

## **Borough of Gordon**

### **Council Meeting Minutes**

### **November 4, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, November 4, 2024. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call were held. Council members, President Jeffrey Hoffman, Vice-President Tracy Hughes, Jackie Hughes, Richard Korn, and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Operations Manager George Troutman, Secretary Cathy Moyer, Mayor George Brocious, and Solicitor Chris Reidllinger were in attendance along with one member of the public.

**Public Comment:** None

#### **Minutes:**

Minutes from the October 7, 2024 monthly meeting were presented.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of October 7, 2024, monthly meeting.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Jackie Hughes

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of October 2024. The Borough received an income of \$11,538.76 and the expenses for the month were \$18,713.00. The General Fund had a month-end balance of \$112,217.69, and the Motor Licensing Fund had a month-end balance of \$9,287.76. The Community Hall Fund had a month-end balance of 4,726.65. The Park Savings account had a month-end balance of \$4,340.13.

Due to the fact that the Workman's Compensation will most likely see a big increase next year, the Finance Committee comprised of Shannon Dumboski and Tracy Hughes recommended that taxes be increased by 1 mill.

A motion was made to raise taxes by 1 mill for 2025 and have the budget reflect that increase.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jackie Hughes

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

Motion: Jackie Hughes Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

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

**Motion:** Jackie Hughes Seconded: Tracy Hughes

#### **Solicitors' Report:**

Solicitor Reidlinger gave a brief update on the North Schuylkill Landfill. He informed Council that currently Frackville Borough is objecting to how the money will be distributed. Should this go to court or arbitration he would be unable to represent the Borough due to the fact he is the solicitor for several of the municipalities involved. He once again recommended Attorney Paul Datte to represent Gordon should they need counsel.

He also explained that millage should be increased if needed this year due to the assessment, Taxes can be increased by no more than ten percent next year.

The question arose as to whether an administrative search warrant could be used at 416 Hobart Street. He asked

#### **Mayor's Report:**

**Police Report:** Mayor George Brocious reported that the Butler Township Police had 24 calls and complaints in the month of October.

**Fire Company:** George Brocious reported that they will be having a raffle fund raiser and that the AMVETS will be having a Veteran's Day Parade on November 11, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

**Code Enforcement Report:**

The Code Enforcement Officer reported that there has been some cleanup at 416 Hobart Street. Also, a letter was received that the water has been shut off at 516 McKnight Street.

**Operations Manager Report:**

Mr. Troutman asked that Richard Babb be paid for ten hours or \$150.00 in the month of October. Mr. Babb assisted with cleaning storm drains and line painting. A motion was made to pay Richard Babb \$150.00 for the month of October.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

He also asked permission to purchase cutting edges for the truck plow and the skid loader. Motion was made to purchase the cutting edges.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jackie Hughes

Mr. Troutman noted that Richard Korn is having some paving done and the company would be willing to do Mahanoy Street for \$3,800.00. A motion was made to have Mahanoy Street paved at a cost of \$3,800.00.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

**Old Business:** A list of the properties getting new addresses was given to Council. Letters will be sent out in the beginning of the new year.

**New Business: None**

**Public Comment: None**

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

The next meeting will be on December 2, 2024.

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer December 2, 2024



