

Green Lane Borough  
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania  
Borough Council Meeting  
June 8, 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 and Jonathan Guntz.

**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:** A motion was made by Councilman Godshall to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2023, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion passed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- The Mayor attended Memorial Day ceremonies in Red Hill and East Greenville.
- Community service workers continue to do projects in the Borough.
- St. Luke's Rehabilitation Department will be cleaning the fire house on its Community Service Day.
- Gerald Godshall made a motion to approve Green Lane Fire Police participation in two events: East Penn Modifiers Club Car Show, Saturday, August 5, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; WMGK Big Bad Bon Fire at Spring Mount Ski Area, Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved and so ordered.

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

**VISITORS:** Mary Kershner, reporting for the Town & Country newspaper; Borough residents Sherri Lee, David Whetstone and Ronnie Lee Yoder; Borough resident and business owner Trevor Reed; and Borough business owner Tom Weiss.

- Mr. Weiss asked about a sign marking the entrance to Green Lane Borough that is on the property where construction will soon begin for a Dollar General Store on Route 63. He was concerned that the sign might be lost.
- Mr. Weiss also made an official complaint against the property at 120 Gravel Pike (Rockwell's). He said the property is a public nuisance with abandoned vehicles with mutilated inspection stickers, broken windows, a porch roof held up by patio pavers, and people hanging out late into the night.

- Mr. Reed asked about the greenhouse property. He said grass is overgrown and glass is blowing around, and there is rubbish, trash and many other things mentioned in the Borough Code.
- Mr. Whetstone requested that signs be put up warning about low wires and no access on Fourth Street.
- Mr. Yoder asked to hold an event at Isaac Smith Park. President Carpenter said he should complete an application to reserve the park. The Borough Secretary gave a reservation form to Mr. Yoder.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- Judgment has been entered against 417 Walnut Street to recover costs and fees due to legal action taken regarding stormwater violations.
- A cease-and-desist letter was sent to McCuskins Properties LLC regarding a dumpster business on its property. A hearing will be held on June 20, 2023, regarding a non-permitted shed on the property.
- Councilman Guntz made a motion to adopt the 2022 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation plan by resolution. Gerald Godshall seconded. Motion approved.

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

- A citation has been turned in to the Magisterial District Judge regarding bamboo growing onto adjacent properties from 413 Fourth Street.
- A letter has been sent to the owners of 134 and 208 Second St. (Greenhouse property) for failing to cut their weeds.
- Mr. Membrino investigated a complaint on Macoby Avenue about a fence and a driveway being installed. He will be forwarding applications to the homeowner for the proper permits.

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

- There is no update on MS4 exemption.
- An application to the Montco 2040 program was submitted for pedestrian level streetlights along Gravel Pike in the same area as the new sidewalk project. On May 18, 2023, the Borough was notified that it was chosen to receive funding for the project through the Montco 2040 program.
- The Borough has been awarded \$500,000 by the DCED-MTF toward road restoration projects. The plan includes resurfacing (with some full-depth repairs) at the following locations:
  - Green Street, Route 29 to 220' SE of 4th Street
  - Walnut Street, full Length
  - 5th Street, Main to Walnut
  - 4th Street, Main to the northern borough line

- School Alley, northern Borough line south to the bend
- Maple Alley, spot repairs between 4th and 5th Streets

The following bid process was proposed:

- Advertise – Tuesday June 13, 2023, via Town and Country and PennBid
- Optional Pre-Bid Meeting – Wednesday, June 28, via video conference
- End of Question Period- Monday, July 10
- Bid Opening- Wednesday, July 12
- Evaluate at July 13, 2023, Borough Council Meeting
- Issue award by July 20
- 60 days to substantial completion with additional 30 days for punch list.

All of the above may be adjusted as necessary. A motion was made by Councilman Godshall to advertise for bids. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion approved and so ordered.

**REGIONAL PLANNING:** No Report.

**SEWER AUTHORITY:**

- Sewer Board members took an informative tour of the treatment facility.
- Ash trees need to be removed from the property at a cost of \$3,600.
- Collection of overdue fees continues.

**ROAD COMMITTEE:** One light still needs to be installed to complete the LED streetlight replacement project.

**PARK COMMITTEE:** None.

**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:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Mr. Stamper asked if the damaged pole on Route 29 near Green Street is going to be removed.
- Mr. Reed asked for an update on the "Activating Green Lane" project.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary