

**Borough of Gordon**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 1, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, April 1, 2024. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call were held. Council members Vice-President Tracy Hughes, Jackie Hughes, and Richard Korn were present providing a quorum. Council members Jeffrey Hoffman and Shannon Dumboski were not in attendance. Mayor George Brocious, Operations Manager, George Troutman, Secretary Cathy Moyer, and Solicitor Chris Reidlinger were in attendance along with three members of the public.

**Public Comment:**

Citizen Lee Troutman wanted to know the number for the Borough office. He said he has tried calling and gets a message saying the number is no longer in service. Manager George Troutman informed him that we have been having trouble with our internet and phone service. He is going to contact PenTeleData about the problem.

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the March 4, 2024 monthly meeting were presented.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of March 4, 2024 monthly meeting.

Motion: Jackie Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of March 2024. The Borough received an income of \$46,092.83. The large amount of income was due to receiving our Liquid Fuels allotment of \$26,137.33 and tax money of \$16,228.59. The expenses for the month were \$23,551.58. The General Fund had a month-end balance of \$109,398.76, the Motor Licensing Fund had a month-end balance of \$38,043.98. The Community Hall Fund had a month-end balance of 3,725.62. The Park Savings account had a month-end balance of \$3,980.85. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jackie Hughes

**Payment of Invoices:** A motion was made to pay the invoices for April 2024.

Motion: Jackie Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

**Solicitor's Report:**

The Fire Company Recovery Ordinance 2024-02 was considered. The Ordinance is to help the Fire Company get reimbursement for expenses they may incur for assisting at a fire, Lee Troutman expressed his concerns that the citizens could be charged for expenses but said that he talked to Brian McCabe and understands what it is for now.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2024-02.

Motion: Jackie Hughes Seconded: Rich Korn

Solicitor Reidlinger then brought up something that he found when working with another township. Workman's Comp covers the volunteers that attend the fires but may not cover participating members of the fire Company who are what is considered organizational support. It takes a resolution for them to be covered by workman's comp. He was given the go ahead to draft such a resolution for the next meeting.

Since Mr. Greg Lavas was in attendance, he explained that the area of Ridge Lane, after years of not being maintained by the Borough is now considered the property of the residents who adjoin it. It is considered a paper alley that has no public use.

Solicitor Reidlinger also gave the Borough a heads up that the Regional Police Force, which will be comprised of 3 member commission and will be in force as of January 1, 2025. This means most likely there will be an increase in what the Borough would pay for police coverage. There was then discussion about the possibility of having our own police force.

**Mayor's Report:**

**Police Report:** Mayor George Brocius read the police report for March. There were 20 calls and complaints.

**Fire Company:** Mayor Brocius reported that there have been some problems with the automatic dump on the new tanker along with a few other minor warranty items that were being taken care of by the manufacturer. The AMVETS are having a dance on April 6<sup>th</sup> in the Community Hall. The AMVETS have been working with the Chamber of Commerce regarding asking local businesses for donations toward their project at the school lot.

**Code Enforcement Report:**

Mr. Troutman noted that the abandoned vehicles have been handled by Butler Township police, but the truck box must go through the courts. He is still working on getting Acorn Acres to get permits for the work they are doing. He is dealing with citations at 415 Hobart Street, and he sent out other Notices of Violation.

**Operations Manager Report:**

He asked that Richard Babb be paid for 9 hours at \$15.00/hour for work he did helping to cut down trees and taking off the cinder spreader. A motion was made to pay Richard Babb \$135.00.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jackie Hughes

Mr. Troutman has found someone that is willing to help after Richard Babb leaves. He was given permission to start the hiring process.

He also informed Council of multiple problems with the pickup truck and that it will not be able to be inspected in October if it even lasts that long.

Mr. Troutman then reported the street sweeper is still at Best Line for repairs and he is not sure when street sweeping will be this year.

As for the School Lot, more trees have been removed. He was looking to put a pavilion up on the lot, but there are repairs that are needed at the bridge in the park and he feels they should be done first. Also, the wall at the School Lot is getting bad and suggested tearing it down and putting up a nice retaining wall.

Mr. Troutman then requested that he be allowed to get a cell phone that is strictly for work because of getting work calls on his personal phone on his own time. A motion was made for him to purchase a cell phone for borough work.

Motion: Jackie Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

He purchased a load of dirt for the ballfield and the bell is being removed from the church on Thursday.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:**

Leo Rauber asked what was going to happen to the church after they removed the bell. George Troutman told him it is his understanding that it may be torn down.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jackie Hughes

The next meeting will be held on May 6, 2024.

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer April 1, 2024



