

Borough of Gordon
Council Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, February 6, 2023. Council Vice-President Tracy Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Richard Korn, Tracy Hughes, and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger, and Secretary Cathy Moyer were also in attendance along with seven members of the public. Council members, Jeff Hoffman and Anthony Loftus, were not present.

Public Comment: Jessica Slotcavage was present to inform Council that the Fishing Rodeo will be held on May 6, 2023. She was asking permission to once again close the creek for thirty days or May 5 to June 4 to fishing for anyone over the age of 16 and up. Also, the town-wide yard sale will be the first Saturday in June. A motion was made to close the creek in the park from May 5 to June 4, 2023 to anyone over the age of 16.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Minutes: Minutes from the January 9, 2023 monthly meeting were presented.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2023 monthly meeting.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Treasurer Report: Secretary Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of January 2023. The Borough received an income of \$10,611.96 and had expenses of \$20,500.89. The General Fund had a month end balance of \$74,010.18, the Motor Licensing Fund had a month end balance of \$29,928.94, the Community Hall Fund is at \$3,417.31 and the Park Savings account had \$3,469.78.

The Treasurer then noted that the increase in the PPL bill for the building must have been due to the estimating done by PPL. The January bill was \$416.43. The amount must have been calculated and the account corrected because the February bill was only \$90.12. George Brocious noted that the Fire Company also had an electric bill of over \$400.00 in January.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Solicitor's Report:

Act 537 Plan: The Solicitor explained to Council that the Borough received an Act 537 Plan for the project being done by SCMA. Right now, the project is out for public comment and depending on the outcome of the public comment the Borough will be asked to give their approval by adopting a resolution.

Garbage Bill Issue Update: the Solicitor gave an update to the problem with the garbage bills. He has emailed GFL 5 times already with no response. It has also been put on the Borough's website that citizens only have to pay \$24.00 monthly for garbage pickup. Short of suing them for breach of contract there isn't much else that can be done.

706 Hobart Street Update: The Operations Manager informed Council that he has a meeting with Don Cuff on February 16, 2023 at the property. Estimates were received. One to do the deck and one move the AC unit. The estimates came in at \$1,300.00 to \$1,500.00. Also, a 3' X 3' cement pad will be constructed for the gas tank.

911 Addressing Update: Scott Krater has given 205 Ridge Lane its address. Solicitor Reidlinger asked Council if they would be interested in hearing what suggestions the 911 addressing would have to bring the Borough in line with 911. This would help eliminate any confusion should an emergency call need to be answered. But some residents may have their address changed. They were open to hearing what Mr. Krater would suggest.

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocius read the police report for January. There were 18 calls and complaints.

Fire Company: Mayor Brocius read the year-end report for the Fire Company. He also noted that they had a soup sale on Saturday and made \$1,403.00. He also reported that they now have the new truck but are awaiting some equipment.

Code Enforcement Report:

1. **Approval of Wages:** A motion was made to pay the Code Enforcement Officer \$122.50 for 3.5 hours from January 4, 2023 to February 6, 2023.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

2. **Update:** The Code Enforcement Officer reported that he posted 300 Biddle Street on January 28th. The violation was based on the building ordinance for walls. The matter between the two property owners is largely civil but a permit must be gotten for the wall to ensure that it is built to be stable. At this point an application has been submitted for the permit.

Operations Manager Report:

The only item the Operations Manager reported on was on the Streambank Project. He reported to the Solicitor that the project was to be started on January 2 and completed by February 8. So far nothing has been done. The Solicitor was going to investigate whether a bond was in place with the Contractor, Mar-Allen.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mayor George Brocius had submitted an email informing Council that the cooler for the Community Hall needed to have the floor replaced. A request was made to use money from the Community Hall Fund to pay for the materials which would cost about \$500.00 to \$800.00. He assured Council that the members of the Fire Company would provide the labor. A discussion ensued about whose responsibility to pay for the material. Finally, a motion was made to pay for the materials from the Community Hall Fund.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes Opposed: Shannon Dumboski

The motion was later to amend the motion to include that the cost be no more than \$500.00 to \$800.00.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

The next meeting will be held on March 6, 2023.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer March 6, 2023

