

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
April 10, 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 Member Jack Findley.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Jonathan Guntz and Darren Landis.

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 Godshall made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2025, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Mayor asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Lillian Hess, who served 23 years on Green Lane Borough Council.
- She also offered condolences to Borough Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer John Membrino on the passing of his mother.
- The Mayor said she conducted swearing in ceremony and swore in a new fire police officer Todd Michaels, for the Green Lane Fire Company.
- The Mayor read from the Borough minute book from 1876 and noted that the secretary was paid 50 cents per meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS: State Police, ambulance and fire company reports are on file. President Carpenter said the ambulance association needs a new CPR machine.

VISITORS: Borough residents Rick Stamper, Ken Brewer and David Whetstone

VISITORS' COMMENTS:

- Mr. Brewer asked about the Borough hiring a land planner to review Borough ordinances as they relate to possible development of the property at 134 Second Street (greenhouses) owned by 2nd Street Lawyers LLC. President Carpenter said the Borough has hired Kennedy & Associates in Harleysville at a cost of \$2,000 to review a possible zoning change and research regional and local planning guidelines to try to better understand the best way to develop the property.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Mr. Comer presented the revised proposed chicken ordinance for review and discussion. Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve advertising of the proposed ordinance for possible adoption. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.
- The hearings on the citations against the owner of 120 Gravel Pike (Rockwell's) have been rescheduled for May 14, 2025, at the district justice office in Red Hill.
- The Borough received a zoning application from the owners of 301 and 303 Main Street to seek a variance to allow them to reduce the setback required to erect an accessory building. Councilman Godshall made a motion to send a letter to the property owners requesting clarification of their plans for the property. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved. A Zoning Hearing Board meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2025, regarding the request.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (Report on file)

- A permit was issued to Richard and Roseann Miles at 124 Walnut St. for a fence.
- An application for a conditional use was sent to Noah Reinhart who would like to open a coffee shop at 520 Main St.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report on file)

- Construction on the Montco 2040 Grant - Route 29 Sidewalk Project is scheduled for completion by May 31, 2025.
- Bids for the Phase 2 lighting installation were opened, and a recommendation to award letter was sent to the Borough on April 9, 2025. Lenni Electric Corporation was the only bidder at \$244,024. Councilman Godshall made a recommendation to accept the bid. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.
- Demolition plans and Chapter 106 permits are being prepared for Phase 2 of the FEMA/PEMA buyout project.
- Design work continues on the 12 ADA curb ramp upgrades on Walnut and Green Streets and the pavement restoration project; both are funded through DCED-MTF grants. Councilman Godshall made a motion to advertise for bids on the projects. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.
- Councilman Findley made a motion to approve a resolution confirming the selection of NJS Concrete to complete Phase 1 of the Route 29 Pedestrian Improvement Project to install sidewalks and lighting. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion approved.

REGIONAL PLANNING: No Meeting.

SEWER AUTHORITY:

- GLMJA has been awarded \$448,225 in grant funding for Green Lane sewer treatment plant improvements, which include:
 - Influent pump station structural repairs
 - Cleaning/televising/bypassing and point repairs of trunk sewer
 - Streambank restoration

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- Electric/communication pole repair
- Influent pump station asphalt repair
- Restoration of dry hydrant

ROAD COMMITTEE: Highlands Trail signs are going up.

PARK COMMITTEE:

- Councilman Godshall and Councilman Findley said a branch needs to be removed from a tree in the park.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Borough is waiting for the revised contract agreement for Project 2 from FEMA/PEMA.
- The first planning meeting for the Borough's 150th birthday celebration was held on April 8, 2025. Celebrations will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20, 2025, and will center around the completion of several construction projects in the Borough, including Route 29 sidewalks, crosswalk, streetlights, trail connection, etc. A recap of the meeting is on file. The next meeting will be held on April 22, 2025, at 6 p.m., in the Borough office.
- Green Lane Borough will host the MCBA dinner on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 6 p.m. at The Carriage House, Route 29, East Greenville, along with Pennsburg, East Greenville, and Red Hill. All members of Council were encouraged to attend.
- Green Lane Borough has been identified as one of the 20 sites for further investigation into flood mitigation efforts by the Perkiomen Watershed Flood Mapping Project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Councilman Findley made a motion to participate in the regional recycling event in July. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion passed.
- President Carpenter asked Council to review a proposal to hire a single trash hauler for the Borough. Options for billing residents will be investigated.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Brewer asked about the cost of using a single hauler for trash. President Carpenter said it would have to be bid to determine the price.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary