

Green Lane Borough  
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania  
Borough Council Meeting  
March 14, 2024  
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.

**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 Bergey, Engineer Joe Carlin, Solicitor David Comer, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer John Membrino and, by phone, Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber.

**OFFICIALS ABSENT:** None.

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** Councilman Godshall made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 8, 2024. Second by Councilman Landis. Motion passed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- The Mayor noted the following events for Fire Police assist: (i) at Marlborough Elementary School and with associated parade on March 14, 2024, to honor two children who are battling cancer and who live in Candlewyck Estates, (ii) at the Green Lane-Marlborough Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at Isaac Smith Park on March 30, 2024, and (iii) at Perkiomen Valley Brewery with the First Responders Meet and Greet on April 6, 2024. Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve the Fire Police assist at the events noted above. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion passed.
- The Mayor noted that she attended an eight-week class through Penn State for eroding backyard streams in connection with the Borough's purchase of properties in the FEMA/PEMA buyout program resulting from the Hurricane Ida flooding.

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

**VISITORS:** Borough business owner Tom Weiss, Keith Long and Bonnie Eisenhart of Upper Perkiomen Valley Ambulance, and Town & Country reporter Mary Gibbs Kershner.

- Bonnie Eisenhart, Board President, and Keith Long, Chief of Operations, of the Upper Perkiomen Valley Ambulance, were in attendance. Mr. Long said that Upper Perkiomen Valley Ambulance has been providing support in some capacity to the Borough for the last 77 years. Mr. Long described the background, capabilities and operation of the Upper Perkiomen Valley Ambulance and answered questions from Borough Council and the Mayor. Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve a Resolution designating Upper Perkiomen Valley Ambulance as the Borough's emergency medical services provider. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion passed.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- The solicitor provided that the Easement Agreement with the Fire Company related to kiosk was recorded with the Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds.
- The solicitor provided that comments to GLMJA's proposed grinder pump ordinance amendment based on feedback from Borough Council were provided to the GLMJA solicitor.
- The solicitor said he spoke with the Montgomery County Board of Assessment Appeals solicitor about the process to obtain real estate tax exemptions in connection with the Borough's purchase of properties in the FEMA/PEMA buyout program resulting from the Hurricane Ida flooding.
- Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve the advertisement of the Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan for the Upper Perkiomen Valley Region. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion passed.

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

- Sidewalk and snow inspections were performed on February 14, 2024.
- Preparing for hearings before District Judge Coggins on March 19, 2024.
- Investigating a complaint received about a potential zoning violation on Fourth Street.
- Investigating concerns about the lighting installed at 110 Main Street at the Green Lane Sunoco. A letter will be sent to the property owner asking that the lights under the canopy are dimmed and/or shielded.
- A letter will be sent to the owner of 120 Gravel Pike regarding the use of the property.
- A question was raised regarding the condition of the property at 100 Walnut Street.

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

- Montco 2040 Grant - Route 29 Sidewalk. PennDOT permit for the curb and sidewalk has been issued. Lighting Grant Agreement received. The Borough had selected the Borough LED option previously presented which is in keeping with the appearance of the period lights offered by the Oddos. Lighting and conduit permit resubmitted subsequent to last meeting. Received request for additional info on 3/14/24 from PennDOT. Working with staff to accommodate. With Borough's permission will prepare to advertise bid on 3/22/24. Councilman Guntz made a motion to approve the revised Resolution, if needed, to apply for the Montco 2040 Grant. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion passed.
- DCED-MTF Grant Application-ADA ramp upgrades. Grant application submitted for the amount of \$131,259. No update.
- Post Hurricane Ida Disaster Assistance. First Funding amount released. Flood plain Chapter 106 Restoration Permit Applications were submitted on February 9 (not March 9 as noted in the report on file). No response at this time.
- Montco 2040 Grant Application is being submitted for sidewalk along Route 29 from the Perkiomen Trailhead North. Construction Estimate of \$93,700, which includes the possibility of an inlet and pipe to the next structure downstream. Resolution provided

for vote and approval to apply for the Grant in that amount with a 10% match to be dedicated by the Borough in the amount of \$9,370 which can be utilized for plans and *permitting*. Councilman Guntz made a motion to approve a revised Resolution, if needed, to apply for the Montco 2040 Grant. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion passed.

- An application is also being prepared for a DCED-MTF Grant Application to complete the Borough Wide Paving project. The deadline is July 31, 2024. Gilmore & Associates is working on the road condition survey required for the application.

**REGIONAL PLANNING:**

- Councilman Findley reminded Borough Council of the electronic recycling event to be held on July 20, 2024, at Camelot Park in East Greenville. Councilman Findley said there will be more trucks at the event this year than in the past. Councilman Findley made a motion to approve the Borough's participation in the electronic recycling event at a cost of \$500-\$600. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion passed.
- Councilman Findley said that East Greenville First Fridays will begin June 7, 2024.
- Councilman Findley said that a "foodie event" will take place on April 17, 2024, at Sands Ford in Red Hill.

**SEWER AUTHORITY:**

- Councilman Godshall said that the Sewer Authority is continuing to review the issues and possible solution involving the sewer lines from two properties on Magazine Road.
- Councilman Godshall said that the Sewer Authority is continuing to investigate the settling of the pumphouse in Green Lane and figure out the necessary remediation.

**ROAD COMMITTEE:**

- The Mayor noted that PennDOT was contacted to repair a pothole at Route 29 and Route 63. It was noted there are other potholes nearby that need to be repaired.

**PARK COMMITTEE:**

- Councilman Godshall said that he is requesting quotes for pricing to cut the grass at Isaac Smith Park.
- Councilman Godshall noted that rentals at Isaac Smith Park are expected to start March 23, 2024.

**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:**

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- The Mayor said the Fire Company thanked the Borough for its support and also thanked Councilman Godshall for shoveling cinders out of the street.
- Councilman Guntz discussed the property at 416 Main Street and potential work being done involving the sewer. Councilman Godshall said he would contact the GLMJA.
- Councilman Landis noted the dead ash trees located in various properties in the Borough.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary