

**Borough of Gordon**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 7, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, June 7 at 7:00 PM. Council President, Todd Houser, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Todd Houser, Richard Babb, Richard Korn, Shannon Dumboski and Tracy Hughes were present providing a quorum. Operations Manager George Troutman, and Solicitor Chris Reidlinger were also in attendance along with four citizens. Council member Jeffrey Hoffman and Mayor George Brocious were not in attendance.

**Public Comment:** Anthony Loftus questioned the Solicitor if the Fire Company could bring 14-year-olds on as Jr. Firefighters. Currently the age limit is 15. Solicitor Reidlinger said he was not certain if they could do that.

Tom Dando who is with the AMVETS questioned Council about their plans for the old school lot. He was requesting permission to possibly put a veteran's memorial there. Council was happy with the idea.

**Minutes: Minutes from three meetings were presented.**

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the hearing to vacate the alley off Mountain Road which was held on April 5, 2021

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes of April 5, 2021 monthly meeting.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes of May 3, 2021 monthly meeting.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

**Treasurer Report:** Secretary Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of May. The Borough received income of \$ 66,720.89 and had expenses of \$ 21,972.28. The Borough had a balance of \$141,711.08 in the General Fund and \$38,023.41 in the Motor Licensing Fund. The Community Hall Fund is at \$2,798.23 and the Park Savings Fund is at \$35,279.85.

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

The Treasurer noted that we are working with our auditor to complete the 2018, 2019, and 2020 Audits which are overdue and causing us to be flagged by DCED.

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

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Reidlinger Discussed how to proceed with applying for the loan for the new truck. Both he and the Secretary would make contact with Hugh McGowan on how to proceed.

With the code Enforcement Officer not in attendance, no further action was taken on the Quality-of-Life Ordinance.

Treasurer Cathy Moyer reminded Council that the Motor Licensing CD of \$70,000.00 is coming up for renewal at the end of the month and they would have to decide at the next meeting how much they would be using for the truck purchase.

**Mayor's Report:**

Police Report: With the Mayor absent, President Todd Houser gave the totals for the Police Reports of March, April, and May.

Fire Company: No report.

Code Enforcement Report: No report.

**Operations Manager Report:**

Mr. Troutman gave his report for the month of May.

1. The damaged building in the Park was torn down, ground leveled and grass planted. The new building will be located behind the basketball net.
2. There are 7 trees to be taken down, He received a bid of \$5,000.00 with the trees just being dropped and another for \$6,000.00 for taking down the trees but lowering them to the ground. The decision was made to go with lowering the trees for safety's sake. A motion was made to spend up to \$6,000.00 for removing the trees by lowering them.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded; Tracy Hughes

3. Mr. Troutman also informed Council that the stumps that are in the park will be removed and leveled off with topsoil.
4. A motion was made to accept Ehrlich's proposal of \$1892.00 for vegetation control in the Park and other areas of the Borough.  
Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

5. Mr. Troutman informed Council that the creek wall behind the church closest to the bridge. He met with Entech Engineering and they confirmed that the issue could be taken care of by installing steel beams to support the wall. He is able to fabricate the beams, but it will cost \$2500.00 for the steel. A motion was made to spend \$2500.00 form steel for the new beams.  
Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded; Tracy Hughes

6. He then presented some options for the new building for the park. He did receive three quotes. A 12' X 20' storage shed from rocky Mountain would be \$8,001.00. A 24' X 24' pole building from Pioneer Pole Buildings would be \$12,463.00 plus the cost of the cement pad. A motion was made to spend up to \$15,000.00 for the pole building using money from the Park Savings account.  
Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

7. Mr. Troutman then told Council that the cost of the new roof over the truck room and Community Hall has now gone from \$29,00.00 to \$32,855.00 and that was the lowest of four bids. A motion was made to spend up to \$35,000.00 for the new roof.

8. Mr. Troutman then asked Council for \$2,200.00 to make repairs to the pavilions in the park after the trees are down. Money from the Park Savings account would be used.

**Old Business:**

Council then approved the Payment Application #2 for the Streambank Project.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

President Todd Houser then noted because of research on our part the handicap pathways in the park will be able to be done even though they will be in the Flood Plain. Finding this will also help Gilberton Borough to complete a project they thought could not be done because of the Flood Plain Ordinance.

**New Business:**

**Public Comment:** Leo Rauber commented on the roof repair.

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

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Shannonn Dumboski

The next meeting will be held on July 5, 2021.

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer July 5, 2021