

Borough of Gordon
Council Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, December 4, 2023. Council President Jeffrey Hoffman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Jeffrey Hoffman, Tracy Hughes, Shannon Dumboski, Jackie Hughes, and Richard Korn were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger, Operations Manager, George Troutman and Secretary Cathy Moyer were also in attendance along with two members of the public.

Public Comment: Mark Varndell expressed his concern about 416 Hobart Street. He was informed that the situation is going to court shortly.

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

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

Motion: Shannon Seconded: Jackie Hughes

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of November. The Borough received an income of \$19,815.37 and had expenses of \$12,361.11. The General Fund had a month end balance of \$130,678.69, the Motor Licensing Fund had a month end balance of \$17,292.08. The Community Hall Fund is \$3,573.09. The Park Savings account stands at \$3,877.95. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

The Treasurer also noted that a donation of \$550.00 was received from Barry Township toward the Worker's Compensation for the Fire Company. She will be sending them a thank you.

Resolution 2023-04 – A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2023 – 04 setting the tax rate at 9.5 mills for 2024.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jackie Hughes

Resolution 2023-05 – A motion was made to approve L. Samuel Deegan Corporation as the auditor for the year 2023.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

2024 Budget – A motion was made to adopt the 2024 Budget which had been considered at the November Meeting and duly advertised.

Motion: Jackie Hughes Seconded: Tracy Hughes

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Reidlinger noted that the citations filed on 706 Hobart Street will be going to court on December 14.

He noted that he and Tracy Hughes and Jackie Hughes met with 911 addressing. There will be quite a few address changes most likely in Spring. There may also need to be a public meeting at some point.

He also questioned if there have been problems with the garbage bills since they were given addresses for the people in Gordon. Both the Operations Manager and the Secretary said that they have not been getting any complaints about garbage bills.

Solicitor Reidlinger said that he attended a meeting of the North Schuylkill Landfill Association and they voted to divide the money 17 ways and would be distributed possibly in May or June of next year. Gordon Borough is included in the split. He advised that the Borough appoint someone to be a representative of the Borough to attend their meetings just to keep tabs on the situation just in case they would change their mind and want to only split 13 ways. He recommended that they appoint George Troutman to handle this. A motion was made appointing George Troutman to be the Borough's representative to the North Schuylkill Landfill Association.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jackie Hughes

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocious read the police report for November. There were 23 calls and complaints.

Fire Company:

Mayor Brocious informed Council that Universal Forest Products raised \$721.00 with their Chik-Filet fundraiser. Other than that, is has been quiet.

Code Enforcement Report:

Code Enforcement Officer, George Troutman informed Council that both 706 Hobart and 416 Hobart are going to court soon, 706 for its FEMA violations and 416 for ordinance violations regarding chickens and the general condition of the property. Solicitor Reidlinger recommended having a certified deed as well as a certified copy of the ordinance for 416 Hobart Street.

Operations Manager Report:

Mr. Troutman Council that there is a storm drain on Biddle Street that appears to be either blocked or collapsed. He was looking to have an outside company hired to open it up as he has had no success getting PennDOT come to take care of it. It was suggested to him that he contact our PennDOT representative with the situation.

Mr. Troutman presented a cost for a 24' X 32' pavilion to be \$2,850.00 and electricity would be 1,325.00. He requested approval for \$5,000.00 for the pavilion and electricity. A motion was made to approve \$5,000.00 for the pavilion.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Old Business: George Brocious said that he would inform the AMVETS of the plan to put a pavilion on the Lot to coordinate it with their plans.

New Business: George Troutman noted that over the weekend someone using the Hall set the thermostat higher than usual and it was like that over the weekend. He recommended getting a plastic cover for the thermostat. Council agreed.

The Secretary presented Council with the 2024 meeting dates and office holidays. A motion was made to approve them.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

The next meeting will be held on January 2, 2024. It will be both the Reorganization Meeting and the monthly Council Meeting will follow.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer January 2, 2024

