

## Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes March 2, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, March 2, 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, Mayor George Brocious, Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger and Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer. Also, in attendance was one citizen.

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 meeting minutes of February 3, 2020 as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

**Treasurer Report:** Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of February. The Borough received income of \$15,371.40 and had expenses of \$15,455.60. As of February 28, 2020 the General Account Balance was \$86,722.66 and the Motor Licensing Fund balance was \$582.54. The Secretary also gave the Council members letters from citizen Larry Wolfgang with more information concerning his property on Arch Street. He would like to have his request considered at the next meeting. Secretary Moyer also gave a brief update on the progress on the audits and on the website.

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 March.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Tracy Hughes

**Mayor's Report:**

**1. Police Report:** None

**2. Fire Company Report:** Mayor Brocious noted that the \$11,000.00 lent to the Fire Company for the purchase of a new fire truck has been repaid. Also, the Fire Company received a grant for \$12,750.00 to buy equipment from the Girardville Fire Company.

**3. Code Enforcement Report:** None

**Solicitor's Report:** A discussion was held on two items regarding the property at 312 McKnight Street which was purchased through the demolition program. The Borough had received a notice that they still owe back taxes for 2019 in the amount of \$62.86 because an exemption was never filed for that property on the part of the Borough. Also, he informed Council that a new law regarding advertising will go into effect on April 6, 2020. If a property is appraised less than \$6,000.00 there is no advertising requirement for the sale of the property. That being the case if the neighbor is still interested in purchasing the property his bid of \$1,500.00 would satisfy the County if sold on or after April 7. Also, he recommended that it be sold as a quick claim in which the title is not verified.

A motion was made to pay the taxes in the amount of \$64.86.

Motion: Jason Quick Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

**Communications/Manager's Report:**

1. Operations Manager George Troutman gave an update on the contract for vegetation control. He recommended that they hire Ehrlich at \$1,754.00. A motion was made to give the contract to Ehrlich.

Motion: Jason Quick Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

2. The Operations Manger also gave an update on Aqua's pipe replacement project. Aqua will be running 790 feet of pipe. They will be paying \$4,100.00 for the permits and they will also pay the fee of \$1,300.00 for the meter base. The Borough's expenses would involve anything that is installed inside the garage to hook up water. Aqua also offered to move the fire hydrant on the corner if the Borough or Fire Company wanted it moved. No one felt that was necessary.

- II. **New Business:** It was brought up that Paul Dean had seven hours of snow plowing so far this winter. A motion was made to pay Paul Dean \$140.00 for the work he performed.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jason Quick

It was also announced that the Borough will be receiving \$511,421.00 fully funded by FEMA to rebuild the creek wall. Richard Babb noted that Jason Quick should be thanked for the work he put into this.

An issue was brought up about a citizen who is parking their tractor trailer on the street and letting it run.

- III. **Old Business:** The Borough is still looking for a Code Enforcement Officer. It was suggested to put it on the Borough website and Facebook. Also, the secretary was asked to contact Mahanoy City and get contact information for their Code Enforcement Officer to see if he would be interested in working for the Borough.

The Operations Manager informed the Council that he is planning to rent a lyft to cut down trees behind the garage and possibly making a recycling pad for people to bring their yard waste.

- IV. **Public Comment:**

The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Richard Korn Seconded: Jason Quick

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer April 6, 2020