

Borough of Gordon
Council Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, March 6, 2023. Council President Jeffrey Hoffman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Richard Korn, Tracy Hughes, and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger, and Secretary Cathy Moyer were also in attendance along with four members of the public. Council member, Anthony Loftus, was not present.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Minutes from the February 6, 2023 monthly meeting were presented.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of February 6, 2023 monthly meeting.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of February 2023. The Borough received an income of \$17,664.88 and had expenses of \$14,743.31. The General Fund had a month end balance of \$78,040.10, the Motor Licensing Fund had a month end balance of \$28,346.66, the Community Hall Fund is at \$3,417.31 and the Park Savings account had \$3,469.78. The Treasurer also noted that on March 1, 2023, we will be receiving our Liquid Fuels allotment for the year of \$26,315.15.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Payment of Invoices: A motion was made to pay the invoices for March 2023.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Solicitor's Report:

Change Order for Streambank Project: A change order was presented allowing the deadline to complete the project to March 31, 2023. A motion was made to accept the change order.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Act 537 Plan: A resolution was presented adopting the Act 537 Plan allowing SCMA in regard to updates to its sewage facilities. A motion was made to accept it as Resolution 2023-01.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

706 Hobart Street Update: Operations Manager, George Troutman, and Entech Representative, Don Cuff, met with the owners of 706 Hobart Street to do an inspection of the progress of the work on the FEMA violations. There are still a few violations and a new NOV has been issued. The Solicitor noted that the reason that FEMA is concerned with these violations and not that of the neighboring properties has to do with the fact that the owner received a payment from FEMA for the work.

911 Addressing Update: An email had been sent to Scott Krater at the 911 center stating that the Borough of Gordon will cooperate in aligning our addressing to that of the County's 911 System. No response has yet been received.

Garbage Bill Issue Update: It appears that the billing issues are starting to be rectified and there is a customer service number that the citizens can contact with their requests or complaints.

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocious read the police report for February. There were 15 calls and complaints.

Fire Company: Mayor Brocious reported that the new tanker had its first call. Also, they are still having a 5K run on May 28, 2023.

Code Enforcement Report: None

Operations Manager Report:

Part-Time Worker Wages: Mr. Troutman reported that Richard Babb had 9 hours assisting him to cut down trees. A motion was made to pay Mr. Babb for 9 hours at \$15.00 an hour.

Parking on Oak Street: The issue of allowing parking on Oak Street was discussed. Mr. Troutman ordered new "No Parking" signs, but he noted that Oak Street is not listed on the Parking Ordinance. The Solicitor said it could be added by resolution and he asked the Secretary to send him a copy of the Parking Ordinance.

Streambank Project: He reported that the project has finally begun, and the change order allows Mar-Allen until March 31, 2023 to complete.

Update on the Park Project: Mr. Troutman reported that almost all the trees that needed to be cut down are done, the cameras are in place, and the new telephone poles have been ordered.

Repair on McKnight and Charles Street Intersection: Mr. Troutman reported that he would like to have the intersection of McKnight and Charles Street milled and paved at a cost of \$10,500.00 and that it would be a Liquid Fuels Project. A motion was made to allow the project.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski.

COG Membership: Mr. Troutman questioned if the Council wished to continue their membership in the COG. He admitted that the COG has poor support. It was decided to pay our dues of \$100.00 for this year and see what happens.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Chipper Rental: Mr. Troutman requested that he be allowed to rent a chipper and backhoe to clean up the trees that were cut down. A motion was made to amend the agenda to reflect the motion to allow Mr. Troutman to rent this equipment.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski.

Old Business:

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Anthony Loftus from Council.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski.

Discussion was held on the "Welcome to Gordon" sign. It is currently with Jason Quick who is going to repaint the sign. No change was made in this regard.

Nothing has been decided as to the dates for street sweeping.

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

The next meeting will be held on April 3, 2023.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer April 3, 2023

