

**Borough of Gordon**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 4, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, April 4, 2022. Council Vice-President, Tracy Hughes, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Anthony Loftus, Richard Korn, Tracy Hughes, and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Operations Manager George Troutman, and Secretary Cathy Moyer were also in attendance. Council President Jeffrey Hoffman was not in attendance.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the March 7, 2022 Monthly Meeting were presented.

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes of March 7, 2022 monthly meeting.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

**Treasurer Report:** Secretary Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of March. The Borough received income of \$40,277.41 and had expenses of \$23,349.26. She noted that \$25,526.03 of income was the 2022 Liquid Fuel Allotment. The General Fund had a month end balance of \$18,056.36 and the Motor Licensing Fund had a month end balance of \$50,190.58.

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

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Anthony Loftus

The Treasurer then asked to have a motion approving the transfer of funds from the ARPA Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$2,012.13 for expenses incurred for the creek wall repair behind the church.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Anthony Loftus

A motion was made to pay Paul Dean for 8 hours of snowplowing at \$20.00/hour

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Anthony Loftus

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

**Mayor's Report:**

**Police Report:** The Mayor read the police report. There were 23 calls and complaints during the month of March.

**Fire Company:** Mayor George Brocious had nothing to report other than there will be a golf tournament on May 14, 2022 as a fund raiser.

**Enforcement:** A motion was made to pay Code Enforcement Officer, Nicholas Hazlett, \$315.00.00. for 9 hours.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Code Enforcement Officer, Nicholas Hazlett, gave an update on his activity for the month of March, most notably that he had Mr. Atehia before the District judge and he was fined \$860.00 for the Borough's code enforcement costs as well as court costs.

**Operations Manager Report:**

Mr. Troutman announced that street sweeping will be on April 12th, 13th, and 14th. Also, the Boy Scouts and the Ashland Girls Softball team will be participating in a park cleanup on the 11th.

He then reported that he met with PPL about running power to the new building in the park. PPL told him that a primary wire would have to be run and the current poles are not good enough to do that. The poles are due to be replaced by PPL at some point but if the Borough wants that wire run now it would have to pay for the cost of the poles at \$500.00 apiece. Mr. Troutman said he is going to make a box in one of the pavilions to put the cameras until PPL replaces the poles.

Mr. Troutman also purchased new 6' fencing for the ballfield which took the conversation to the issue of teams scheduling times they would like to use the ballfield in order to avoid playing conflicts. At that point no one has put in an application reserving a time to use the ballfield. It was then decided to contact the various teams and advise them that they should reserve times when they wish to use the field.

Vegetation control was then discussed. The Operations Manager had two quotes, one from Ehrlich at \$2,066.00 for a 1-year contract and one from DeAngelo Brothers for \$2055.00 for a 1-year contract. \$2005.00 for a 3-year contract. He then told them how he attended a class on vegetation control. He suggested that council allow him to do the work. He would need two different permits. One of the permits he already has and allowing him to get the other one for spraying by waterways. He would also need to purchase equipment at a cost of \$2000.00 and the chemicals for \$500.00. A motion was made to allow Mr. Troutman to purchase the equipment and chemicals and obtain the permit for waterways.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Anthony Loftus

The Borough's membership in the COG was then discussed as to whether we want to continue membership in the COG. While at this time there don't appear to be too many benefits it was decided to remain for at least one more year.

Mr. Troutman then gave an update on the creek wall repair. The bidding process will continue for the next month or two and it is expected that the work will begin in the Fall. Also, he announced that John Towey has offered to donate OSB for the repair of the FOG building.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

The solicitor recommended that the motion for the reimbursement from the ARPA account be worded this way: A motion made under Section 1312 of the Borough Code for a supplementary appropriation for the fiscal year 2022 for the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Funds not previously budgeted in the amount of \$2012.13 for the following purpose of repairing a creek wall.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Anthony Loftus

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Anthony Loftus

The next meeting will be held on May 2, 2022.

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer May 2, 2022

