

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes November 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Gordon Municipal Building. Council members who were present are as follows: President Todd Houser, 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. Vice- President Jeffrey Hoffman was not present.

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

Public Comment: Citizen Leo Rauber made the suggestion to open up the community hall for a shelter for homeless.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 8, 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 October. The Borough received income of \$9,309.03 and had expenses of \$ 27,003.13. As of October 31, 2019, the General Account Balance was \$75,905.50 and the Motor Licensing Fund balance was \$3,682.62. The Treasurer made it known that in an examination of our road projects John Davis of Penn DOT found that Tropp Contracting, Inc. had overcharged us by \$320.00. The MLF had been reimbursed for this from the General Fund. It was then explained to Council that Tropp Contracting had come back to do some work over and above what had been contracted. Council then decided not to request a refund of the overcharge from Tropp Contracting. Also, donations made to the Park in the name of Jean Bernosky are now at \$1005.00.

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 November.

Motion: Shannon Dumbosky Seconded: Jason Quick

Mayor's Report:

1. **Police Report:** Butler Township Police handled 15 calls and complaints. Mayor Brocious reported that there have been a rash of burglaries in the Borough.
2. **Fire Company Report:** Mayor Brocious, who is also the Treasurer for the Fire Company, once again assured the Borough that the \$11,000.00 that was lent to the Fire Company for the purchase of a fire truck will be repaid hopefully after the New Year when new officers are appointed.
3. **Code Enforcement Report:** None

Solicitor's Report: None

President Houser did announce that Executive Sessions on personnel matters were held on October 9, 2019 and November 4, 2019.

Communications/Manager's Report:

1. A motion was made to pay Councilman Richard Babb \$135.00 as a part-time worker for helping Jason Quick for 9 hours to clear the land at the bottom of the mountain.
Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn all in favor with Richard Babb abstaining.
2. 24 tons of salt was delivered and the anti-skid bin is full.
3. North Schuylkill School District held a meeting on repository properties and decided to approve properties according to what a municipality decides.
4. Jason Quick attended an LTAP class on Winter Maintenance.
5. A cutting Edge was put on the dump truck and the cinder spreader is now working properly.
6. The NRCS Grant deadline is December 5 and Entech reported that the company doing the work will be starting November 13, 2019 and complete the work by that Friday. Entech Engineering then has 90 days to turn in the paperwork.
7. The Ed Hughes garage needs to have an elevation certificate once the cement floor is done. This certificate needs to be on file indefinitely.
8. The dump truck needs to have the exhaust line fixed and it needs to be inspected.

II. New Business

1. Jason Quick had reached out to Paul Dean to see if he would be available for snow plowing. Mr. Dean said he would be, but Jason will reach out to him to confirm that. Also, contact will be made with Dale Kimmel to see if he is available.
2. Resolution 2019-03 was approved to appoint Sam Deegan of Deegan Corporation to be our independent auditor.
Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn
3. The resignation of Jason Quick as Operations Manager, Floodplain Administrator, Emergency management Coordinator, and Assistant Code Enforcement Officer was accepted.
Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Babb
4. A motion was made to advertise the operations manager position.
Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Tracy Hughes
5. A committee was then formed to begin looking at candidates to interview. The committee will be comprised of Jason Quick, Jeffrey Hoffman, and Richard Korn. Also, there will be a paper application for those interested in applying at the Borough Hall.

6. A budget workshop had been held earlier that evening to formulate a proposed budget. That workshop was held at 6:00 PM at the Borough Hall and was duly advertised. A motion was then made to advertise the Proposed 2020 Budget.
Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn
7. A motion was also made to move the Borough Monthly Meeting starting in January 2020 from the second Tuesday to the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.
Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn
8. A motion was made to start the process of reducing the Council from 7 members to 5 members.
Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

III. **Old Business:** None

Public Comment: Leo Rauber asked when we will be getting the new streetlights in the Development. Jason Quick said he has not heard anything yet from PPL.

The next meeting will be held on December 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Gordon Borough Municipal Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Richard Korn Seconded: Jason Quick

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer December 10, 2019