

**Borough of Gordon**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 2, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, August 2 at 7:00 PM. Council President, Todd Houser, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Richard Babb, Richard Korn, Jeffrey Hoffman, and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocius, Operations Manager George Troutman, and Solicitor Chris Reidlinger were also in attendance along with three citizens. Council member Tracy Hughes was not in attendance.

**Public Comment:** Citizen Barbara Liem questioned what was going to be done about the property at 216 Biddle Street which has high grass. It was explained to her that they can contact the owner, but he lives in New York and that makes it difficult to enforce the citation as Butler Township Police nor the Constable are going to New York. It was decided to use the Ordinance which allows the Borough to take care of the safety issues and then bill the Owner for the service.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the July 5, 2021 meeting were presented.

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes of July 5, 2021 monthly meeting.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

**Treasurer Report:** Secretary Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of July. The Borough received income of \$20,285.69 and had expenses of \$ 28,438.87. The Treasurer informed the Council that she had opened up and transferred the ARPA Fund of \$37,890.25 to a new account of its own. She requested that a motion be made retroactively giving her permission to do so. A motion was then made to open an account for the ARPA Fund of \$37,890.25.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Babb

The Treasurer reminded Council that the MLF CD is up for renewal and at the last meeting it was decided to transfer the money back to the MLF to help pay for the new truck. A motion was made to transfer \$70,247.01 to the MLF.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Ms. Moyer reported that the Borough had a balance of \$ 113,598.7 in the General Fund and \$37,251.19 in the Motor Licensing Fund. The Community Hall Fund is at \$3,091.69 and the Park Savings Fund is at \$37,890.25.

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

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

**Solicitor's Report:**

The first order of business was the contract for garbage collection. Only one bid was submitted, and it was from County Waste. They presented options of 2 years at \$22.00, 3 years at \$23.00 and 4 years at \$24.00. It was decided to go with the 4-year option. A motion was made to accept the contract with County Waste for 4 years at \$24.00.

The Solicitor then discussed the draft of the Quality-of-Life Ordinance. Discussion was held on the subject of fines and how long people have to take care of their violation. It was decided to have fines of \$25.00 with a ten-day period for the violation to be taken care of. Also, Solicitor Reidlinger went over the list of violations which all members of Council approved of. It was agreed that enforcement of the ordinance is about getting the residents proactive about cleaning up their properties, not making money. A motion was then made to advertise the ordinance for adoption at the next meeting.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

A motion was then made to allow up to \$300.00 for tickets to be ordered.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Babb

Onn the subject the Jr. Firefighters, Solicitor Reidlinger covered a few of the items that were in emails that he and the Secretary sent out after they researched the subject. The emails were given to Mayor George Brocious to present at the next Fire Company Meeting.

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

Police Report: No report

Fire Company:

The mayor reported that the Fire Company is doing well despite the lack of fund raisers in the past year. He reported they received a grant for \$12,695.00 which they used for equipment.

Code Enforcement Report:

The Code Enforcement Officer, Nick Hazlett, gave an update on some of the properties he has been working on. Mr. Weber has paid his fines in full and has gotten some of his permits for taking care of the violations on his property.

Another property that was discussed was 189 McKnight Street. It had been in the County demolition program but the County turned it down because of the fact that is a double block and the owners of the other half would benefit from the project. It was then discussed whether there are any violations that the owners of the other half had. Mr. Hazlett said he was unable to find any.

The Code Enforcement Officer reported 26 hours for the month of July. A motion was made to pay him in the amount of \$910.00 for 26 hours in the month of July.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

### **Operations Manager Report:**

George Troutman gave his report for the month of July. He reported that the repair on Elm Street is almost complete. He then reported that he will be needing to rent a backhoe and some other equipment to complete some projects that he has. He still has \$500.00 in his rental budget but would like to have \$500.00 more. A motion was made to allow him \$500.00 more to use for rentals.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

He also requested that the Borough allow him to purchase a grapple bucket to use. He felt buying one was a better way to go than spending the money to rent one because of the number of projects

he could use it on. Rather than buy a new one, Council asked that he look into a used one until the next meeting.

Mr. Troutman suggested that the Borough look into buying a dog waste container for the park because dog owners are failing to clean up after their pets. He said that it may alleviate some of the problem in the park and he found one for \$356.00. A motion was made to allow up to \$400.00 to purchase one.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Mr. Troutman also brought up the subject of the School Property and what we intend to do with it. He suggested that a committee be formed to work on this. A committee was then formed of Richard Korn, Richard Babb, and Jeffrey Hoffman.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:20

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

The next meeting will be held on September 13, 2021.

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer September 13, 2021



