

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes August 3, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, August 3, 2020, at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held in the Community Hall for the purpose of social distancing and masks were required.

President Todd Houser lead the pledge of allegiance, Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Todd Houser, Richard Babb, Richard Korn, and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Secretary Cathy Moyer, Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger, as well as four members of the public were also in attendance. Council members Jeffrey Hoffman and Tracy Hughes were not in attendance.

Public Comment: Larry Wolfgang gave an update on his pursuit of correcting the fact that his driveway is not part of Arch Street. He gave the Council a letter requesting that the matter be taken up at the next meeting and the Borough send a letter to the Schuylkill County 911 Center and the Schuylkill County Assessment Office making an official request to correct the matter.

Natalie O'Connor of Entech Engineering gave an update on both our FEMA Grant and the CDBG. She informed Council that the CDBG that was approved in 2018 for the handicap pathway in the park will be completed in September. She then asked that a motion be made to accept the bids received on July 30, 2020. A motion was made to that effect.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Ms. O'Connor then said that Entech Engineering recommends rejecting the bid of Cedarville Engineering Group LLC due to insufficient construction related experience included in the bid documentation and a lack of compliance. A motion was made to approve the rejection of the Cedarville Engineering Group bid.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Ms. O'Connor then stated that Entech Engineering recommends pursuing the Alternate contract with PEMA to construct the concrete wall. A motion was then made to award the contract to Heim Construction Company as the low bidder for both the base bid and alternative, with either the base bid or the alternative selected being approved by PEMA. The base bid was \$150,627.32 and the base with alternative was \$220,790.32.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

The project is to be completed by November 25, 2020 with one side of the stream bank being a concrete wall and the other hand-cut stone.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of July 6, 2020 as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Babb

Treasurer Report: Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of July. The Borough received income of \$11,081.28 and had expenses of \$23,193.16 giving a balance of \$121,723.66 in the General Fund and \$40,797.58 in the Motor Licensing Fund. Ms. Moyer reported that MLF CD # 318004908 for \$86,524.46 was cashed and deposited into the MLF account. She then used \$70,000.00 from the MLF account to open a new CD# 318011215. Also,

CD # 318004907 for \$5,339.98 was cashed into the General Account and CD # 318008622 for \$125,000.00 rolled over as is.

She also reported that Deegan Corporation has completed our 2016 DCED audit and asked for a motion to be made to allow them to do the 2017 DCED Audit.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

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

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Reidlinger reported that a decision came back from the July 23rd hearing before Judge Russell on reducing the number of Council members. She approved the reduction but only by the election process. This could change should someone request to fill the vacancy left by Jason Quick. Should the seat remain open the number of members would go down to five by January 2024. And he reminded Council that there would have to be four members present for a quorum.

On the matter of 304 Hobart Street, after the Operations Manager did an inspection it was found that the violations were not as bad as assumed. However, a notice of violation letter was sent out for the existing violations on July 23 and the owner has 60 days to make the necessary repairs. Also, they will still have to have an approved permit application. So, no further action on this can be taken until the October Meeting.

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocius read the police report for the month of June. There were 26 calls and complaints in June.

Fire Company Report: Mayor Brocius reported that the fire company recently purchased a new fire truck.

Code Enforcement Report: There was no report, but Solicitor Reidlinger suggested that we look into hiring Nick Hazlett who had worked for Lehigh Engineering but recently started his own code enforcement business.

Operations Manager Report:

With George Troutman being absent, Council President Todd Houser reported that there were bids received on the Hobart Street repair, but he didn't give any information on who was awarded the project without knowing if all who submitted quotes were notified.

Old Business:

It was announced that the new camera system was ordered and will be installed when they arrive.

New Business: None

Public Comment:

William Hornberger and Larry Wolfgang reported a problem with a neighbor blocking Arch Street with his vehicle. They were told that they need to contact Butler Township Police when it happens.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

The next meeting will be held on September 14, 2020.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer August 3, 2020