

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

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Regular Meeting

Place: Municipal Bldg. **Date:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026 **Time:** 7:30PM

OPEN MEETING:

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Charles Marquardt

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Dave Brennan
President Charles Marquardt

Vice President David Willis
Councilman Dan Heiser
Councilwoman Sarah Purcell

Solicitor Shane Hobbs
Secretary/Treasurer/AORO Harley
Ingersoll

Absent: Councilman Brian Dempsey

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

(NONE)

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Minutes: *Motion to accept Minutes of the previous meeting made by Charles Marquardt, Motion Accepted by David Willis and seconded by Dan Heiser. Vote: All. Motion Carried.*

Treasurer's Report: *Motion to accept Treasurer's Report of the previous meeting made by Charles Marquardt, Motion Accepted by David Willis and seconded by Sarah Purcell. Vote: All. Motion Carried.*

Tax Collector's Report: *Motion to accept Tax Collector's Report and pay the Tax Collector made by Charles Marquardt, Motion Accepted by Dan Heiser and seconded by David Willis. Vote: All. Motion Carried.*

Mayor Report: Dave Brennan

Mayor Brennan reported on snow removal efforts and traffic control during recent weather events, including personally encouraging residents to move vehicles to assist with plowing operations. He followed up on a trailer parked on a public street without a license plate and addressed a debris complaint involving carpet left on A Street and Line Street, which has since been resolved. The Mayor also met with members of the Civic Association to discuss preliminary planning for the 4th of July parade.

A Motion to accept the report was made by Charles Marquardt, Motion Accepted by David Willis and seconded by Dan Heiser. Vote: All. Motion Carried.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Read by Charles Marquardt

Council was informed that Code Enforcement advanced ten (10) property-specific cases during the month. Two (2) properties were posted for condemnation. Two (2) Notices of Violation were drafted, posted, and documented for interagency legal and administrative action. Several investigations were conducted in response to resident complaints and ongoing monitoring of known problem properties. Multiple non-owner occupied properties were brought into compliance through follow-up inspections and enforcement efforts.

Continued emphasis is being placed on documentation, follow-up procedures, and coordination with appropriate agencies when necessary.

A Motion to accept the report was made by Charles Marquardt, Motion Accepted by David Willis and seconded by Sarah Purcell. Vote: All. Motion Carried.

REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS: *A motion was made to approve by Charles Marquardt, Motion Accepted by David Willis and seconded by Sarah Purcell. Vote: All. Motion Carried.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(NONE)

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Police Coverage Discussion:** Council reported on a recent meeting with members of the Frackville Law & Order Committee regarding potential police coverage for Girardville. Frackville is currently rebuilding its police department. Discussion included possible cost-sharing arrangements similar to Gilberton Borough's agreement, which would involve contributing toward the salary of an additional officer. Additional meetings are planned, including outreach to Butler Township. No formal action was taken.
- **Advanced Code Consultants:** Council discussed a proposal from Advanced Code Consultants of Drums, PA for expanded services including UCC enforcement, quality of life enforcement, rental inspections, zoning enforcement, structured follow-up procedures, and monthly reporting. A formal quote is expected in the coming weeks. No action taken at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS / LETTERS / FLYERS / NOTICES

(NONE)

REPORTS ON COMMITTEES, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SOLICITOR:

- **Streets:** Council was informed that the spreader on the dump truck is no longer operational a new one will need to be purchased. *A motion was made to approve by Charles Marquardt, Motion Accepted by David Willis and seconded by Dan Heiser. Vote: All. Motion Carried.*
- **Snow Removal:** Council discussed recent snow removal operations and associated costs. FEMA reimbursement is not anticipated. Discussion was held regarding snow emergency routes, enforcement challenges, and possible future ordinance updates. Enforcement limitations remain due to the absence of local police coverage.
- **Parks & Recreation:** Council announced plans for a 4th of July Parade celebrating America's 250th Birthday. The parade will be a lighthearted "Doo Dah" style event and will conclude at **Girard Hose No. 1 Fire House on East Main Street**, where a community celebration/block party is planned. Additional details will be provided as planning progresses.

OPEN THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A concern was raised regarding heavy truck traffic using an 8-ton posted bridge on Richard Street. The matter has been acknowledged.
- The Tax Collector announced that 2026 tax bills will be mailed March 1. Residents not receiving a bill by March 7 are advised to contact Borough Hall (Option 3).

MOTION TO ADJOURN: *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Charles Marquardt, accepted by Sarah Purcell and seconded by David Willis. Vote: All. Motion Carried.*

**The Next Meeting Held On:
March 11, 2026 at 7:30PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Harley Ingersoll
Secretary/Treasurer**