

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes July 6, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, July 6, 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, Jeffrey Hoffman, Richard Babb, Richard Korn, Tracy Hughes, and Shannon Dumboski participated in the call providing a quorum. Operations Manager, George Troutman, Secretary Cathy Moyer, and Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger were also in attendance. Council member Jason Quick and Mayor George Brocius were not in attendance.

Public Comment: William Hornberger questioned how often rental property inspections were required. He was told that rentals are inspected every two years or when a new tenant occupies the property. He also brought to the attention of Council a tree on the old school property that may soon fall down.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of June 1, 2020 as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

Treasurer Report: Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of June. The Borough received income of \$13,918.73 and had expenses of \$16,797.48 giving a balance of \$134,334.84 in the General Fund and \$25,698.55 in the Motor Licensing Fund.

The Treasurer reported that CD # 318004907 for \$5,339.98 was rolled over into the General Fund and CD # 318004908 for \$86,509.53 was rolled over. She informed the Council that CD # 318008622 for \$125,000.00 is up for maturity on August 2, 2020. A motion was made to allow that to roll over.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

A motion was then made to pay council member Richard Babb for 21 hours mowing Borough property at \$15.00/ hour for a total of \$315.00.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

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

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

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

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Solicitor's Report:

A motion was made to authorizing George Troutman to act as Code Enforcement Officer.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

The Solicitor presented a resolution for George Troutman to have authorization to act as Code Enforcement Officer. It will be Resolution 2020-02.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

The decision as to whether the rate needs to be raised for the Code Enforcement Officer position and whether to advertise the position was tabled.

Solicitor Reidlinger informed the Council that the sale of 312 McKnight Street has been completed and that the Treasurer gave him a check for Schuylkill County to satisfy the lien on the property.

On the matter of reducing the Council from 7 members to 5 members he informed them that there is a hearing scheduled for July 23 at 2:00 in front of Judge Russell.

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Todd Houser read the police report for the month of May. There were 23 calls and complaints in May.

Fire Company Report: None

Operations Manager Report:

The Operations Manager, George Troutman, reported that the camera system in the Park is no longer efficient and requested that a new camera system be purchased. A motion was made to allow up to \$1,000.00 to purchase a system with eight cameras for the Park.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Mr. Troutman also explained that there was a pipe collapse on the 700 block of Hobart Street which needed to be repaired. He had John Davis of PennDOT come in to look at it and the pipe and the drain basin need to be replaced. He is able to use telephone bids if the cost is under \$11,300.00. A motion was made to allow him to accept the lowest bidder.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

The MLF CD # 318004908 was then discussed as to whether it should be cashed in to help pay for the repair. The CD is currently at \$86,509.53. It was decided to cash in the CD and keep \$16,509.53 to use toward the repair and then put \$70,000.00 back into a CD.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

Mr. Troutman then informed Council that the street sweeper attachment is in need of repair and new bristles. He had someone come in to look at it and they gave a worst case estimate of \$2,528.02. The decision to repair was tabled. He also told the Board that Erlich came in and did the vegetation spraying and that the One Call System that we were using from the County is no longer available.

Old Business:

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Jason Quick which was tabled at last month's meeting.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

New Business:

Council Woman Shannon Dumboski brought up the subject of the police contract with Butler Township. It was decided to go into executive session after the adjournment of the meeting.

Public Comment: Carol Reiner questioned whether the rates for other CD's were ever checked when they are rolled over. The Treasurer told her that the rate she was offered was .6% for a one-

year CD and 1.25 % for a five-year CD. She has in the past also shopped around for CD rates and was given the best rate at Mid Penn.

Ms. Reiner also questioned why there are no stop signs on McKnight Street. She was told that it is a State road that we have no jurisdiction over. She commented her concerns over the lack of police presence in the town.

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

The next meeting will be held on August 3, 2020.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer July 6, 2020