

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes February 11, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The February 1, 2021 meeting had been cancelled due to inclement weather, President Todd Houser lead the pledge of allegiance, Secretary Cathy Moyer, who tied in via telephone, held roll call. Council members Todd Houser, Richard Babb, Jeffrey Hoffman, Tracy Hughes and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Operations Manager George Troutman, Solicitor Chris Reidlinger and Code Enforcement Officer Nicholas Hazlett were also in attendance along with one citizen. Council member Richard Korn and Mayor George Brocious were not in attendance.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of January 4, 2021 as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Babb

Treasurer Report: In the absence of the Secretary, Council President Todd Houser gave the financial report for the month of January. The Borough received income of \$8,059.51 and had expenses of \$20,039.02. The Borough had a balance of \$89,737.42 in the General Fund and \$19,371.41 in the Motor Licensing Fund. The Community Hall Fund is at \$2,504.50 and the Park Savings Fund is at \$3,825.32.

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 February.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Solicitor's Report:

Livestock Ordinance: A motion was made to advertise the ordinance as presented by the Solicitor. It was suggested to have a fifty dollar fee for an application for the permit.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Flood Plain Ordinance: It was decided to use the least restrictive form of the ordinance. The requirement to get a Flood Plain permit even if they don't live in the Flood Plain. The Operations Manager, George Troutman, would receive the application for review. If he is uncertain on anything he is allowed to consult Don Cuff of Entech Engineering. There will be no requirement for the Conservation District to review. The standards were discussed for garages and swimming pools as well as that manufactured houses are not allowed in the Flood Plain. A home that is constantly flooded can be torn down and taken out of the Flood Plain. Should there be request for a variance, Gordon Borough Council must form a Board to consider that request. Also, it was noted that having a stricter version of the ordinance will not lower the insurance of homeowners in Gordon.

A motion was made to advertise the Flood Plain Ordinance.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: In the absence of the Mayor, Council President Todd Houser gave the police report for January. There were 44 calls and complaints in January 2021.

Fire Company Report: None

Code Enforcement Report: The Code Enforcement Officer provided Council with a report of his activities in the month of January and the first part of February. The first property was 120-122 East Biddle Street, owned by Skye Rinker. The Code Enforcement Officer spoke to Zachery Rinker who did comply with having the dumpster emptied. Also, Mr. Rinker was told that the RV and the pool in the backyard both had to be covered.

Also discussed was the property at 0 Biddle Street which is owned by Dr. Joseph Webber of 652 Fountain Street, Ashland. The Code Enforcement Officer posted the property as being condemned but the owner has not responded to Notices of Violation. The Code Enforcement Officer will now deliver the Notices of Violation to Dr. Webber's personal residence.

A discussion then was held on enacting a dumpster ordinance to deal with the problem of dumpsters being kept on a property for an indefinite time. Also, Mr. Hazlett questioned how much time does Council want to give property owners who are in violation to clean up their properties.

A motion was made to pay Nick Hazlett \$350.00 in advance for the month of February.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

Operations Manager Report:

Operations Manager, George Troutman informed the Council that three of the toys at the playground have broken springs. Each spring costs \$178.00 which brings the repair to \$534.00. a motion was made to purchase the three springs up t \$600.00.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

The street sweeper needs to be repaired and an estimate of \$1,400.00 was received. It was questioned if it would be cheaper to rent a street sweeper when we need one. The cost was \$265.00 a day. A motion was made to repair the sweeper up to \$2,400.00.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Babb

Mr. Troutman then asked for approval to purchase a new chain saw. The item was approved at the budget meeting but it is over the \$500.00 limit. Currently, he is able to get a \$679.00 chain saw for \$100.00 off at \$579.00. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the chain saw.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Old Business: None

New Business:

A request for payment was submitted by Heim Construction for payment in the amount of \$92,385.00 for work on the Stream Bank Project which will be submitted to FEMA.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

A motion was made to pay Council Member Richard Babb \$420.00 for 28 hours at \$15.00/ hour of work helping plow snow.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Tracy Hughes

A repository sale of 189 S. McKnight Street was considered and tabled until the March 1st meeting.

Public Comment: None

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

The next meeting will be held on March 1, 2021.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer March 1, 2021