

Green Lane Borough  
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania  
Borough Council Meeting  
Thursday, December 12, 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, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber.

**OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Engineer Joe Carlin.

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** Council meeting minutes of November 14, 2019, were reviewed. A motion was made by Gerald Godshall to approve the minutes of November 14, 2019. Seconded by Darren Landis. Motion passed and so ordered.

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

- The Borough participated in a drill conducted on November 19, 2019, to evaluate emergency response readiness in the event of an emergency at the Limerick Generating Station. Eighteen people were in attendance at the Green Lane Borough/Marlborough Township Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Marlborough Township Building, 6040 Upper Ridge Road, including police, EMS, ambulance, municipal and technology personnel. The exercise was evaluated by Pennsylvania Emergency Management Association personnel with a favorable outcome. All K1 (potassium iodide) supplies were up to date. (Report on file)
- Outgoing Council Member Salam Majeed was thanked for his service to the Borough since 2002. He will continue to serve on the Green Lane Industrial Development Authority and the Green Lane-Marlborough Joint Authority.

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

**VISITORS:** Nancy Harvey, 121 Main St.; Ken and Donna Brewer, 500 Walnut St.; Jack Findley, newly elected Borough Council member and resident of 173 Gravel Pike; Vincent Cucchara, 134 Main St.; David Garber of 304 3rd St.; and David Whetstone, 401 Main St.

- Donna Brewer expressed concerns about the conditions in Isaac Smith Park, particularly the restrooms which are being renovated by the Green Lane Marlborough Lions Club. She said the door to the restroom is broken and unable to be secured. President Carpenter said he will check into it. She also said the roofs on both the kitchen and restroom buildings are falling apart. Mayor Wolfe said the roofs are to be replaced by the Lions Club, and that she will follow up with them.

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

- The transient merchant ordinance is still under review.
- A resolution to appoint an independent auditor was presented with the auditor "to be determined." Once named, the auditor must be voted on at a future meeting. Gerald Godshall made a motion to approve the Resolution and Salam Majeed seconded. Motion approved and so moved.
- An easement necessary for the Highland's Trail kiosk to be installed is awaiting a final plan and then will have to be reviewed by the grantor, which is the Green Lane Fire Company.
- A motion was made by Gerald Godshall to approve and advertise the 2020 meeting schedule. Jonathan Guntz seconded. Motion passed and so moved. The biannual reorganization meeting will take place on January 6, 2020. The regular January Borough Council meeting will be held on the same night.
- The Zoning Hearing Board decision to allow a variance for 608 Main Street was received and recognized in the Borough Office.

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

- A fence permit was issued for 209 Main Street.
- He will investigate installation of a fence without a permit at 113 Main Street.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Engineer Joe Carlin was absent, but he submitted a report (See File) including the following items:

- An application was submitted for a grant from PennDOT's multimodal program to install sidewalks on Route 29 between Main and Green Streets, but those awards have not been announced. A Resolution needed to be approved to add to the application. Jonathan Guntz made a motion to ratify the Resolution, which was presented and discussed at the November 14, 2019, Council meeting approving the grant application. Darren Landis seconded. The motion was approved and so ordered.
- The owner of 417 Walnut Street has been contacted regarding the need to take action regarding storm water runoff issues at that property. Jonathan Guntz suggested that the Borough set a deadline for action to be taken whenever fees are waived. He said permit fees were waived for the owner of this property, but the work has still not been completed. He said there should be a deadline that if not meant the fees be reinstalled. He said the work should be done in a reasonable time.

- As a follow up to last month's meeting, information regarding Zoning regulations for the former greenhouse property on Second Street was included in the submitted report.

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:** No Report.

**SEWER AUTHORITY:**

- Gerald Godshall reported progress is moving forward on taking over the Candlewyck community's sewer plant.
- Sewer bills will be going up by five percent in 2020.
- Borough submitted letters of support for the Authority to apply for a grant for repairs that will include reinforcing the bank of the Perkiomen Creek near the sewer plant.

**ROAD COMMITTEE:** Nothing.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Jonathan Guntz made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay all bills. Gerald Godshall seconded the motion. Motion passed and so ordered.
- Salam Majeed made a motion to approve the proposed 2020 budget, notice of which appeared in the Town & Country Newspaper on November 28, 2019. Darren Landis seconded. Motion passed and so ordered.
- Gerald Godshall made a motion to approve a resolution setting the tax rates for 2020 with no increase over 2019. Jonathan Guntz seconded. Motion passed and so ordered.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A note was received from Marlborough Township thanking the Mayor for participating in the National Night Out in August.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Codification of Borough ordinances is on schedule.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Gerald Godshall said the sidewalk in front of 104 Main Street is in need of repair. A letter will be sent to the homeowner.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- David Whetsone asked if any progress had been made on requiring the owner of the vacant building at Main Street and Gravel Pike to clean it up. President Brian Carpenter and Solicitor David Comer said the owner will be contacted to see what can be done.
- Salam Majeed made some farewell comments.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary