

Green Lane Borough  
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania  
Borough Council Meeting  
Thursday, October 10, 2019  
Minutes

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 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Brian Carpenter and Vice President Gerald Godshall and Council Members Salam Majeed, Darren Landis and Jonathan Guntz.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Solicitor Dave Comer, Mayor Lynne Wolfe, Code Enforcement Officer John Membrino, Engineer Joe Carlin, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber.

**OFFICIALS ABSENT:** None.

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** Council meeting minutes of September 12, 2019, were reviewed. No changes or corrections were requested. A motion was made by Gerald Godshall to approve the minutes of September 12, 2019. Seconded by Darren Landis. Motion passed and so ordered.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Wolfe shared the following items with the Council:

- Longtime Borough resident Doris Brendlinger passed away.
- The Mayor is working with residents and some organizations on the cleanup of the creek from the July 11 flood.
- The roof of the kitchen and bathroom in the park is being replaced. Gerald Godshall added that the pipes in the park will need to be camera scoped and flushed before construction is started on bathrooms.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS:** (police, ambulance and fire reports on file)

**VISITORS:** Dan Ireland and Don Lynch of Harleysville Area EMS, Jeanne Cove of Upper Perkiomen Valley Library, residents Rita Hiriak and Vicki Nyce, and Green Lane Fire Chief Ryan Crouthamel.

- Jeanne Cove, Upper Perkiomen Valley Library director, gave an update on the activities of the library and asked for the Borough's continued financial support. She presented the October calendar of events and said more than half of the residents of the Borough have active library cards, and many volunteer at the library. Circulation and registration at the library continues to go up as the Library celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Library

staff is helping residents to get ready for the 2020 census and to sign up for the ReadyMontco Emergency alert system.

- Jeanne Cove also thanked John Membrino for work that he did at the Library.
- Residents Rita Hiriak and Vicki Nyce asked if the Borough had any information about the new owners of the “greenhouse” property at 134 Gravel Pike or what the new owners are planning to do with it. President Brian Carpenter said we do not have any information other than that the oil storage tanks had been removed under DEP supervision.
- Don Lynch, Chief of Harleysville EMS introduced himself and Green Lane Station Captain Dan Ireland who will attend Borough Council meetings and be the ambulance company’s liaison to the Borough.
- Green Lane Fire Company Chief Ryan Crouthamel asked about pothole repairs on the alley behind the fire house. President Carpenter said he is waiting for pricing information on the project, which is part of other repairs being done in the Borough.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** Solicitor Dave Comer shared the following items:

- He will be reviewing the transient merchant ordinance and application to address the use of food trucks, specific to a locations in the Borough. President Carpenter explained that a new ordinance would hopefully allow businesses to host food trucks under a permit issued by the Borough to the hosting business and not require each food truck to get a permit. The proposed ordinance and application revisions will be presented at a future meeting.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** Code Enforcement Officer John Membrino reported the following:

- He issued a permit for renovations to a house on Lumber Street.
- He also responded to a complaint about property behind Meadow Alley regarding dumping and weeds.
- He also attended a Zoning Hearing Board meeting regarding an application submitted by the owner of the property at 608 Main Street where Independence Propane is located. Consideration of the application was continued until a second hearing scheduled for November 7, 2019, at 7 p.m., in the Borough office.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:** Engineer Joe Carlin shared the following items:

- No Borough maintenance or drainage easements have been discovered for the properties along Meadow Alley that back up to the creek.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** President Carpenter reported that a group working with the County streetscapes program is developing some type of improvement plan for the Perkiomen Trail entrance across from Lumber Street on Route 29, which will have to be approved by the Borough.

**SEWER AUTHORITY:** Gerald Godshall reported that the Authority is considering taking over Candlewick development wastewater treatment plant on Knight Road in Marlborough Township which serves 251 customers. He asked if Council had any objections. President Carpenter said the Borough would not be in favor of the action unless there was a stipulation in the agreement that any new housing must be approved by the Authority based on capacity prior to construction.

- Gerald Godshall also discussed two letters from Department of Environmental Protection regarding the sewer system. One was an Act 537 Planning letter referencing the brewery at 101 Walnut Street. The second was a letter stating that the Authority had exceeded hydraulic flow levels for 2018. Council discussed the need for sewer inspections because of infiltration of storm water into the system and the use of sump pumps.

**ROAD COMMITTEE:** President Carpenter said School Alley repairs must go out for bid.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Jonathan Guntz made a motion to accept the October 10, 2019, Treasurer's Report and pay all bills. Gerald Godshall seconded the motion. Motion passed and so ordered.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Secretary T. Garber will work with Solicitor Dave Comer on codification of ordinances.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trick or Treat will be on October 31, 2019, from 6 to 8 p.m. Leaf pickup in the borough is scheduled for Mondays, November 18 and December 9, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Gerald Godshall to adjourn and seconded by Darren Landis. Motion passed and so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary