

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes September 10, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Gordon Municipal Building. Council present: President Todd Houser, Richard Babb, Shannon Dumboski, Tracy Hughes, Richard Korn, Operations Manager 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:

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting as presented by the secretary.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

Treasurer Report: Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of August. The Borough received income of \$19,718.09 and had expenses of \$ 62,040.72. As of August 31, 2019, the General Account Balance was \$79,778.90 and the Motor Licensing Fund balance was \$8,462.31. She noted that the expenses included the \$38,482.08 for the road project and \$319.88 in other Motor Licensing Account expenses making the actual expenses for the General Account at \$23,238.76 for the month of August. Also, the Treasurer informed the Council that the \$125,000.00 from the General Account is now in a new CD.

Donations have been coming in for the park in memory of Jean Bernosky. So far, we have received \$320.00 in donations.

The Treasurer also noted that she received a letter from the IRS informing the Borough that the tax penalties for 2017 have been cancelled except for a fee of \$24.69.

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

Motion: Shannon Dumbosky Seconded: Richard Babb

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

Motion: Shannon Dumbosky Seconded: Richard Babb

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocious gave the police report for the month of August. Butler Township Police handled 46 calls and complaints including a homicide during the month.

Fire Company Report: Mayor Brocious reported that the fire company has found that they had a CD that they were not aware of. It started as a CD of \$20,000.00 and as of August 10, 2019 it is at \$35,000.00 which will allow the fire company to reimburse the Borough for the \$11,000.00 for the fire truck. The Fund Drive is at \$4,500.00 and Wing Night was a success bringing in \$400.00.

Code Enforcement Report: A resignation was accepted from Richard Harris who has been the Code Enforcement Officer since July of 2018. The Borough will be looking for a new Code Enforcement Officer.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

Solicitor's Report: The Solicitor reported that he has sent a letter to Lettich & Zapay on the matter of an invoice they submitted for work on the 2015 – 2018 Audits. The Borough is looking for an itemized bill in light of the fact that no audits were ever completed.

Communications/Manager's Report:

1. The Operations Manager informed the Council that the electronics recycling event had revenue of \$8,595.00 with expenses of \$23,082.76, leaving a balance of \$14,487.76 to be paid by the participating municipalities. Our share comes to \$1,448.00. A motion was made to pay the COG \$1,448.00.

Motion: Shannon Dumbosky Seconded: Richard Babb

2. A motion was made to approve paying Entech Engineering \$900.00 to bid and advertise the work of repairing the stream banks for the NRCS Grant. If the work is completed by December 5, 2019 we could receive up to \$36,235.00 for the work.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

3. Four streetlights will be installed in the Rattling Run Development. There was an additional charge of \$75.00 for extra work done by PPL.
4. Mr. Quick also reported that the stop signs have been installed on Hobart Street and other Council members noted that it has helped slow down traffic.
5. Mr. Quick informed the Council that the cameras are now installed in the park but are in need of some work to make them fully operational. President Houser said that he could probably help with that.
6. Money from the DCED Grant for the ADA walkways has been approved as well as the money from FEMA.
7. He said that he received an email stating that the requirements for the Flood Plain Map has been put on hold for six months. But it was decided to still have a public meeting possibly in November. The date will be discussed at the October Meeting.
8. Jason Quick informed the Council that the dump truck was in need of repairs. \$600.00 was spent on a starter, brake linings, and calipers.
9. He then told them of a problem with the motors on the skid loader. When it was taken to be looked at they found that possibly used parts had been put on it from new. It was purchased new and only has 246 hours on it, but the 1- year warranty expired. When questioned about their rights, Solicitor Readinger informed them of the Consumer Protection Act. Mr. Quick said he was going to do some more research and contact Bobcat about the problem.

New Business:

The North Schuylkill Council of Governments notified Gordon Borough that Schuylkill Municipal Authority would like to join the COG. They requested it be considered at our meeting. A motion was made to allow the Authority to join the COG.

Motion: Shannon Dumbosky Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Old Business:

Already discussed.

Public Comment: None

The next meeting will be held on November 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Gordon Borough Municipal Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer October 8, 2019