

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes June 1, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, June 1, 2020, at 7:00 PM. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic disaster the meeting was held via telephone conference. The contact information for the conference was duly advertised in the May 29, 2020 Republican Herald and posted on the Gordon Borough Hall door.

President Todd Houser lead the pledge of allegiance, Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Todd Houser, Jeffrey Hoffman, Richard Korn, Tracy Hughes, and Shannon Dumboski participated in the call providing a quorum. Operations Manager, George Troutman, Secretary Cathy Moyer, Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger also participated in the conference call. Council members Jason Quick and Richard Babb did not participate.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of May 4, 2020 as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Treasurer Report: Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of May. The Borough received income of \$72,863.61 and had expenses of \$19,579.50. The Treasurer reported that the income came from \$45,900.81 in tax revenue, \$11,597.14 in EIT revenue, and \$11,102.86 from the Realty Transfer Tax.

The Treasurer then questioned how the Council wanted two CD's handled that are coming up for renewal June 29, 2020. A motion was made to allow the MLF CD 318004908 of \$85,991.39 to roll over.

Motion: Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

A motion was then made to cash in the CD 318004907 for \$5,105.98 which would be put into the General Fund.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

A motion was then made to pay council member Richard Babb for 20 hours mowing Borough property at \$15.00/ hour.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

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

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

Solicitor's Report:

On the sale of 312 McKnight St. Attorney Reidlinger is waiting for written confirmation that the County will accept the \$1500.00 as payment to satisfy the lien for the demolition of the property. Also, on the motion to allow the sale of the property he prepared a resolution to memorialize the motion. It is Resolution 2020-01 of May 4, 2020.

Also, he asked if there were any questions on how this will work with Jason Quick resigning. If the Board decides to reduce the council from 7 members to 5 members there would have to be a petition with names of 5% of the 483 registered voters. Council has 45 days to accept Jason Quick's resignation, then 30 days to fill the vacancy and if it is not filled 15 days for the vacancy board to fill the position. If they fail to fill the position the matter would go before a judge.

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocious read the police report for the month of April. There were 13 calls and complaints in March.

Fire Company Report: Mayor Brocious asked Mrs. Moyer to contact the cleaning company that did the sanitizing of the Borough Hall to come in and do the bathrooms in the fire company. She informed him that Fire Company member Larry Helwig already had them do the bathrooms at a cost of \$45.00. Mayor Brocious was satisfied and told her to send him the invoice when she gets one.

The Mayor also reported that someone is parking in the alley behind Hobart Street. This is making it difficult for one resident to get out of their garage and poses a problem should there be a need for a fire truck to get through. He was asked to contact the Butler Township Police to handle the matter.

Operations Manager Report: George Troutman reported that he looked into the cost of a trailer for transporting the lawn tractor as suggested at the last meeting. He found a heavy duty used trailer for \$1500.00 and new trailers which were not heavy duty but would work for the tractor at a cost of \$1200.00 to \$1300.00. It was decided to table the decision at this time.

Old Business:

The park was reopened today. A motion was done retroactively on opening as of June 1.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

A motion was made to memorialize the approval of the sale of 312 McKnight Street by Resolution 2020-01 dated May 4, 2020.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

New Business:

A letter of resignation from Jason Quick was read but action on accepting it was tabled.

George Troutman reported that he will be doing street sweeping next week and the remainder of the vegetation control spraying will also be done at the same time.

President Todd Houser wanted to recognize Richard Harris for his work on the Hometown Heroes.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

The next meeting will be held on July 6, 2020.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

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