

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Gordon Municipal Building. Council members who were present are as follows: President Todd Houser, Richard Babb, Shannon Dumboski, Tracy Hughes, Operations Manager Jason Quick, Solicitor Christopher Riedlinger, and Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer. Also, in attendance was Leo Rauber. Vice- President Jeffrey Hoffman, Councilman Richard Korn, and Mayor George Brocious were not present.

Council President Todd Houser called the meeting to order, confirmed a quorum by roll call, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting as presented by the secretary.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Babb

Treasurer Report: Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of September. The Borough received income of \$26,758.44 and had expenses of \$ 15,168.05. As of September 30, 2019, the General Account Balance was \$91,980.44 and the Motor Licensing Fund balance was \$6,076.13. She noted that the income included the reimbursement of FEMA money in the amount of \$17,565.15. Also, donations made to the Park in the name of Jean Bernosky are at \$860.00.

The Treasurer received the Volunteer Firefighters Relief Association check from the State in the amount of \$3,106.95. In turn she presented a check to the Citizens' Fire Company Relief Association for that amount to Jason Quick in the absence of the Fire Company Treasurer, George Brocious.

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

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jason Quick

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

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Richard Babb

Mayor's Report: None

Police Report: None

Fire Company Report: None

Code Enforcement Report: None

Solicitor's Report: The Solicitor informed the Council of the new laws for setting tax millage in a Borough. Should the Borough increase the millage rate, they are required to do so by ordinance. The ordinance would need to be advertised. If there is no increase a resolution would be adopted with no need to advertise.

Communications/Manager's Report:

1. The Operations Manager reported that there were 12 interested parties at the bid meeting for the NRCS Grant. Bids will be opened by Entech Engineering on October 9, 2019. Work on the project must be completed by December 5, 2019. A motion was made to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the NRCS Grant based on Entech Engineering's recommendation.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Babb

2. A motion was made to approve paying for the repair of the skid loader in the amount of \$6,276.18

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Jason Quick All in favor except Shannon Dumboski and Tracy Hughes who abstained.

3. Operations Manager, Jason Quick informed council that they should be receiving the \$11,000.00 for the fire truck soon.
4. A motion was made to pay Richard Babb \$120.00 for work he did in the month of September helping with tree trimming.
Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Shannon Dumboski, All in favor except Richard Babb who abstained.
5. Jason Quick also informed the Council that trees had been trimmed in the Park.
6. A meeting was being held on October 9, 2019 by the North Schuylkill School District and all the municipalities in the school district regarding repository properties which are generally blighted properties and how to handle the sale of them.
7. Inmates from the Schuylkill county Prison Work Release Program will be in on October 23, 2019. They will be helping trim trees in the park.
8. Trick or Treat will be held on October 31, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
9. The dump truck is due for inspection and will likely need an exhaust system repair.
10. The Operations Manager went on a site visit with the COG to a new landfill in Blythe Township which is for the disposal of demolition materials.
11. The stop sign lights were removed because Penn Dot wanted them back. We will be purchasing new lights of our own as a replacement.

New Business:

1. The subject of the police contract with Butler Township was discussed with the intention of getting a better understanding of what exactly our contract includes, calls only or can we get a set number of hours for patrolling.
2. A donation was approved to the Ashland Library in the amount of \$50.00.

Motion: Richard Babb Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Old Business: The Flood Plain Ordinance and the Mapping Meeting were put on hold. However, a budget workshop will be held on November 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM prior to the regular monthly meeting. The Secretary will be advertising this meeting.

Public Comment: None

The next meeting will be held on November 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Gordon Borough Municipal Building. A Budget Workshop will be held at 6:00 pm prior to the regular monthly meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer November 12,
2019