

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
September 11, 2025
Minutes

The Borough Council met on the above date in the Borough office in the Green Lane Fire Company building. President Brian Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Brian Carpenter, Vice President Gerald Godshall and Council Members Jack Findley, Darren Landis and Jonathan Guntz.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Lynn Bergey, Engineer Josh Gross, Solicitor David Comer, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer John Membrino and Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: None.

MOTION ON MINUTES: Councilman Landis made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2025, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Bergey shared some information about the history of the Perkiomen Valley Brewery.
- A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS: Police, ambulance and fire company reports on file.

VISITORS: Borough residents Rick Stamper, Mike Glass and Ken Brewer; Town and Country reporter Mary Gibbs Kershner; David Garber, Joe Boldaz and Kimberly DeRosa from the Green Lane Marlborough Joint Authority.

VISITORS' COMMENTS: Mr. Brewer asked the status of talks about the Borough going to a single hauler for residential trash. President Carpenter said there has been no further discussion about the single hauler.

- Mr. Boldaz, Ms. De Rosa and Mr. Garber presented information regarding the importance of developing an Act 537 Plan for Green Lane Borough in cooperation with Marlborough Township. The Authority is currently under a corrective action plan from the DEP. Neither municipality has an Act 537 plan, and it is required to have one. They both fall under Montgomery County's plan that is quite old. After much discussion, President Carpenter said Council generally approves of the idea but would need more information on the cost.

SOLICITORS REPORT:

- Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve a resolution appointing Kimmel, Lorah & Associates, LLP as the independent auditor to make an independent examination of the accounting records of the Borough for the fiscal year of 2025.
- The solicitor will record the *Declaration of the Covenants and Restrictions* recently signed by the owners of 301-303 Main Street following the zoning hearing board decision allowing their detached building.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (Report on file)

- Permits were issued to the following:
 - MacHomes for a street opening for sewer hookup at 122 Green Street.
 - Trevor Reed for pole building at 104 Green Street
 - Michael Tierney and Kelsey Butt for a guest house at 301 Main St.
- Action is still pending against Atlas Holdings for bamboo violations at 115 Main Street.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report on file)

- Construction on the Montco 2040 Grant - Route 29 Sidewalk Project is wrapping up. Lighting for the project is delayed by the manufacturer until October 31, 2025.
- Surveys are being scheduled on the HMGP-acquired properties.
- Paving project has been completed.
- Curb ramps on Walnut and Green Streets will be installed by September 19.

REGIONAL PLANNING:

- Secretary Garber attended the meeting in place of Councilman Findley where Upper Montgomery Joint Authority gave a presentation on their operations and improvements.

SEWER AUTHORITY: (Complete report on file)

- AUGUST 19, 2025, Meeting Highlights:
 - Balance of QNB \$2,250,000 loan must be drawn down before EOM; an ICE agreement has been signed to ensure amount over 250k will be FDIC insured by a "revenue share" agreement with other banks while Authority Manager investigates other options until funds are needed for capital projects.
 - Pursuit of Public Water: Board approved a motion to have HydraTerra Professionals (our engineering firm) investigate the possibility and feasibility of same base on GLB interest, aged and potential failing septic systems, Act 537 planning, and future development.
 - Bids are due by September 18 for GLMJA's 2025 Televising Project.
 - Plans are in the works for our 2025 Lining Project Plan and 2025 Manhole Replacement Plan of Frame and Cover Project Plan, some of which will be covered by pending grants and the balance by loan proceeds.

- One Grant has been awarded, two are pending, and another will be applied for before November 30, 2025.
- Final \$50k payment for GVPS is still being held until we are satisfied; otherwise, we will have punch list items done ourselves and that payment will be forfeited.
- GLMJA will request that PECO televise our lines in their scope of work so that we can assess any further damage to our main or customer's laterals because of their apparent negligence and emergency repair on Back Home Butcher's lateral last month.
- Legal action has begun on two customer's that did not respond to our "30-Day-Notice Letter"; one other very delinquent (20k) customer's house is in foreclosure, board decided to save any further legal expense at this time and let the bank do the heavy lifting.

ROAD COMMITTEE: None.

PARK COMMITTEE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay all bills. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: A resident dropped a letter at the office that was being distributed to residents around the old greenhouse property on Second Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Councilman Findley made a motion to approve a resolution to apply for a Multimodal Fund Grant application to pay for sidewalks, curbs and lights at Perkiomen Trailhead. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion approved.
- Secretary Garber thanked several volunteers attending the meeting who helped with planning of the 150th anniversary celebration including Mike and Kathy Glass, Jerry Godshall, Ken and Donna Brewer, Mayor Lynn Bergey, and Rick Stamper.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Guntz submitted his resignation effective September 30, 2025, after 12 years on Council as he and his wife will be moving out of the Borough. Councilman Godshall made a motion to accept the resignation. Second by Councilman Landis. Motion approved begrudgingly.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Councilman Findley made a motion to adjourn. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion passed and so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary