Borough of Gordon
Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of Gordon Borough Council was held Monday, September 8, 2025. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call were held. Council members President Jeffrey Hoffman, Tracy Hughes, Shannon Dumboski, Richard Korn, and Jackie Hughes were present providing a quorum. Operations Manager, George Troutman, Mayor George Brocious, and Secretary Cathy Moyer were in attendance along with ten members of the public.

Public Comment:

Joe Marco commented on the ordinance for the 911 addressing. He was concerned about the cost of changing addresses since he is on a fixed income. He asked Council to take the time to look at the changes before they passed the ordinance.

Janelle Chaktos spoke on behalf of Gina Hickman. Gina has been applying to have her house put on a historical registry and was worried that the change in address may affect her status. Also, changing addresses may affect the delivery of people's bills from companies like Aqua.

Meg Wilson and Rick Fritz from the Ashland Post Office brought up some of the problems they have had with deliveries being some people go through the Gordon Post Office with a P.O. box number and others are delivered to a mailbox by the Ashland Post Office.

Thomas Canfield was concerned about not getting his deliveries with the number being changed from 194 McKnight St. to 103 Willow Street. He was informed that Council did not assign the new addresses but the 911 Center did the addressing.

Elliott Burlett also raised concerns about packages being delivered incorrectly. Don't fix something that is not broken. Council member, Tracy Hughes, stated that as is the houses are not numbered correctly and the changes will be used to make 911 calls more efficient.

Stacy Lavas, who lives on Ridge Lane and will be affected, stated that she was all for the change and feels it will make things better.

Operations Manager, George Troutman, acknowledged that there are a handful of people who are not happy with the changes, but there are a lot who are.

Solicitor Chris Reidlinger stated that this was recommended by 911 and is being done to promote the health and safety of the citizens. There are other municipalities in Schuylkill County that affected by address changes as well.

Minutes: Minutes from August 4, 2025 monthly meeting were presented.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of August 4, 2025 monthly meeting.

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Jackie Hughes

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Cathy Moyer gave the financial report for the month of August 2025. The Borough received an income of $33,172.07 and the expenses for the month were $21,301.00. The General Fund had a month-end balance of $158,444.34, and the Motor Licensing Fund had a month-end balance of $26,775.38. The Community Hall Fund had a month-end balance of 6,766.18. The Park Savings account had a month-end balance of $5,094.56. Our CD also had a roll-over from $133,067.97 to $145,330.92. The CD rolls-over every two years.

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

Motion: Tracy Hughes Seconded: Jackie Hughes

Payment of Invoices: A motion was made to pay the invoices for September 2025.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

A motion was made to make a donation in the amount of $50.00 to the Ashland Library.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Tracy Hughes

Solicitors' Report:

A motion was made to execute the Mutual Release, Settlement, and Agreement relating to the North Schuylkill Landfill Association, to approve any changes thereto of a non-substantial nature as the signatory member of this Council, after consultation with the Solicitor shall deem appropriate, the execution and delivery thereof to be conclusive evidence of authorization.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2025-02 implementing address changes recommended by the 911 center.

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Jackie Hughes

M**ayor's Report:**

Police Report:

Mayor Brocious reported that Butler Township Police had 3 calls in the month of August 2025.

Fire Company:

Mayor Brocious reported that they now have an ice maker for the Community Hall. The share of the cost for the Borough will be $1500.00. He also noted some upcoming events that the Fire Company will be holding. The Fire Company assisted at a fire in Lavelle. Also, he wanted to make them aware that Scotty Yeager was in an accident and is not doing well.

Code Enforcement Report:

Mr. Troutman reported that he currently has citations on 125 and 200 W. Biddle, as well as, 316 E. Plane St.

O**perations Manager Report:**

Mr. Troutman reported that he is currently milling and patching. He also requested that Jim Reiner be paid for 33 hours at $15.00/hour or $495.00, A motion was made to pay Jim Reiner.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Jackie Hughes

Mr. Troutman also noted some park renovations that he is planning and requested to purchase a hedge trimmer for cutting the rights-of-way at a cost of $400.00.

Motion: Richard Korn Seconded: Shannon Dumboski

Old Business: None

New Business:

Council Member, Tracy Hughes, asked about a date for Halloween. It was decided to have it on Thursday, October 30, 2025 since this is when most municipalities hold it.

Public Comment:

Joe Marco brought up if something could be done about more police protection.

Adjournment:

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

Motion: Shannon Dumboski Seconded: Richard Korn

The next meeting will be on October 6, 2025.

*All motions unanimous unless noted.

Attest: _____ Cathy Moyer, Secretary /Treasurer October 6, 2025