

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
December 12, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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 Guntz made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2024, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The annual Christmas Tree Lighting was held Sunday, December 1. About 30 people attended along with the Fire Company and Santa.
- Green Lane Borough Fire Police assisted with the annual Christmas Market put on by the Goschenhoppen Historians at Red Men's Hall, December 7-8. It was a huge success with a big crowd throughout both days.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS: Police, ambulance and fire company reports are on file.

VISITORS: Borough resident David Whetstone and Town and Country Reporter Mary Gibbs Kershner.

VISITORS COMMENTS: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Councilman Findley made a motion to adopt the proposed 2025 budget presented by President Carpenter. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion approved and so ordered.
- Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve a resolution, as required by the PA Borough Code, confirming that Borough real estate taxes will continue at the current rate of 2.5 mills and that the other Borough taxes as stated in the resolution will also continue. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion approved and so ordered.
- The annual meeting of the Green Lane Industrial Development Authority will be held at 6:50 p.m. on January 9, 2025. The Solicitor will advertise this meeting.

- A civil action was filed against 2963 Real Estate/Rockwell's at the district justice on October 4, 2024, for failing to respond to a notice of violation for operating a junk and salvage yard. A hearing was scheduled for November 21, 2024, before Magisterial District Justice Coggins, but the property owner did not enter a plea for the charges. A judgment was entered against the property owner. Council directed code enforcement to continue citing the property owner for ongoing violations.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (Report on file)

- Permits were issued to the following:
 - i. Mary Heckler, 107 Main St., for signage
 - ii. Rooney Line Construction, 750 Lumber St., for change of use
 - iii. G&R Excavating, 132 Gravel Pike, demolition
 - iv. G&R Excavating, 767-769 Lumber St., demolition
 - v. G&R Excavating, 762-766 Lumber St., demolition
 - vi. G&R Excavating, 778 Lumber St., demolition
 - vii. G&R Excavating, 770 Lumber St., demolition
- A notice of violation was previously sent to 4G Holdings LLC, owner of 416 Main St. The owner has now submitted plans and an application. The building inspector is reviewing the plans. The property owner has also applied for a zoning permit.
- Bamboo was cut down at 115 Main St., but still needs to be removed from the property. The owner, Atlas Holdings LLC, was contacted and informed that the bamboo must be completely removed. Code enforcement was directed to continue citing the property owner until the bamboo is destroyed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report on file)

- Montco 2040 Grant - Route 29 Sidewalk Project:
 - Work is now postponed until spring due to the contractor's schedule. Change order for time extension is pending with a May 31, 2025, project completion date.
 - A GRTP Grant application was made and is out for consideration in the amount of \$79,770 for the balance of the lighting costs for the Route 29 project.
- No update at this time on the DCED-MTF Grant received for ADA ramp upgrades.
- An application for a DCED-MTF grant to complete the borough-wide paving project was submitted on July 31, 2024. Estimated project cost is \$463,077.
- An application was submitted for an LSA grant for the Walnut Street sidewalk links and ADA ramps by the Borough Secretary.
- Regarding Hurricane Ida Disaster Relief, a notice to proceed has been issued to G&R Excavating and Demolition, Inc. The company was notified that any fill must be free of construction debris.
- Details for anchoring a shed at 750 Lumber Street were approved with comments.

REGIONAL PLANNING:

- Reihman Road Bridge is being replaced.

SEWER AUTHORITY:

- Sumneytown Pump Station work is continuing.
- The Authority is considering grants.

ROAD COMMITTEE: None.

PARK COMMITTEE:

- Councilman Godshall and Councilman Findley discussed maintenance and mowing of Isaac Smith Park. They completed the leaf cleanup 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:

- Montgomery County has asked the Borough to approve a resolution supporting planning for the America250PA celebration. Councilman Findley made a motion to approve the resolution. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion approved and so ordered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- One property owner in the FEMA buyout program has withdrawn her application. Seven properties have been purchased by the Borough with FEMA funds, and the structures on these properties are scheduled to be demolished beginning January 6, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary