covered. Then the lower portion became connected with his driveway and people using it have been going through his property. Also, some of the neighbors put up mailboxes and the mail truck goes through there as well. He is in the process of trying to get this issue resolved and have Arch Street shown properly on the maps. His reason is that he is trying to protect his property rights.

Another property owner, Randy Builder who owns 20 acres off Mountain Road came to ask for help in keeping unwanted people off his property. This road is owned half in Butler Township and half is in Gordon Borough. Former Operations Manager, Jason Quick, did some maintenance as a dirt and gravel road as Mountain Road is not funded under Liquid Fuels. Different options were discussed such as gating or blocking the road. Also, the possibility of vacating it was brought up by Solicitor Reidlinger. According to Butler Township records Butler Township vacated this road in April of 1968. The secretary was asked to see if there are any records of Gordon Borough doing the same thing.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 6, 2020 as presented by the secretary.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Meeting as presented by the secretary.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Babb

Treasurer Report: Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of December. The Borough received income of \$25,284.28 and had expenses of \$18849.14. As of January 31, 2020 the General Account Balance was \$86,291.10 and the Motor Licensing Fund balance was \$582.54. The Treasurer told Council that she felt the Borough was in excellent shape financially until the 2020 taxes came in.

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 February.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Mayor's Report:

1. **Police Report:** Vice President Jeffrey Hoffman gave the 2019 year-end report. Butler Township Police handled 297 calls and complaints. In the month of January 2020 there were 22 calls and complaints.
2. **Fire Company Report:** None
3. **Code Enforcement Report:** None

Solicitor's Report: In view of the public comment earlier on Mountain Road solicitor Christopher Reidlinger wanted to inform the Council that should they decide to adopt a road they would need to do it by ordinance.

Communications/Manager's Report:

1. Operations Manager George Troutman requested that water be run to the garage for the purpose of washing off the vehicles. Aqua PA is replacing the water line along Plane Street and we could get a water line to the garage at no cost except for a few parts. The bill would run either \$18.00/month or \$25.00/month up to the first 2,000 gallons depending whether we would be classified as either residential or commercial. We will also be getting over \$3,000.00 for the street excavation permit. A motion was made to have water installed in the garage.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Richard Babb

2. George Troutman also informed council that the auger for the salt truck is badly rusted and in need of replacement. U. S Municipal is having a special during January which they would still honor for Gordon Borough. The regular price is \$1275.00, the sale price is \$875.00. A motion was made to purchase the auger at the sale price of \$875.00.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

3. Quotes for vegetation control were presented to the council, one from Ehrlich for \$1,281.00 and one from DBI for \$1,870.00 for the 2020 season but going down to \$1,500.00 if we sign for three years. A decision was tabled.
4. A motion was made to replace the flooring in the office and hallway at a cost of \$3,473.00 from D & S Carpet Service in Ashland.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

II. New Business

Secretary Cathy Moyer explained that PSABS has a program of webinars that the Borough could use at a cost of \$450.00 for unlimited use. The programs may be viewed by the Operations Manager, the secretary, as well as Council Members. A motion was made to join the program.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

- III. **Old Business:** Council was informed that there was an appraisal done on 312 McKnight Street which came in at \$5,500.00. The party interested in purchasing it may not want to pay that much and it is not big enough for a house to be put on it according to zoning requirements. The question then came up as to whether the County would accept a payment lower than \$5,500.00 or do we have to try and get

another bid? Solicitor Christopher Reidinger said he would talk to Gary Bender who is in charge of the Demolition program and the matter was tabled.

Public Comment:

The next meeting will be held on March 2, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer March 2, 2020