

Borough of Gordon
Council Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, June 6, 2022. Council President Jeffrey Hoffman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Anthony Loftus, Richard Korn, Jeffrey Hoffman, and Tracy Hughes were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Operations Manager George Troutman, and Secretary Cathy Moyer were also in attendance along with one citizen. Council Member Shannon Dumboski was not in attendance.

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

Minutes from the May 2, 2022 Monthly Meeting were presented.

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes of May 2, 2022 monthly meeting.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Anthony Loftus

Treasurer Report: Secretary Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of May. The Borough received income of \$66,763.85 and had expenses of \$19,650.62. The General Fund had a month end balance of \$74,362.67 and the Motor Licensing Fund had a month end balance of \$46,981.87. She also informed Council that we have received the \$38,037.87 back from the FEMA Grant with more to come. That amount will be reflected in the June report.

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

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

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

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Anthony Loftus

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Chris Reidlinger brought Council up to date on a request made by Schuylkill County Municipal Authority. He explained that Gordon Borough has a contract with SCMA to discharge 100,000 gallons into the sewage treatment plant servicing Gordon. We are currently only discharging 45,000 gallons into it. SCMA is asking that we consider temporarily relinquishing a capacity of 50,000 gallons we are not currently using so that it may be used for future development in other neighboring areas. Once SCMA builds another treatment plant the 50,000-gallon capacity would be returned to Gordon. Since the Borough sees no future development here in the Borough in the foreseeable future, Council agreed to allow SCMA to temporarily use the 50,000-gallon capacity elsewhere. A motion was made to temporarily relinquish 50,000 gallons of capacity to SCMA.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

A motion was then made to authorize Council President, Jeffrey Hoffman, to sign the agreement with SCMA once it becomes available.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Anthony Loftus

A discussion was then held on having a dumpster ordinance, discussing what it might contain and residential verses business as well as those for construction projects. It was decided to table the

matter and see how the dumpster situation goes in the next few months before putting an ordinance in place.

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocious gave the Police Report for the months of April and May. In April Butler Township Police had 11 calls and complaints and in May they had 14 calls and complaints.

Fire Company: Mayor George Brocious reported that they have received their State Grant for \$15,000.00 which they will use to repay the loan to the Borough for the new fire truck. The rest of that Brian McCabe will be using to buy equipment. The Fire Company made \$1200.00 from the May 14th golf tournament and they received \$1,000.00 from Jeld-Wen and donations from Walmart in the form of paper products and a pallet of Gatorade for the Golf Tournament.

Code Enforcement: A motion was made to pay Code Enforcement Officer, Nicholas Hazlett, \$350.00. for 10 hours.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

When the Code Enforcement Officer, Nicholas Hazlett, gave an update on his activity for the month of May, most notably that he has issued citations to the owners and tenants of 316 Plane Street and 107 Gordon Street. Council then gave him a number of properties that they would like him to deal with in the Borough.

Operations Manager Report:

Park Electricity: Mr. Troutman reported that he purchased the conduit for the park and is hoping to install it this week.

Manlift Rental: Mr. Troutman made a request to rent a manlift at a cost of \$1,171.00 to cut down trees and for running the electricity in the Park. He noted that if he hired Bixler's Tree Service to cut the trees down it would cost \$1,000.00 a tree. Also, this price for the manlift is at a 15% discount. A motion was then made to authorize a manlift at a cost of \$1,171.00.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tony Loftus

Creek Wall Project: It was announced that the creek wall projects have been split up and are out for bids.

Sholley Request: A request was made by Arthor Sholley to have a second handicap spot in front of his house to replace the one he lost when the sidewalk was replaced, and the lines painted. Council turned down his request at this time.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: Leo Rauber made several comments. He gave input on how the stream bank projects could be taken care of as well as hiring someone else to do the trees. He also asked the Code Enforcement Officer if anything is getting done. He brought up the house that is full of pigeons and what could be done about it.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

The next meeting will be held on July 5, 2022.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer July 5, 2022

