

Borough of Gordon
Council Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, March 1 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, Jeffrey Hoffman, Tracy Hughes and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Operations Manager George Troutman, and Solicitor Chris Reidlinger were also in attendance along with one citizen.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of February 11, 2021 as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

Treasurer Report: Secretary Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of February. The Borough received income of \$17,920.03 and had expenses of \$14,290.74. The Borough had a balance of \$93,068.88 in the General Fund and \$18,936.29 in the Motor Licensing Fund. The Community Hall Fund is at \$2,539.50 and the Park Savings Fund is at \$3,850.32.

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 March.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Babb

An invoice for \$1600.00 from Paul Dean for use of his backhoe for snow removal was presented for approval.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

An invoice for \$3,927.50 from LR White for snow removal was presented for approval.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Solicitor's Report:

Livestock Ordinance: A discussion was held as to whether to adopt the advertised ordinance in view of the fact it does not prohibit having livestock in the Borough. It only regulates whether there are suitable accommodations to maintain such livestock. It was decided to adopt this current ordinance and perhaps amend this ordinance or adopt another ordinance in the future. It will be Ordinance 2021-02. A motion was made to adopt the ordinance as presented by the Solicitor.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Resolution 2021-01: A resolution was presented to adopt an application form for permits for Ordinance 2021-02. A motion was made to adopt the resolution as Resolution 2021-02.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

Flood Plain Ordinance: It was decided to adopt the previously advertised Flood Plain Ordinance which will become Ordinance 2021-03. A motion was made to adopt the Flood Plain Ordinance.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

Solicitor Reidlinger also presented a petition of some citizens who want the Borough to vacate an alley that they live on. The matter has been tabled in order for the Solicitor to confirm the one landowner and what the advertising requirements are. He is hoping to have more information by the next meeting.

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: None

Fire Company Report: George Brocius reported that a pole on Minersville Street had been damaged but was taken care of. Also, the COVID Grant has been used on equipment.

A letter was given to Mayor Brocius for a requirement of a Walmart Grant for the Fire Company.

Code Enforcement Report: None

Operations Manager Report:

Mr. Troutman reported that he had 2 One Calls and 2 building permits in the month of February. In an update on 302 and 304 McKnight Street council was informed that they still have not passed inspection. The new springs for the playground toys have been ordered.

As for the problem of abandoned vehicles, the Butler Township Police can tag and tow away the ones that are on the streets. The ones in yards will have to be dealt with Code Enforcement.

Mr. Troutman informed Council that PenTeleData contacted us to consider using them for our telephone serve as well as our internet service. The proposal showed that there would be a savings of around \$20.00 per month. Council was in favor of making the change.

In light of the cost of snow removal during the recent storms, the Operations Manager asked them to consider allow him to rent a larger dump truck at a cost of \$1100.00 a week or \$2200.00 a month which would be cheaper and Borough workers could do the removal themselves.

Old Business:

The repository sale of 189 McKnight Street was considered and denied. A motion was made to purchase the property and keep it in the demolition program.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Tracy Hughes

A motion was then made to authorize the Solicitor to put a bid in with the County for 189 McKnight Street.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Tracy Hughes

FEMA Map Update:

The new maps become official on May 18, 2021. It was decided to have a Town Hall Meeting on April 5 at 6:00 PM so the public can come and ask questions about the changes to the map. Before then we will be asking Don Cuff to look at the maps to find out which properties will be affected. We are going to be requesting that Entech also be present at the meeting to answer questions. The solicitor advised that we present this as a mandate from FEMA over which we have no control.

New Business: Letter for Walmart Grant was taken care of and given to the Fire Company.

Public Comment: None

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

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

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

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer April 5, 2021