

Green Lane Borough  
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania  
Borough Council Meeting  
January 9, 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, 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 Godshall made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2024, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion passed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Green Lane Borough has entered its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. A committee is being formed to plan and present celebration activities.
- The Mayor will be presenting a program on ice harvesting at the Sumneytown Hotel on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

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

**VISITORS:** Borough residents David Whetstone and Betty Krause Town and Country Reporter Mary Gibbs Kershner, GLMJA administrator David Garber.

**VISITORS COMMENTS:**

- Mrs. Krause asked what progress has been made toward passing a chicken ordinance in the Borough and No Parking restrictions on Macoby Street. President Carpenter said the chicken ordinance will be discussed at the February Council meeting, and the solicitor is researching the parking restriction ordinance for Macoby Street.
- Mr. Whetstone related several concerns about the vacant property at 101 Main Street (formerly Yoders). He said it appears that someone is accessing the building. He said the building is not secure and its appearance is getting worse. President Carpenter said the Borough would contact the new owners.
- Mr. Garber presented reports from the sewer authority regarding budgets, expenses, and completed and upcoming projects. Reports on file.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- A motion was made by Councilman Findley to appoint Brian Carpenter to a new five-year term on the Green Lane Industrial Development Authority. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion passed. The annual meeting of the Green Lane Industrial Development Authority was held at 6:50 p.m. on January 9, 2025.
- The solicitor suggested some changes to the GLMJA's proposed grinder pump ordinance for the Borough regarding enforcement. Council agreed with the changes, and the solicitor will confirm with the GLMJA solicitor and Marlborough Township solicitor that all documents will be updated and agree.

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

- Permits were issued to the following:
  - PECO, for a street opening
  - 4G Holdings LLC/ Petro Holinka, 416 Main St., for an addition
- Another notice of violation was sent to the owner of 2963/Rockwell's with a "certificate of mailing" on December 9, 2024.

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

- Construction on the Montco 2040 Grant - Route 29 Sidewalk Project 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. The Borough has been awarded a DCNR grant for \$110,000 to complete the 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.
- 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.

**REGIONAL PLANNING: None.**

**SEWER AUTHORITY:**

- Sumneytown Pump Station work is continuing.

**ROAD COMMITTEE: None.**

**PARK COMMITTEE: None.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

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- Councilmen Guntz made a motion to approve a \$30/hour fee for contracted services including emergency management coordinator, fire marshal and code enforcement/zoning officer and \$35/hour for the Borough secretary's salary. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion approved and so ordered.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**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