

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
February 13, 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 Members Jonathan Guntz and Jack Findley.

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 January 9, 2025, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Mayor read some entries from the Borough Council's first minute book, as they were recorded 150 years ago, to commemorate the town's birthday year.
- The Fire Police schedule of special events for 2025, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof, was presented along with a roster of active Green Lane Fire Police. Councilman Findley made a motion to approve the schedule. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion approved.
- Two long-time residents of the Borough passed away: Helene Nestler and Linda Lee Dobrowolsky.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS: State Police and ambulance reports are on file.

VISITORS: Borough residents David Whetstone and Nancy Harvey; Town & Country reporter Mary Gibbs Kershner.

VISITORS COMMENTS:

- Mr. Whetstone related several concerns about the vacant property at 101 Main Street (formerly Yoders) and the property at 120 Gravel Pike (Rockwell's).

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Councilman Findley made a motion to approve the proposed new grinder pump ordinance for advertisement pending approval of advertising of the same by Marlborough Township Supervisors. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion approved.

- Councilman Godshall made a motion to appoint David Whetstone to a three-year term on the Green Lane Zoning Hearing Board and Jack Findley and Jonathan Guntz to one-year terms on the Regional Planning Commission. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion passed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (Report on file)

- A civil complaint was filed with the district justice against the owner of 2963 Real Estate/Rockwell's on January 27, 2025. A hearing is scheduled for March 13.
- A snow and ice inspection was performed on January 21, 2025, and two properties were in violation: 113 Main St. and 120 Main St. Letters were sent to the property owners. Another snow and ice inspection was performed on February 10, 2025. There were no violations.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report on file)

- Construction on the Montco 2040 Grant - Route 29 Sidewalk Project was postponed until spring due to the contractor's schedule. The project completion date is May 31, 2025. The Borough has been awarded a DCNR grant for \$110,000 to complete the Highlands Trail Connection project. Councilman Findley made a motion to approve advertising the lighting portion of the pedestrian improvement project for bid. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion approved.
- FEMA/PEMA buyout program demolitions continue.
- Project #2 with FEMA/PEMA has been approved. A motion was made by Councilman Guntz to designate Brian Carpenter as the signing agent and authorized signer on behalf of the Borough for all documentation necessary for processing the HMGP grant for Project #2. Second by Councilman Findley.
- A motion was made by Councilman Godshall with a second by Councilman Findley to approve a resolution naming Brian Carpenter as the authorized signer of the agreement for the \$110,000 grant awarded to the Borough from DCNR to complete the Highlands Trail connection through the Borough. Motion approved.
- There is no update at this time on the \$100,000 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. The estimated project cost is \$463,077.

REGIONAL PLANNING: No meeting.

SEWER AUTHORITY: (Report on file)

- A reorganization meeting was held. Officers and professional consultants remain the same as in 2024.
- Permits/correspondence/requests:
 - 122 Green St (new construction)

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- 3062 Main St (for sale) advised a second EDU is required upon sale.
- 416 Main St (renovation) owner has advised that property will remain one unit with an in-law suite.
- GLMJA will be meeting with PECO to discuss the impact new gas line construction may have on sewer lines.
- Remediation plans for Lumber Street pipelines will be presented to the board by the engineer.
- Grinder pump ordinance drafts are waiting for Marlborough Township and Borough approval
- Sumneytown Pump Station should be completed within 30-45 days.

ROAD COMMITTEE: Snow and ice removal was discussed, and Council is generally pleased with the contractor's work.

PARK COMMITTEE: Councilman Godshall said the fence around the pond in the park needs repairs. President Carpenter said he would get an estimate.

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: Red Hill Borough is applying for a \$36,000 Montco 2040 grant on behalf of the Upper Perkiomen Valley Library for installation of automatic door openers, automatic blinds and LED lighting and has asked for a support letter from the Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary