

**Borough of Gordon**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 6, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Council Vice-President Tracy Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Cathy Moyer held roll call. Council members Anthony Loftus, Richard Korn, Tracy Hughes, and Shannon Dumboski were present providing a quorum. Mayor George Brocious, Operations Manager George Troutman, and Secretary Cathy Moyer were also in attendance along with five citizens. Council President, Jeffrey Hoffman, arrived late.

**Public Comment:** Mark and Cheryl Varndell expressed their concerns about 416 Hobart Street. Despite the code Enforcement Officer issuing citations very little has been done to clean up the property and there is also a rooster on the property.

Nathan Ressler complained about a problem he has with someone vandalizing his vehicles, namely scratching them. The police are unable to do anything until he has evidence of who is doing it.

UGI Project: Jesse Johnson of UGI and Mark Podlesay of Entech Engineering gave an update to Council on the new gas line project. The project is still in the design stage. The line will be installed on Biddle Street and will take about 120 days to complete. After installation citizens will have the option to hookup.

**Code Enforcement Report:**

**Updates:** Nicholas Hazlett gave an update on properties he has been dealing with. He noted that someone came in and captured over 100 pigeons at 189 McKnight Street but he noted that this could remain an ongoing problem because if they can't get in this property they will try and find another vacant building. At 416 Hobart Street he will continue to work on getting them in compliance. A discussion ensued on using our ordinance on fowl to get rid of the rooster.

**Approval of Wages:** A motion was made to approve the payment of \$315.00 for 9 hours in the month of August.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Anthony Loftus

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the August 1, 2022 Monthly Meeting were presented.

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes of August 1, 2022 monthly meeting.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

**Treasurer Report:** Secretary Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of August. The Borough received income of \$28,718.60 and had expenses of \$20,325.80. The General Fund had a month end balance of \$95,518.76 and the Motor Licensing Fund had a month end balance of \$42,291.81

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

Motion: Anthony Loftus Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

**Solicitor's Report:** The Solicitor noted that the Quick claim Deed for a property on the corner East Plane and West Biddle Street has been completed. Don Cuff of Entech Engineering looked at it and the necessary changes were made and approved by both attorneys. A motion was then made to approve the Council President, Jeffrey Hoffman, to sign in behalf of the Borough of Gordon.

Motion: Anthony Loftus Seconded: Richard Korn

**Garbage Rate:** Solicitor Chris Reidlinger asked Council if there is still a problem with the garbage billing. Council members responded that some people are still getting billed amounts other than the \$24.00 of the contract. He stated that he has been emailing the company but has not been getting a response. He will continue to try and get the matter resolved.

**Act 57 of 2022:** The Solicitor then explained a new law, Act 57 of 2022, which amends the Local Tax Collection Law allowing taxpayers who fail to receive their tax notice in the first year of their occupancy to receive a waiver from penalties while still paying the actual taxes owed. A resolution would have to be passed by the Borough. It is unknown if the County and School district will pass this resolution. No decision was made.

**FEMA Violation at 706 Hobart Street:** Mr. Reidlinger reported on the status of the FEMA violation at 706 Hobart Street. The violations were based on a Flood Plain Ordinance of 2010 or prior. A copy of that ordinance is needed to enforce the ordinance and thus the violation. He has been unable to find a copy of the Ordinance. However, at this point FEMA has been happy with the progress on our end.

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

**Police Report:** The Mayor gave the police report for the month of August. There were 21 calls and complaints.

**Fire Company:** Mayor George Brocious said the Fire Company received a grant from Tyson Foods in the amount of \$13,200.00. The money was used to purchase a brand-new Hearst rescue cutter/spreader for the use in automobile accidents at a cost of \$12,900.00.

Mr. Brocious also reported that the Fire company will be sponsoring a 5K run/walk on May 28, 2023. There will also be a food truck event at the Firehouse.

#### **Operations Manager Report:**

**Update on Streambank Project:** Mr. Troutman explained the results of the submitted bids for the project. Two companies had the lower bids. For the Rip-rap project Solid Wall LLC submitted \$99,250.00 and for the Upstream Grouting, Mar-Allen concrete Products, Inc. submitted \$69,345.00. If both projects are to be done Mar-Allen would get the job at \$173,602.00. the contract would have to be awarded in 60 days. Right now, with our ARPA money after paying Entech roughly \$12,000.00 for the work they did we would have \$60,000.00. Several members of council have been contacting various government officials looking into what other money is available.

**Update on Grosser Street and Springhill Street:** When researching using Liquid Fuels money for paving these streets it was found that they are not listed as being public roads and are not on the Liquid Fuels map. A motion was made to have the Solicitor amend our existing ordinances to include those two streets.

The Operations Manager gave an update on the progress of the new building and the electricity at the park.

**Wages for Part-Time Worker:** A motion was made to pay Richard Babb for 10 hours that he mowed at \$15.00/hour which is \$150.00.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Anthony Loftus

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Due to people saying that the Operations manger is not in the office during hours it was decided to use a time clock to show that the employees are working during office hours.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Anthony Loftus

The next meeting will be held on October 3, 2022.

\*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer October 3, 2022



