

## **Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes November 2, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, November 2, 2020, at 7:00 PM. President Todd Houser lead the pledge of allegiance, Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Todd Houser, Richard Babb, Richard Korn, Tracy Hughes, and Jeffrey Hoffman were present providing a quorum. Operations Manager George Troutman, Secretary Cathy Moyer, Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger and three members of the public were also in attendance. Council member, Shannon Dumboski and Mayor George Brocius were not in attendance.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of October 5, 2020 as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Babb

**Treasurer Report:** Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of October. The Borough received income of \$5,316.41 and had expenses of \$21,773.47 giving a balance of \$71,554.34 in the General Fund and \$26,143.56 in the Motor Licensing Fund. The Community Hall Fund is at \$2,345.91 and the Park Savings Fund is at \$3,819.54. Expenses were higher because the Borough paid \$8,386.25 to Entech for work on the Streambank Rehabilitation FEMA Project. The Treasurer and the Operations Manager explained that the Borough could buy propane for the building from Kopyy's Propane at \$1.69 a gallon rather than the \$2.03 they have been paying Heller's Propane.

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

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Tracy Hughes

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

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

### **Solicitor's Report:**

Solicitor Reidlinger reported that Mr. Lloyd Hampton was very cooperative in signing a License Agreement with the Borough allowing work to be done on his property in connection with the Streambank Repair. This license would be in effect until April 30, 2021. A motion was made to approve the license and authorize President Todd Houser to sign on behalf of the Borough.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Richard Babb

Solicitor Reidlinger also reported that a council member asked him to look at the possibility of having our own police force with part time officers. He explained the requirements involved and the liability issues the Borough would face if they would follow through on this.

Solicitor Reidlinger also researched the situation with Arch Street and Mr. Wolfgang stating that the maps are incorrect. The Penn DOT map is incorrect but the parcel locator shows Arch Street going up the mountain. It was suggested that the problem be fixed by posting signage. The Operations Manager was going to look into posting signs.

**Mayor's Report:**

Police Report: None

Fire Company Report: None

Code Enforcement Report:

A motion was made to adopt a resolution to hire Nicholas Hazlett of Hazlett Municipal Services to perform code enforcement in the Borough and authorize him to file citations on behalf of the Borough with the Magisterial District Justice.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Babb

A motion was made to issue Hazlett Municipal Services a check for \$700.00 for the month of November to perform 20 hours of work at a cost of \$35.00/ hour.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Richard Korn

**Operations Manager Report:**

Operations Manager, George Troutman reported that he will be putting taking the skid loader to be repaired.

Also, he brought up the possibility of finding a new home for the brick from the old school which is currently in the conference room. He suggested the possibility of doing something up at the school lot where it could be placed or possibly at the bell outside the Municipal Building.

Mr.Troutman reported that he will be getting the lift for tree trimming shortly.

**Old Business:**

At the last meeting it was reported that Ricky Kimmel would like to buy land to put a garage for his food truck business. He would like to install a sand mound instead of hooking up to the sewer system. The secretary gave council an email from Schuylkill Municipal Authority stating that they had no issue with him not connecting to the sewer system since it would require 200' of main connection and two laterals. George Troutman also stated that we have ordinances that require hookup but do seem to give the impression council could give exceptions. Solicitor Reidlinger asked to have the ordinances forwarded to him for review.

**New Business:**

Councilman Richard Babb informed the other members that Jane Faust has a tree on her property that is quite old and will be having a plaque for historical purposes put on it on November 12, 2020. Jane would like a member of Council there for the paper. But she also asked that the Borough agree to provide protection for the tree so that no one would be allowed to cut it down. Council seemed to feel that is probably not possible since it is on private property.

**Public Comment:** None

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

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Richard Babb

The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2020.

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer December 7, 2020