

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
January 12, 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 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Lynn Wolfe, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer John Membrino, Engineer Joe Carlin, Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber and Solicitor David Comer.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: None.

MOTION ON MINUTES: A motion was made by Jonathan Guntz to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2022, Council meeting. Second by Darren Landis. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The date for the Limerick Generating station drill has been set for Tuesday, September 26, 2023. More information will follow. Emergency management is looking for someone to volunteer to take responsibility for reading the radiological badges on each person during the drill.
- Resident Andy Adz was thanked for mowing lawns in town and assisting with taking down the flags in town.

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

VISITORS: Mary Kershner, reporting for the Town & Country newspaper; Borough residents David Whetstone and Nancy Harvey.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Gerald Godshall made a motion to ratify the agreement of sale of the empty lot owned by the Borough at 303 Main Street to Mike Tierney for \$50,000 and approve a resolution authorizing the Council president and others on behalf of Council to attend the settlement and sign the settlement documents on behalf of the Borough
- A motion was made by Councilman Guntz to appoint Gerald Godshall to another five year term on the Industrial Development Authority. Second by Jack Findley. Motion approved.
- The Zoning Hearing Board found in favor of the Borough at the hearing on January 5, 2023, where McCuskins Properties LLC, the owner of the property at 750 Lumber

Street, appealed an enforcement notice they received from Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer John Membrino. The property owner has the opportunity to appeal, and the solicitor will investigate next steps for the Borough if the decision is not appealed.

- The Pennsylvania State Legislature adopted a new law addressing fireworks in October of 2022, and it states that fireworks may not be discharged within 150 feet of a building or a vehicle and includes additional provisions. The solicitor is investigating whether the state police will now enforce the new regulations.
- Mr. Comer distributed a draft ordinance regarding the growing of bamboo in the Borough at the December meeting. Mr. Carpenter said the proposed ordinance includes the rule that any bamboo planted on a property must be contained on that property. It may not extend to another property. Councilman Guntz made a motion to advertise notice of the proposed ordinance for consideration at the February Borough Council meeting. Second by Jack Findley. Motion approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (Report on file)

- Mr. Membrino attended the Zoning Hearing Board hearing involving McCuskins Properties LLC, owner of 750 Lumber Street, on January 5, 2023
- McCuskins Properties LLC has submitted a revised zoning application, which is being reviewed by Joe Carlin. Mr. Carlin is waiting for more information from the owner regarding anchoring the dumpsters.
- The County has issued a judgment against the McCuskins Properties LLC.
- A noise complaint was investigated due to construction at 208 Walnut Street.
- A complaint was received regarding water leaving a property along Maple Alley and causing an ice problem.
- Rockwell's is still missing a gate at the rear of the property. Mr. Comer will contact the property owner's lawyer.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report on file)

- There has been no word on the Hazard Mitigation Program Grant Application that was submitted by the Borough in January 2022.
- The owner of 417 Walnut Street has completed some of the required stormwater improvements. Mr. Carlin is working with them to make sure all requirements are met.
- Gilmore & Associates is working on having the Borough exempted from MS4 requirements due to its size.
- Montco 2040 Grant - Route 29 Sidewalk: The PennDOT permit has been issued. Grant opportunities to fund pedestrian level street lighting as part of the project are being pursued. Councilman Guntz made a motion to apply to the Montco 2040 program to fund the streetlights. Second by Gerald Godshall. Motion approved. Gilmore and Associates will proceed with the technical parts of the application.

- There are no updates on the Green Street Repaving - DCED (Horse Development and Gaming Act) Local Share Account Grant.
- No updates have been received on the DCED-MTF Grant Application for road resurfacing throughout the Borough.

REGIONAL PLANNING: No Report.

SEWER AUTHORITY:

- Authority Engineer Ed Gillette passed away suddenly on January 6, 2023.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

- The LED streetlight replacement project is moving forward.
- President Carpenter said repairs to the intersection at Routes 29 and 63 should be made by January 23, 2023.
- Mr. Carlin will investigate making the intersection part of PennDOT's responsibility.
- Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve the route change and signage for the Pennsylvania Highlands Trail coming through town. Second by Mr. Findley. Motion approved.

PARK COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Godshall said he would call around and get some prices to see if he could get a lower price for mowing.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Councilman Guntz 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, a motion was made by Councilman Godshall to adjourn. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion passed and so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary