

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
July 10, 2025
DRAFT 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 Jack Findley and Jonathan Guntz.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Darren Landis.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Engineer Josh Gross, Solicitor David Comer, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer John Membrino and Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Mayor Lynn Bergey.

MOTION ON MINUTES: Councilman Guntz made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2025, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

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

- Participation of the Green Lane Fire Police in the following events was approved:
 - Green Lane Borough 150th Anniversary Celebration events on Friday through Sunday, September 19 through 21, (if there is a rain date) 2025.

VISITORS: Borough residents Rick Stamper, Walt and Kristin Scherzer, David Whetstone and Kathy Zepp, and Town and Country Reporter Mary Gibbs Kershner.

VISITORS' COMMENTS:

- Mr. Scherzer asked questions about the possibility of the Borough moving to a single hauler for trash service. President Carpenter said no action has been taken toward contracting with a single hauler. Council has discussed contracting with a single trash hauler to avoid having five different companies driving up and down the alleys, but no action has been taken.
- Mrs. Scherzer expressed concerns about fireworks. President Carpenter said firework use is governed by state law.
- Ms. Zepp expressed concerns about stormwater runoff on Fourth Street between Main and Walnut Streets and the culvert on Main Street.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- An arbitration hearing regarding a citation against McCuskins Properties will be continued due to the negotiations regarding the FEMA/PEMA buyouts.
- Regarding properties in Project #2 of the FEMA/PEMA buyout, the owners have asked the Borough to manage notification and relocation of tenants in the nine involved rental units following settlement on the property so that the current owners do not have to be responsible for evicting them. Councilman Guntz questioned why the Borough would take on this responsibility. Much discussion followed. Councilman Findley made a motion to proceed with discussions with the property owner regarding taking over the properties with the tenants in place. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion approved with a "nay" vote from Councilman Guntz.
- Freedom Valley Ambulance Association has presented the possibility of the Borough purchasing the old ambulance station building adjacent to the fire company parking lot. Council members said they thought that would be a good move for the Borough.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (Report on file)

- Permits were approved for the following:
 - Richard Miles, 124 Walnut St., enclose side porch and construct roof over front stoop.
 - Susan Aimone/Ben Blackman Decks, 401 Green St., new deck.
 - Nick Mayer, 511 Main St., shed.
 - Perkiomen Valley Brewery, 101 Walnut St., driveway apron replacement.
- On July 1, 2025, Atlas Holdings LLC who own property at 115 Main St., was cited at the Magisterial District Judge for violating the Bamboo Ordinance.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report on file)

- Construction on the Montco 2040 Grant - Route 29 Sidewalk Project is wrapping up. Lighting for the project is delayed by the manufacturer until October 31, 2025.
- Surveys are being scheduled on the HMGP-acquired properties.
- Maple and School Alleys are scheduled to be paved.
- Curbs ramps on Walnut and Green Streets should be installed by early September.

REGIONAL PLANNING:

- The regional electronic recycling event will be held on July 12, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Camelot Park.

SEWER AUTHORITY: (Complete report on file)

- Commercial Discharge Questionnaires have been received from all but five commercial customers. Copies were given to EEMA O&M and HydraTerra Professionals for review. They reported they are concerned with two users at this time (Car Wash and Brewery) and will work on gathering more information to ascertain the impact on GLMJA and possible remediation as well as rate review.
- Possible need for a new Act 537 Plan was discussed.

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- Lumber Street sewer repair options are still being reviewed; it is the highest priority collection system issue at this point.
- The Magazine Road curb-stop relocation is complete and under budget.
- Accounts receivable status was discussed.

ROAD COMMITTEE: None.

PARK COMMITTEE:

- Councilman Findley recommended that the Borough start mowing the Lion's Club property in the park.
- Volunteers from St. Luke's will be doing work in the park on August 1, 2025.

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:

- Green Lane Borough has been identified as one of the top 20 locations eligible for further study in the Perkiomen Watershed Mapping Project managed by Rep. Joe Webster's office. The Borough is also the most likely candidate for a "Demonstration Project" funded through the program. As a demonstration project, Green Lane will be the focus of concept plans developed by the mapping projects engineer.
- The Borough's 150th anniversary celebration will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20, 2025, and will center around the completion of several construction projects in the Borough, including Route 29 sidewalks, crosswalks, streetlights, trail connection, etc.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary