

Borough of Gordon Council Meeting Minutes September 14, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, September 14, 2020, at 7:00 PM. President Todd Houser lead the pledge of allegiance, Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Todd Houser, Richard Korn, Tracy Hughes, and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Secretary Cathy Moyer and two members of the public were also in attendance. Council members Jeffrey Hoffman and Richard Babb were not in attendance.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of August 3, 2020 as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Treasurer Report: Secretary/ Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of August. The Borough received income of \$20,713.49 and had expenses of \$46,993.70 giving a balance of \$106,444.44 in the General Fund and \$28,205.02 in the Motor Licensing Fund. Expenses were higher because the Borough paid \$10,000.00 to have the 2016 and 2017 DCED Audits done and \$9,065.00 was paid to Entech for work on the Streambank Rehabilitation FEMA Project. Ms. Moyer reported that MLF CD # 318008622 for \$125,000.00 was rolled over and had accumulated \$3,077.06 in interest. Also, the Borough received notice that the Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2021 will be \$24,953.14.

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Solicitor's Report: None

Mayor's Report:

Police Report: Mayor George Brocious read the police report for the month of July and August. There were 19 calls and complaints in June and 36 calls and complaints in August.

Fire Company Report: The Fire Company made over \$600.00 at their Wing Night. The signature on a lease agreement with the Fire Company for a grant that they are applying for will be handled at October's meeting.

Code Enforcement Report: Tracy Hughes reported that the Code Enforcement Officer for the Borough of Ashland was interested in the Code Enforcement Officer position. She was told to tell her to send a letter of interest to the Borough Secretary for consideration.

Operations Manager Report: Operations Manager, George Troutman gave a report on the bids for the Hobart Street repair. Fairchild Brothers Inc. had the winning bid of \$12,100.00 including doing the blacktop work. The project is now complete.

He had a request from Michael Bettinger to have his handicap parking space be extended from the standard 20' to as much as 30'. That was not possible but 24' would be considered. The matter will be taken up at the next meeting when the Solicitor is present.

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. A motion was made to install the No Parking signs.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Mr. Troutman then made the request that he be allowed to rent a lift for the purpose of removing some trees from the Park that need to come down at the cost of \$1,000 for two days. The motion was made and approved.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Mr. Troutman then brought up how Aqua would install water in the Park at the expense of \$1250.00 for a meter and possibly a valve at the cost of \$970.50 with the cost being no greater than \$1500.00. The monthly cost would be \$15.00 a month and the water would be turned on from April to October. Tracy Hughes asked how it be protected from vandalism which was a previous problem. Mr. Troutman said he intends to run the plastic pipe in a steel pipe to protect it. Also, the water would only be turned on when the Park is being rented. A motion was then made to install water in the Park.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

Councilman Richard Korn then asked him how the installation of the signs was going. Mr. Troutman reported he was replacing 30 stop signs and 22 street signs most of which are completed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made to approve a Designation of Agent Resolution for our FEMA Project. This was necessary because Jason Quick was the Applicant Agent and is no longer with the borough. This resolution appoints George Troutman as the Applicant Agent. A motion was made and approved.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Tracy Hughes

It was also approved to allow the Boy Scouts to use the Community Hall for their meetings as long as it does not interfere with the monthly Borough meetings which are sometimes held in their due to COVID-19 restrictions.

A request was made to use the old school lot to hold outdoor music concerts during the month of October. The matter was tabled until the next meeting in order to get more information.

A request was made by a high school senior to paint a mural on the wall at the old school for her senior project.

Trick or Treat night was approved for October 31st. It will be posted on Facebook requesting that people give out the candy on their porches and anyone who did not wish to participate simply not put on their porch lights.

Public Comment: Leo Rauber brought up the issue of no speed limit signs on McKnight Street in the new development. President Todd Houser said that they will consult the Solicitor and see what can be done.

Councilwoman Shannon Dumboski questioned the status for a building permit for a beauty shop opened by Jessica Combs. She was informed that Ms. Combs was given the paperwork but has not yet come in for her permit.

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

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

The next meeting will be held on October 5, 2020.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer October 5, 2020