

**Borough of Gordon**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 3, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, May 3 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, and Tracy Hughes were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Operations Manager George Troutman, and Solicitor Chris Reidlinger were also in attendance along with four citizens. Council member Shannon Dumboski was not present.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** No minutes were presented at this meeting.

**Treasurer Report:** Secretary Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of April. The Borough received income of \$ 55,563.53 and had expenses of \$ 28,635.90. The Borough had a balance of \$91,801.23 in the General Fund and \$38,177.56 in the Motor Licensing Fund. The Community Hall Fund is at \$2,794.50 and the Park Savings Fund is at \$35,199.17. The Treasurer noted that the increase in the park savings fund is due to receiving the insurance payment of \$31,348.85 for storm damage to a building in the park.

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

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

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

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Reidlinger reported that he has been in contact with the financial institution we use which is Mid Penn Bank and we could finance our truck at 2.5%. But he also found a source of financing for our new truck which would be through a program with Penn DOT and we could finance up to 5 years for 1.625%. President Houser then asked for a committee to be formed who would discuss how we want to finance the truck and for how many years. A committee was appointed consisting of Jeff Hoffman, Richard Babb and George Troutman.

**Mayor's Report:**

Police Report: None

Fire Company: Mayor George Brocious reported that the fire company had Cool Works in to work on the walk-in cooler. They are the company who installed the heating/cooling system and they wanted to service the system in the whole building. Permission was granted.

Mr. Brocious also announced that there will be a Memorial Day parade at 10:00 AM on May 31, 2021, but there will be no block party.

Code Enforcement Report: A motion was made to pay Nick Hazlett for 20 hours for the month of April. A motion was made to issue a check to Mr. Hazlett for \$700.00.

A motion was made to adopt a resolution authorizing the Code Enforcement officer to obtain an ORI from the State in order to issue parking citations.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

Further discussion was made on having a Quality of Life Ordinance in the Borough. It would be for minor violations and would be quicker, more efficient, and cost less than using the Property Maintenance Code. Council President Todd Houser, asked for a committee to meet together and discuss what Gordon Borough needs in the ordinance. The committee will consist of Shannon Dumboski, Tracy Hughes, and Code Enforcement Officer, Nick Hazlett.

Mr. Hazlett also reported that fines are piling up on 302 and 304 McKnight Street. However, he is finding that there is improvement where homeowners have received citations.

**Operations Manager Report:**

Mr. Troutman reported that he had 5 one calls in the month of April. He also worked on potholes, tore down the building at the park and got prices for a new building, as well as looking into a new fence for the ballfield. He also noted a problem with vandalism at the park and people running over and stealing stop signs. The creek wall above the church is moving and we may have to consider putting beams in to stabilize it. He is working on an estimate for the roof and he is waiting for an estimate on vegetation control at the ballfield.

A motion was made to spend up to \$700.00 for bases at the ballfield.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

**Old Business:**

President Todd Houser updated Council on the status of the DCNR Grant of \$55,000.00 for the for the ADH Accessibility walkways in the Park. With the new changes to the Floodplain Map that area of the park is considered in the Floodplain and would now require that an H & H study be done for a permit from DCNR at a cost of \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00. In fact, any development in the Park going forward would require such a study and permit be done. Contact was made with Leslie Rhoades to see if our Floodplain Ordinance could be amended but it cannot. However, we can use a Document 79 Project of Commonsense which allows such development if there would be no impact to the project from flooding which there would not be for the walkways. Due to this PEMA has said we do not need a DCNR permit but we have not heard from FEMA yet. To receive this money the Borough needs to have the project completed by the end of the year or apply for a six-month extension.

**New Business:**

A motion was made to approve wages for Richard Babb for 30 1/2 hours at \$15.00 / hour when he helped the Operations Manager with the tree trimming and street sweeping. The motion was approved to pay Richard Babb \$457.50.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

The secretary informed Council that TOPS asked permission to resume using the meeting room when available on Monday evenings. Council had no problem with that.

**Public Comment:** None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2021.

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer June 7, 2021