

Green Lane Borough  
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania  
Borough Council Meeting  
April 13, 2023  
Minutes

The Borough Council met on the above date in the Borough Office in the Green Lane Fire Company building. The meeting was called to order by President Brian Carpenter at 7:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**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, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer John Membrino, Engineer Joe Carlin, and Solicitor David Comer.

**OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber.

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilman Godshall to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2023, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion passed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Bergey said that Jay Miles, an EMT with the Upper Perkiomen Valley Ambulance, passed away in the line of duty and that a funeral for Mr. Miles will be held May 6, 2023, in Pennsburg. Mayor Bergey said that a request was made for the Green Lane Fire Police to attend and assist at Mr. Miles' funeral. A motion was made by Councilman Godshall to approve the Green Lane Fire Police to attend and assist at the aforementioned funeral. Second by Councilman Findlay. Motion passed.

Mayor Bergey said she will be officiating one wedding on April 14, 2023.

Mayor Bergey thanked the Perkiomen Valley Brewery for sponsoring an autism awareness evening on April 11, 2023, for police and firefighters. Mayor Bergey said the event was well-attended and very beneficial. Mayor Bergey also thanked Chiaro's Pizza for providing the food for the event.

A motion was made by Councilman Godshall to appoint Mayor Bergey to the Green Lane Freedom Ambulance Advisory Board. Second by Councilman Findlay. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS:** State police and fire company reports on file.

**VISITORS:** Mary Kershner, reporting for the Town & Country newspaper; Borough resident Sherri Lee, 417 Fourth Street; Angie Fegey, 230 Sate Street, East Greenville; Tom Weiss, owner Perkiomen Valley Brewery; Borough resident Michael Glass, 201 Main Street; Borough resident Jeanne Ruth, 501 Green Street; and Amanda Ruth, 5001 McLean State Road, Marlborough.

- Ms. Lee asked about the Borough's bamboo ordinance. President Carpenter said the Borough would look into her situation. Ms. Fegey of East Greenville commented on the Borough's bamboo ordinance.
- Tom Weiss, Perkiomen Valley Brewery, said that he received a letter from the Green Lane Marlborough Joint Authority ("GLMJA") asking for information such as the number of employees at Perkiomen Valley Brewery. Mr. Weiss asked Councilman Godshall what he was required to do. Councilman Godshall said he was unaware of the letter and suggested Mr. Weiss attend the next GLMJA meeting to ask. Mr. Weiss also asked if the GLMJA has applied for grants from FEMA, and Councilman Godshall said that it had. Mr. Weiss also asked about the status of the development of the Dollar General in Marlborough Township.
- Mr. Glass, 201 Main Street, asked about work done by the GLMJA at his mother's house at 508 Walnut Street. President Carpenter will provide Mr. Glass with the email address for the GLMJA so that Mr. Glass can contact the GLMJA directly.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- The Borough was approved for a \$500,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a project involving pavement restoration of certain Borough streets. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provided a Multimodal Transportation Fund Contract ("Contract") between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Borough. Solicitor David Comer, Borough Engineer Joe Carlin and President Carpenter have reviewed and discussed the Contract and reviewed the Contract with Borough Council. Solicitor David Comer noted the importance that the Borough follow all of the procedures and requirements within the Contract to make sure it receives the funds. Councilman Guntz made a motion to approve the Contract. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.
- President Carpenter and Borough Engineer Joe Carlin also mentioned that the Borough has received word – but has not received anything formal – that it has also been approved for a \$70,000 grant from the Keystone Communities Program for roadwork on Green Street.

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

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

**REGIONAL PLANNING:** Councilman Findlay said at the last meeting they discussed median home price in the area. He passed around a handout from that meeting that indicates the median home price in the area has increased.

**SEWER AUTHORITY:** Councilman Godshall said there was nothing to report.

**ROAD COMMITTEE:**

- President Carpenter said the LED streetlight replacement project is nearly complete, as one LED streetlight remains to be replaced. President Carpenter said that a resident

asked if the streetlight near their home can be dimmed, and President Carpenter will look into that. Mayor Bergey said that the consensus is that LED streetlights look great.

**PARK COMMITTEE:** Councilman Godshall said that the mowing of the Park will start next week and that branches were cleaned up in the Park.

**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:** Jeanne Ruth and her daughter, Amanda Ruth, asked whether the cycling of the traffic light at Routes 63 and 29 could be changed to better accommodate vehicles on Route 29 at certain times of the day. Borough Engineer Joe Carlin and President Carpenter said they would look into the matter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary