

Green Lane Borough  
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania  
Borough Council Meeting  
April 11, 2024  
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.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Brian Carpenter, Vice President Gerald Godshall and Council Members Jack Findley and Jonathan Guntz.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Darren Landis.

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Lynn Bergey, Engineer Joe Carlin, 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 regular Council meeting held on March 14, 2024. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion passed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- The Perkiomen Valley Brewery held an Autism Awareness Day and invited local first responders to meet their guests.
- The Mayor will be taking a tour of the State Police facility in Skippack. Date to be determined.
- A committee is being formed to plan the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Green Lane Borough. Anyone interested in helping should contact the Borough office.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS:** State police report is on file.

**VISITORS:** Borough residents David Whetstone and Sherri Lee and Town & Country reporter Mary Gibbs Kershner.

- Mr. Whetstone asked the Borough to contact DEP regarding the condition of the greenhouse property owned by 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Lawyers LLC. He said the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy recommended contacting DEP.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- The owner of 417 Walnut St. paid outstanding fines and judgements totaling \$6,209.
- Justice Coggins ruled in favor of the Borough at a hearing on March 19, 2024, regarding citations against 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Lawyers LLC for ordinance violations.
- Judge Coggins also ruled in favor of the Borough regarding a citation against the owner of 413 Fourth Street for bamboo ordinance violations.
- A hearing will be held at the May 9, 2024, Council meeting to discuss the proposed Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan for the Upper Perkiomen Valley Regional Planning Commission. A vote will be taken following that discussion.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:** (Report on file)

- Mr. Membrino attended the hearings before Judge Coggins on March 19, 2024, for violations at properties on Fourth Street and Second Street
- A letter was sent to the owners of 115 Main St. for their property being in violation of the Bamboo Ordinance.
- Letters were sent to the owners of 501 Main St. and 505 Main St. asking that they clear their sidewalks of stones and debris.
- A letter was sent to the owners of 515 Fifth St. asking them to repair a section of their sidewalk on Main St.
- One of the partners for the ownership group for the old Yoder's was notified that the yellow clothing donation box must be moved off of the sidewalk and out of the right of way on Main Street.
- A letter will be sent to the owner of 120 Gravel Pike regarding the use of the property.
- A question was raised regarding the condition of the property at 100 Walnut Street.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** (Report on file)

- Montco 2040 Grant - Route 29 Sidewalk and lighting project has gone out for bid. Bids will be opened on May 2, 2024.
- The Borough was awarded \$100,000 of the \$131,259 requested in the DCED-MTF Grant Application for ADA ramp upgrades.
- A CDBG grant application will be submitted for remaining ADA ramps and installation of sidewalks. The total cost would be \$200,000 with \$185,000 coming from the grant. Councilman Jack Findley made a motion to approve the resolution to apply for the grant. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion approved.
- Post Hurricane Ida Disaster Assistance: Settlements are being scheduled for the Borough to purchase and demolish properties impacted by flooding. Demolition permit applications have been submitted to DEP.
- Montco 2040 Grant Application has been submitted for sidewalk and curbing along Route 29 from the Perkiomen Trailhead North.
- An application is also being prepared for a DCED-MTF Grant Application to complete the Borough Wide Paving project. The deadline is July 31, 2024. Gilmore & Associates is working on the road condition survey required for the application.

**REGIONAL PLANNING:** No Meeting.

**SEWER AUTHORITY:**

- Councilman Godshall distributed the Authority's financial reports.
- Councilman Godshall said the Authority is continuing to investigate the settling of the pumphouse in Green Lane to determine the necessary remediation.
- There are about \$95,000 in past due sewer bills still outstanding.

**ROAD COMMITTEE:**

- Several traffic signs have been repaired or replaced throughout the Borough.

**PARK COMMITTEE:**

- Councilman Godshall has confirmed that BK Landscaping will once again be cutting the grass and trimming weeds at Isaac Smith Park.
- The Green Lane-Marlboro Lions Club donated \$300 to help maintain the Isaac Smith Park grounds.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary