

**Borough of Gordon**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, September 13 at 7:00 PM. Council President, Todd Houser, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Richard Babb, Richard Korn, Jeffrey Hoffman, Tracy Hughes, and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious and Operations Manager George Troutman were also in attendance along with four citizens.

**Public Comment:**

**Minutes:** Minutes from the August 2, 2021 meeting were presented.

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes of August 2, 2021 monthly meeting.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Richard Babb

**Treasurer Report:** Secretary Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of August. The Borough received income of \$21,769.95 and had expenses of \$ 31,497.47. The General Fund had a month end balance of \$98,119.31, the Motor Licensing Fund had a month end balance of 106,404.77 due to the MLF CD being closed out in order to pay for the new truck. The Treasurer also noted that the Community Hall Fund had a month end balance of \$3,144.69 and the Park Fund had a month end balance of \$35,586.32.

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

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Babb

**Solicitor's Report:**

In the absence of the Solicitor, the Council considered adopting the Quality-of-Life Ordinance. It will be Ordinance 2021-05. A motion was made to adopt the ordinance as advertised.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

A voice vote was then conducted with Councilman Richard Babb being the only one to vote no.

Action on the possible changing of the wording of Ordinance 2017-06, the Rental Property Ordinance was tabled until the Solicitor was present to advise.

**Mayor's Report:**

**Police Report:** Mayor George Brocious gave the Police Report. Butler Township Police had 41 calls and complaints in July and 34 in August.

**Fire Company:** The Mayor then gave the Fire Company report. He noted that people have been getting letters from Aqua PA on mandatory backstopping of any wells not in use. He noted that Jason Quick confirmed that this is a requirement from Schuylkill Municipal Authority and Operations Manager George Troutman said that the Borough had to this when they put water in the garage.

The Mayor then turned the meeting over to Brian McCabe and Anthony Loftus of the Fire Company. Mr. McCabe and Mr. Loftus updated Council on some of the accomplishments of the Fire Company. They then informed them of a potential grant they are eligible to receive in the amount of \$276,277.00 for the purchase of a new pumper. They do have to do a 5% matching in the amount of \$13,813.85 in order to receive the grant. They were looking for help from the Borough in making this match. Mayor Brocius did report that they are looking to sell one of the old pumpers which is no longer efficient, but the grant requires that they either donate or sell to a private entity. They are not allowed to sell to another Fire Company. In light of the need for another creek repair the matter had to be tabled until the next meeting.

Code Enforcement Report:

A motion was made to pay the Code Enforcement Officer in the amount of \$350.00 for 10 hours in the month of August.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

### **Operations Manager Report:**

George Troutman informed the council that he took bids for line painting on Biddle Street and Caruso came in at \$1,350.00. This is only for the lines on Biddle as Penn DOT will be doing the crosswalks. A motion was made to have the lines painted at a cost of \$1350.00

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Mr. Troutman also informed Council that the beams were completed for the creek wall behind the church. Also, the new dump truck will be here possibly in the next week. He wanted to know council's thoughts on what to do with the old truck. After some discussion it was decided to try and sell the old truck.

At the last meeting he had requested that the Borough allow him to purchase a grapple bucket to use. He explained some of the uses he would have He looked into used ones and found one he liked for \$1700.00. A motion was made allow up to \$1700.00 for the purchase of a grapple bucket.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

Mr. Troutman said he bought the dog waste container for the park and since a second one was only \$70.00, he got a second one as well as some signs prohibiting dogs on the ballfield. He is expecting the new building at the end of September.

As for the creek wall that collapsed, the only bid he got was from Heim Construction for \$45,000.00, but now the Solicitor informed him that the project must be put out for bids. He will also speak to Entech Engineering about the possible options for the project and have them do a bid packet for the project. A motion was made to have Entech Engineering proceed with a bid packet.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

A motion was made to pay Richard Babb \$127.00 for 8 ½ hours in the month of August.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

A motion was made to donate \$50.00 to the Ashland Library.

Motion: Jeffrey Hoffman Seconded: Tracy Hughes

**Public Comment:** None

An executive session was held from **7:50** to 8:10 for personnel matters.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jeffrey Hoffman

The next meeting will be held on October 4, 2021.

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer September 13, 2021



