

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes December 7, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, December 7, 2020, at 7:00 PM. President Todd Houser lead the pledge of allegiance, Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Todd Houser, Richard Babb, Jeffrey Hoffman, and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Operations Manager George Troutman, Mayor George Brocious, Secretary Cathy Moyer, Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger and two members of the public were also in attendance. Council members Richard Korn and Tracy Hughes were not in attendance.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of November 2, 2020 as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Jeff Hoffman Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Treasurer Report: Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of November. The Borough received income of \$16,191.16 and had expenses of \$15,811.94. The Borough also received the FEMA reimbursement of \$34,915.50 giving a balance of \$107,999.30 in the General Fund and \$26,103.96 in the Motor Licensing Fund. The Community Hall Fund is at \$2,345.91 and the Park Savings Fund is at \$3,819.54.

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

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

Solicitor's Report:

Ordinance 2020-01 - Approval was made to approve Ordinance 2020-01 which is the Tax Rate Ordinance increasing taxes as of January 1, 2021 one mill from 8.5 Mills to 9.5 Mills.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Resolution 2020-04 - Approval was made for Resolution 2020-04 to appoint Deegan Corporation to be the auditor for the 2020 Financial Year.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

There was also a discussion of the request of Ricky Kimmel to put a sand mound on a property. Consideration was given as well to having a Farm Animal Ordinance and a Demolition Permit Ordinance.

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocious gave the police report for October. There were 18 calls and complaints in the month of October 2020.

Fire Company Report: The Mayor reported that the Fire Company received a COVID grant in the amount of \$22,000.00 from the State and will be receiving a grant for \$4,000.00 from a grant that

was set up by actor Dennis Leary for small fire companies. The Fire Company will not receive the money but the grant will buy the equipment for them.

Code Enforcement Report:

Nick Hazlett of Hazlett Municipal Services was in attendance and gave a report on the work he did in November. A discussion was held on how to handle the rental property inspections.

A motion was made to pay him \$700.00 for the month of December.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

Operations Manager Report:

Operations Manager, George Troutman reported that the dump truck has begun leaking oil. The repair will be between \$700.00 and \$1,000.00. He said that he felt everything else was good now and would pass inspection. He wanted to know what to do in view of the fact that the Borough is purchasing a new truck next year. A motion was made to authorize the repair of leaking oil pan.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

Mr. Troutman then told Council that he had Natalie O'Conner look at a place along the stream bank between Biddle and Charles Streets where the walls seem to be moving. After showing the problem to Ms. O'Conner he said that installing three I-beams would solve the problem. The cost would be roughly \$461.50. A motion was made to purchase and install the I-beams at a cost of up to \$500.00.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

On the Stream Bank Project 140' of the stone wall was done but there is 100' that has not been done. The Operations Manager said that Ms. O'Conner was going to contact FEMA and see if the change could be made to extend the wall and tie it into the bank. We are now waiting for approval.

The Operations Manager informed council that a backflow would need to be installed for the water in the garage at a cost of \$172.00 and an inspection would need to be done at a cost of \$150.00.

Mr. Troutman then informed Council that the Swift message system that Schuylkill County is going to would be at a \$300.00 hook-up fee and \$40.00 monthly fee. President Houser felt that the Borough should research finding their own computer program to put out community-wide messages.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Secretary informed Council that she received a letter from PEMA acknowledgement of George Troutman to serve as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Gordon Borough.

A motion was made to appoint Operation Manager, George Troutman, as the County TCC Representative.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Babb

A motion was made to appoint Secretary/ Treasurer, Cathy Moyer, as the County TCC Alternate Representative.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

A motion was made to give a \$50.00 donation to the Ashland Public Library.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Public Comment: None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Babb

The next meeting will be held on January 2, 2021.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer January 4, 2021