

Borough of Gordon
Council Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, October 2, 2023. Council Vice-President Tracy Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance and held roll call. Council members Jackie Hughes, Richard Korn, and Tracy Hughes were present providing a quorum. Council President Jeffrey Hoffman and member Shannon Dumboski were not in attendance. Mayor George Brocius, Solicitor Christopher Reidlinger, Operations Manager, George Troutman and Secretary Cathy Moyer were also in attendance along with one member of the public.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Minutes from the September 11, 2023 monthly meeting were presented.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of September 11, 2023 monthly meeting.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jackie Hughes

Treasurer Report: Vice-president Tracy Hughes gave the financial report for the month of September 2023. The Borough received an income of \$12,882.10 and had expenses of \$22,478.46. The General Fund had a month end balance of \$122,922.09, the Motor Licensing Fund had a month end balance of \$28,679.35. The Community Hall Fund is \$3,260.76. The Park Savings account stands at \$3,875.11. The projected 2024 Liquid Fuels allotment is at \$25,879.62. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion: Jackie Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

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

Motion: Jackie Hughes Seconded: Richard Korn

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Reidlinger reported that he has not yet had a conference with 911. Also, he gave an update on the possibility of a Regional Police Force between Butler Township and Ashland Borough stating it will probably not change the status of police coverage for Gordon Borough.

He also noted that FEMA is pressing for action on 610 Hobart Street as very little has been done to correct the violations. He recommended that citations be filed.

Prior to the meeting, Solicitor Reidlinger explained the situation with the closing of the North Schuylkill Landfill Association and Transfer Station as well as the history of the Association. He recommended that the Borough act to be considered a charter member to be included in the monetary distribution. He is unable to represent the Borough in this case as he represents municipalities that are already considered charter members. He recommended the appointment of an assistant solicitor to represent the Borough. A motion was then made to appoint an assistant solicitor to handle the interests of Gordon Borough in the matter of the North Schuylkill Landfill Association and Transfer Station.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jackie Hughes

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocius read the police report for August. There were 25 calls and complaints.

Fire Company:

Mayor George Brocius informed Council that the Fire Company received a \$2,000.00 grant from Hershey Corporation.

Also, plans are being made for another Wing Day and next year's golf tournament and 5K Run.

The Treasurer then presented Mayor Brocius with the 2023 VFRA check in the amount of \$3,432.29 for the Fireman's Relief Association.

Code Enforcement Report:

Code Enforcement Officer, George Troutman gave a report on the Notice of Violations he did in the month of September. Solicitor Reidlinger gave him some advice on what to do when these cases go to court.

Operations Manager Report:

Mr. Troutman reported that he got topsoil for the park and the new poles have been put in for the cameras. He thanked Leo Rauber for his help with the project. He then asked if he could hire Brett Zerbe to help with the pavilion roofs. A motion was then made to hire Brett Zerbe at \$15.00/hour to help.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jackie Hughes

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made to approve the yearly donation of \$50.00 to the Ashland Library.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jackie Hughes

It was decided that Halloween will be observed on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jackie Hughes

The next meeting will be held on November 6, 2023.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer November 6, 2023

