

## Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes October 5, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, October 5, 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 Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Secretary Cathy Moyer and five members of the public were also in attendance. Council member Jeffrey Hoffman was not in attendance.

### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Lee Faust wanted the Council to be aware that the creek wall at Rattling Run is leaning and moving. Also, he had concerns about the creek retaining wall. Operations Manager, George Troutman, is going to contact Entech Engineering to see if they can come and look at the problem.

Mr. Larry Wolfgang attended and wanted to know if Council is willing to contact 911 and PennDOT regarding what he claims is an error in the location of Arch Street. Solicitor Reidlinger offered to contact the tax office and Entech Engineering to verify if the current maps are indeed incorrect before we request the changes. Council gave him permission to do so.

Mr. Ricky Kimmel informed the Council that he is purchasing land to put a garage on for a food truck business and would like to put in a sand mound rather than hook up to the sewer system. He was told that we are researching whether our Act 537 plan allows him to do so. Also, a sewage enforcement officer would have to be appointed to do the testing and issue the permits.

**Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of September 14, 2020 as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

**Treasurer Report:** Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of September. The Borough received income of \$9,983.67 and had expenses of \$29,888.91 giving a balance of \$86,470.54 in the General Fund and \$27,910.80 in the Motor Licensing Fund. Expenses were higher because the Borough paid \$4,468.00 for the insurance for the Fire Company \$10,455.00 was paid to Entech for work on the Streambank Rehabilitation FEMA Project. She also informed council that the porta potties will be removed from the park at the end of the month. Ms. Moyer also presented Mayor George Brocious with the Fireman's Relief Association check for the State allocation of \$3,164.96.

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

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Richard Korn

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Babb

**Solicitor's Report:** None

### **Fire Company Lease Agreement:**

Currently the Fire Company occupies the Social Room, Community Hall, the Truck Room area, and some bathrooms. They currently pay the water bill, some of the electricity, and some of the propane. President Todd Houser explained that the Fire Company is applying for a grant and need

proof that they are leasing a portion of the Gordon Borough Municipal Building. A motion was made to approve the lease and authorize President Todd Houser to execute the lease on behalf of the Borough.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Richard Babb

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

Police Report: None

Fire Company Report: The Fire Company is going through the process of applying for a grant to purchase a new truck.

Code Enforcement Report: There are currently two persons interested in the Code Enforcement position. The matter is tabled until next month when they are hoping to fill the position.

### **Operations Manager Report:**

Operations Manager, George Troutman reported that he will be putting the water in the park in Spring.

At the last meeting Mr. Troutman then requested that he be allowed to place no parking signs on Charles Street from Mahanoy Street to Minersville Street due to parking issues in that area. He announced that he decided to place the signs from Gordon Street to Minersville Street.

Mr. Troutman also informed Council that the dump truck is in need of repairs in order to be inspected. He installed new brakes and universal joints and that he is going to take it to a shop in Danville to have undercoating sprayed on it to cover the rust.

### **Old Business:**

In a continuation of the request by Michael Bettinger to have a 30' handicap parking spot. The ordinance allows for a 20' parking space and using off street parking if available. It was noted that his offstreet parking is not handicap accessible and his vehicle is a larger truck. This being the case we could allow him a larger space. A motion was made to allow him to have a 24' handicap parking space in front of his home.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Tracy Hughes

It was noted that the outdoor concert at the Gordon School lot went well with maybe 100 people attending.

### **New Business:**

A motion was made to approve Jeremy Bentz as Gordon Borough's Sewage Enforcement Officer.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

A motion was made to approve the fee schedule for Jeremy Bentz.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Council President Todd Houser informed the other members of the Council that there will be new flood plain maps coming from the County in April. The Borough will be adopting a new Flood Plain Ordinance. He recommended a Flood Plain Committee of himself, Shannon Dumboski, and Tracy Hughes.

**Public Comment:**

Leo Rauber asked if there will be a public meeting on the Flood Plain maps once they are available. He was told that there would be.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

The next meeting will be held on November 2, 2020.

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer November 2, 2020