

Borough of Gordon
Council Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, February 5, 2024. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call were held. Council members Jeffrey Hoffman, Tracy Hughes, Shannon Dumboski, Jackie Hughes, and Richard Korn were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Operations Manager, George Troutman, Secretary Cathy Moyer, and Solicitor Chris Reidlinger were in attendance along with two members of the public.

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

Minutes from the February 5, 2024 monthly meeting were presented.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of February 5, 2024 monthly meeting.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of February 2024. The Borough received an income of \$18,823.00 and had expenses of \$23,551.58. The General Fund had a month-end balance of \$102,565.17, the Motor Licensing Fund had a month-end balance of \$13,580.51. The Community Hall Fund had a month-end balance of 3,725.62. The Park Savings account had a month-end balance of \$3,880.85. The Treasurer also noted that the Borough would receive their Liquid Fuels Allotment of \$26,137.33 on March 1, 2024. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Payment of Invoices: A motion was made to pay the invoices for March 2024.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Solicitor's Report:

The Rental Property Ordinance 2024-01 was considered. The Ordinance requires that landlords obtain permits for their rental properties, allow inspections of the property as well as appoint an agent to be responsible for the property. A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2024-01.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jackie Hughes

Resolution 2024-01 was considered for a new form that was drafted for the permit application and setting the fee at \$25.00 for the inspection fee. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2024-01.

Motion: Jackie Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

Solicitor Reidlinger then discussed having an ordinance allowing the Pa Fire Recovery to assist the Fire Company to seek reimbursement for any expenses incurred when they assist at a fire. He said that it is more of a formality since some insurance companies want an ordinance.

Regarding 706 Hobart Street, the court has now determined that they are in compliance. They are to pay \$200.00 in fines along with court costs. It appears that FEMA is also happy now.

Jackie Hughes handed out spreadsheets to the other Council Members with the changes in addressing that the 911 Center would like to see. Sending out a form letter to the affected property owners was discussed along with conducting an information meeting for the Community. The Borough is not legally required to follow through on making the changes, but citizen, Greg Lavas, who was in the audience said he felt it was a good idea due to an experience he had at his residence when he was injured and it took a while for the ambulance to find his residence.

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocious read the police report for February. There were 35 calls and complaints.

Fire Company: Mayor Brocious reported that Brian McCabe has replaced George Dornsife as Fire Chief. Upcoming events include the Golf Tournament and the 5K Run in May.

Code Enforcement Report:

Code Enforcement officer, George Troutman, reported that citations he did for property owners were rejected by the Court due to the weather. He will be resubmitting them. He has also been working on doing rental inspections.

Operations Manager Report:

He asked that Paul Dean be paid for 10 hours at \$20.00/hour for work he did during the last snowstorm. A motion was made to pay Paul Dean \$200.00.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Mr. Troutman then reported the street sweeper needs repairs which would be around \$2,000.00. A new street sweeper costs \$10,400.00. The repairs can be paid out of Liquid Fuels.

He informed Council that there is someone who wishes to remove the bell from the old red church but will need to close Biddle Street while they are doing it. They were told that they had to contact PennDOT in order to receive permission.

Bill Metzinger has a property at the bottom of town that he wishes to turn into apartments, but it is in the Flood Zone. Solicitor Reidlinger suggested that he talk to Don Cuff.

Mr. Troutman then discussed purchasing a generator for the building so that it could better serve as an emergency center. It would cost around \$14,000.00. Brian McCabe is also looking into a grant to help pay for it. Mr. Troutman suggested using some of the money from the Landfill Association to purchase it.

Mr. Troutman then noted that the Fish and Game Association use the meeting room for their meetings but since they have no key someone must open up for them. He requested that they be given a key that only opens the main door and the conference room. Giving them a key was approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

It was announced that the AMVETS will be holding a dance on April 6.

The possibility of raising the fee for the pavilion rentals in the park. With various improvements it was suggested that the fee be raised from \$25.00 to \$50.00. A motion to that effect was made.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Greg Lavas requested that the Borough abandon Mountain Road going through his property. Since it is a dirt road, he has been maintaining it for over 20 years and he would like to take it over and have it paved. The council had no problem with that.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

The next meeting will be held on April 1, 2024.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer April 1, 2024

