

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2019
Minutes
Approved August 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Borough Council was held on the above date in the Municipal Office, 214 Main Street, Green Lane. President Brian Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Brian Carpenter, Vice-President Gerald Godshall, Council Members Salam Majeed and Jonathan Guntz, and Junior Council Member Clara Guntz.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Darren Landis

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Lynne Wolfe, Code Enforcement Officer John Membrino, and Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber.

MOTION ON MINUTES: Council meeting minutes of June 13, 2019, were reviewed. No changes or corrections were requested. A motion was made by Gerald Godshall to approve the minutes of June 13. Seconded by Salam Majeed. Motion passed and so ordered.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Wolfe presented a Proclamation to Clara Guntz for her participation in the Junior Council Person Program. She also said that Clara would be receiving a check for \$100 from the Borough to be used towards her college education.
- The Mayor asked Assistant Fire Chief John Balmer to share a summary of an essay titled "The Ugly Truth about Firefighting the Public Doesn't Understand."

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS: (on file).

VISITORS: Borough resident Nancy Harvey, Appalachian Mountain Club Recreation Planner Tricia McCloskey, and Assistant Fire Chief John Balmer.

- Nancy Harvey announced that the Christmas tree lighting celebration will be held in Isaac Smith Park on the first Sunday in December at 6 p.m.
- Tricia McCloskey presented information to the Council regarding placing signage for a connector trail through the Borough from Upper Ridge Road to the entrance to the Perkiomen Trail on Route 29 (Gravel Pike) across from Lumber Street. Her project is part of the Pennsylvania Highlands Trail Network and is funded by the William Penn Foundation. Council reviewed and discussed the proposed trail routes. Jonathan Guntz made a motion to give initial approval to the proposed route for the connector trail. Salam Majeed seconded the motion. Motion passed and so ordered. Council will require

review and approval of the signage at a later date. The project may also include installation of informational kiosks and road markings in the Borough.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT and ENGINEER'S REPORT: Solicitor David Comer and Engineer Joe Carlin were unable to attend the meeting due to serious flooding in the area. Brian Carpenter presented the reports in their stead.

- Council President Brian Carpenter followed up on an email that he sent to the Council members earlier in the month regarding a grant application for funding to complete a sidewalk project originally proposed in 2014 on Route 29 from Main Street to Green Street. The Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant request for \$328,460 would cover the entire cost of the project and may not require a match by the Borough. Council reviewed the drawings and budget for the proposed project and review a Resolution needed to request the grant funds. Gerald Godshall made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-02 to request the grant funding and designate Brian Carpenter and Mary T. Garber as the officials to execute all documents between the Borough and the Commonwealth Financing Authority. (Resolution attached). Jonathan Guntz seconded the motion. Motion approved and so ordered.
- Council is awaiting approval of the Emergency Services Fees Resolution as updated by the Borough Solicitor. Once approval is received from the Fire Company, a public notice will be published announcing that a vote will be taken on the Resolution.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: John Membrino reported that Independence Propane at 608 Main Street told him he was going to apply to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance, but he has not done that yet. John Membrino said he would follow up with a formal notice of violation. He also contacted the owner of the greenhouses on Second Street regarding the high weeds. The owner said he would take care of the weeds in the near future.

SEWER AUTHORITY: Gerald Godshall reported that the ultraviolet system is being installed. He reported that residents who were behind on their sewer bills have started sending in payments since the newspaper article on the subject.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jonathan Guntz made a motion to accept the June 13, 2019, Treasurer's Report and pay all bills. Gerald Godshall seconded. Motion passed and so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS: Council reviewed designs for the Borough website.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Salam Majeed to adjourn and seconded by Jonathan Guntz. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary/Treasurer