

**Borough of Gordon**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 5, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, April 5 at 7:00 PM. Council President Todd Houser, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Todd Houser, Richard Babb, Richard Korn, Jeffrey Hoffman, Tracy Hughes and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Operations Manager George Troutman, and Solicitor Chris Reidlinger were also in attendance along with eight citizens.

**Public Comment:** None

**Ordinance 2021-04:** A petition was presented to adopt an ordinance to vacate a 20' wide alley adjoining Mountain Road. The petitioners paid \$400.00 to cover advertising and other expenses associated with the hearing. A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2021-04 vacating this alley.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Babb

**Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of March 1, 2021 as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

**Treasurer Report:** Secretary Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of March. The Borough received income of \$ 137,634.18 and had expenses of \$ 114,844.17. The Borough had a balance of \$97,407.81 in the General Fund and \$38,387.18 in the Motor Licensing Fund. The Community Hall Fund is at \$2,539.50 and the Park Savings Fund is at \$3,850.32.

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

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

**Solicitor's Report:**

**Resolution 2021-02:** A resolution was presented to require anyone wishing to construct or develop in the Floodplain pay a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 and payment of any estimated costs to the Borough Secretary to be held in an escrow account until the construction or development is complete.

**Motion:** Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

**Resolution 2021-03:** A resolution was presented to require anyone wishing to appeal the decision of the Floodplain Administrator to pay a filing fee of \$750.00 for the hearing and an additional \$500.00 for each additional hearing.

**Motion:** Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

**189 McKnight Street:** The Solicitor reported that the County has taken 189 McKnight Street off the Demolition Program due to the fact that the family owner lives on the other side and would benefit from the property being torn down. The Code Enforcement Officer was asked to go look at the property and see what other options there are to deal with it.

Solicitor Reidlinger also informed the Council that Gordon Borough is due to receive approximately \$71,000.00 from the COVID Relief money for municipalities.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Police Report: Mayor Brocious reported that Butler Township Police Department handled 19 calls and complaints in the month of March.

Fire Company Report: George Brocious reported that one of the fire trucks was sold for \$4,500.00. Upcoming fundraisers will be a wing night on May 20th along with an upcoming gun raffle and balloon sale. There will be no block party or golf tournament but there will be a parade on Memorial Day.

Code Enforcement Report: A discussion was held on doing a Quality-of-Life Ordinance to deal with some of the code issues in the Borough. It was decided to move forward with the idea. Also, it was decided to do a resolution giving Mr. Hazlett the authority to ticket cars in the Borough under an ORI permit.

Mr. Hazlett was also asked to look at 315 E. Plane Street as it was reported that it has water but no sewer.

A motion was made to pay Nick Hazlett for 11 hours yet to be paid from March as well as his \$350.00 advance for April. A motion was made to issue a check to Mr. Hazlett for \$735.00.

### **Operations Manager Report:**

Mr. Troutman reported that he had 3 one calls in the month of March. Street sweeping will be done during the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>. He also got the lift to take down trees and the shale came for the recycling pad. Updates were also given on pothole repairs, the creek wall, the status of the shed in the park, the springs for the toys, and repairs in the park.

Mr. Troutman reported that the fencing at the ballfield should be repaired. When he got an estimate last year the cost would have been \$1,385.00 but now it has gone up \$300.00 to \$1,560.00. A motion was made to replace the fencing at the new cost.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

### **Old Business:**

Streambank Project: Approval was given to approve of additional services by Entech Engineering for the Streambank Project.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Babb

The Secretary reminded Council that there is \$1005.00 in the Park Savings account from donations given in the name of Jean Bernosky

### **New Business:**

The Secretary also informed Council that the vacuum cleaner was no longer working and needs to be replaced. A motion was made to allow \$200.00 for the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

Todd Houser then informed Council that the Secretary needs a new computer for the office. A motion was made to allow \$1,000.00 to be spent on the new computer.

George Troutman informed that there are places in the Community Hall floor with bad tiles that need to be replaced. He had an estimate for the repair in the amount of \$839.00. A motion was made to allow \$1,000.00 for the repair.

Mr. Troutman presented the idea of hiring John Feeseman who has equipment to help with the cutting of the trees. He recommended hiring him for 2 hours at \$15.00 an hour. A motion was made on the condition that Mr. Feeseman has insurance.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

**Public Comment:** None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

The next meeting will be held on May 3, 2021.

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer June 7, 2021