

Borough of Gordon
Council Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, April 3, 2023. Council President Jeffrey Hoffman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Richard Korn, Tracy Hughes, and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger, and Secretary Cathy Moyer were also in attendance along with seven members of the public.

Public Comment: None

Appointment to Fill Vacancy: A letter of interest by Jackie Hughes for the open position on Council left when Anthony Loftus resigned. A motion was made to appoint Jackie Hughes to the position for the remainder of the term up to January 1, 2024. Ms. Hughes will have to run in the general Election in November in order to continue serving.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded; Richard Korn

After a unanimous vote to appoint Ms. Hughes, Mayor George Brocious administered the oath and Ms. Hughes then began her term as a Council Member.

Minutes: Minutes from the March 6, 2023 monthly meeting were presented.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of March 6, 2023 monthly meeting.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

Minutes: Minutes from the March 15, 2023 special meeting were presented.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of March 15, 2023 monthly meeting.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of March 2023. The Borough received an income of \$45,445.14 and had expenses of \$31,277.68. The General Fund had a month end balance of \$84,545.85, the Motor Licensing Fund had a month end balance of \$53,902.82 due to receiving their 2023 Liquid Fuels Allotment. The Community Hall Fund is at \$2,718.52 due to paying 701.21 for material to repair the cooler. The Park Savings account stands at \$3,572.39. The Treasurer also noted that we received an invoice for the Final Payment for the Streambank Project in the amount of \$78,575.52. She will be using the entire amount of the ARPA Fund of \$73,901.41 along with \$4,674.11 from the General Account to pay this invoice. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Payment of Invoices: A motion was made to pay the invoices for April 2023.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded; Richard Korn

A motion was then made to pay the invoice in the amount of \$78,575.52 for the final payment of the Streambank Project.

Solicitor's Report:

706 Hobart Street Update: The Solicitor gave an update on the FEMA violations at this property. A modified Notice of Violation was sent to the property owner in regards to raising the air conditioning unit and securing the propane tanks give them six months to correct the violations.

He noted that a new item was discovered that is in violation of a Borough Ordinance that being the garage which is larger than allowed, not flood vented, and is only allowed for storage. But he noted that there are several garages in the Flood Plain of the Borough that are in violation. If they cite this one and make them tear it down, they will also have to make other residents do the same. Council decided not to make any residents do this.

However, on the issue of unsecured propane tanks he explained that an unsecured propane tank in flooding should it become free floating could be a hazard to the community. A motion was then made to authorize George Troutman to inspect properties for unsecured propane tanks and instruct residents to secure them.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Jackie Hughes

911 Addressing Update: No new updates on this issue.

Garbage Bill Issue Update: Once again some residents are having issues with their bills.

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocious read the police report for March. There were 16 calls and complaints.

Fire Company: Mayor Brocious reported that the Fire Company will be having a golf tournament on April 13 and they are having a 5K run or walk on May 28, 2023.

Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Officer, Nicholas Hazlett, proposed to Council having him have office hours at the Borough Office now that the weather is becoming better for dealing with violations. Council will consider how often they would like him there.

Operations Manager Report:

Street Sweeping: Operations Manager, George Troutman, announced that he is doing the street sweeping on April 17, 18, and 19, 2013 on Biddle, Hobart, and McKnight Streets. The information will be posted on Facebook and the Gordon Borough website.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded; Richard Korn

Weed Control: Mr. Troutman announced that he had proposals from Ehrlich at \$2,310 for the season and DeAngelo Brothers for 2,250.00. But if the Borough signed a three year contract with DeAngelo Brothers the cost would be \$2,225.00 a year for the 3 years, A motion was made to take the three year contract with DeAngelo Brothers.

Line Painting: Tabled until next month due to waiting for the estimate from the Contractor. The subject of seal coating was also tabled.

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made to purchase an awning for the rear door going into the Hall at a cost of \$500.00 to \$600.00. Motion was accepted.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

Public Comment: A discussion began about running and funding the Community Hall. Jason Quick noted that it is a community hall and he would like to see the non-profit organizations be able to use it without charge. Mayor George Brocious gave a report on what expenses were incurred last year at the Hall. Paying for the expenses became the next topic. The Fire Company has by-laws that require that they can only use the money they bring in for equipment. It was suggested that the by-laws be changed, and some of the money they receive from rentals be put in a fund to cover repairs like the cooler. That way, going forward, the Borough and the Fire Company would split the cost of repairs.

It was also discussed that if there are “No Parking” signs put up on Otto Street, who would be enforcing them.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

The next meeting will be held on May 1, 2023.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer May 1, 2023

