

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
January 2, 2024
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.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Darren Landis.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Lynn Bergey, Engineer Joe Carlin, Solicitor David Comer, and Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer John Membrino.

MOTION ON MINUTES: Councilman Findley made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2023, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Mayor participated in *Wreaths Across America* at Friedens UCC Cemetery in Sumneytown on Saturday, December 16, 2023. She said it was very moving and well attended. Wreaths were laid on 358 veterans' graves.
- Freedom Valley Medical Rescue sent a letter to the Borough that it would no longer be operating an ambulance station in Green Lane Borough effective April 1, 2024. (Letter on file.) President Carpenter said he will investigate ambulance options for Green Lane.

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

VISITORS: Borough resident Mary Rose Discipio and Town & Country reporter Mary Gibbs Kershner.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Two hearings will be held in district court on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 10 a.m., one regarding a violation of the bamboo ordinance and one regarding a nuisance violation.
- President Carpenter said DEP is looking into the complaints against the Rockwell's property.
- Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber advised that the Borough has been notified by FEMA/PEMA that the contract for buyout of residences has been approved and the funds should be available in the next 30-45 days.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (Report on file)

- A permit was issued to Spiro Kassis at Green Lane Sunoco for new sign decals with no changes to the allowed square footage of the signs.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report on file)

- PennDOT has issued a permit for the curb and sidewalk project funded by the 2021 Montco 2040 grant. The executed agreement for the 2023 grant for pedestrian level streetlights has been received. Gilmore & Associates is preparing final light layout prior to electrical design. Anticipated bid by early March 2024.
- Work has been completed on the Borough-wide paving project, but the Borough has not received a request for final payment from the contractor as of January 2, 2024.
- A grant application has been submitted to DCED for updating curb ramps throughout the Borough to meet ADA compliance rules.

REGIONAL PLANNING: None.

SEWER AUTHORITY:

- A corner of the pumphouse in Green Lane is cracked and needs remediation.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

- Signs are being updated throughout the Borough.
- A speed-limit sign will be erected on Walnut Street.
- A complaint was received about speeding on Green Street. The state police have been contacted and will monitor the road.

PARK COMMITTEE: Mr. Godshall said he completed the sale of the park committee's zero turn mower on behalf of the park committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Discipio had concerns about the new store format of the Green Lane Sunoco and that it is now selling smoking and vaping products. Mr. Carpenter urged her to contact the State police if she sees any illegal activity.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary