

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
March 9, 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 7:01 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer John Membrino, Engineer Joe Carlin, and Solicitor David Comer.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber.

MOTION ON MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilman Godshall to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2023, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Wolfe said there has been progress with PECO in connection with the work it is doing in the Borough, as PECO has paved a pothole and will be completing the final paving. Mayor Wolfe added that the Fire Company is CPR-BLS certified after completing training from the Freedom Valley Medical Rescue.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS: (State police and fire company reports on file.)

VISITORS: Mary Kershner, reporting for the Town & Country newspaper; Borough resident David Whetstone; Ryan Crouthamel, fire company chief, Don Lynch, EMS chief.

- David Whetstone asked about the property of McCuskins Properties LLC at 750 Lumber Street. Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer John Membrino noted that the Zoning Hearing Board issued its decision in February, and the property owner's 30-day appeal period has not run.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Statements of Financial Interests are due May 1, 2023.
- There appear to be very few municipalities that have adopted updated ordinances in connection with the Pennsylvania State Legislature's new law addressing fireworks that was adopted in October of 2022. The solicitor said he will continue to review the matter.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (Report on file)

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report on file)

REGIONAL PLANNING: Councilman Guntz noted that the bridge at Reed Sign Company in Pennsburg will be closed with a detour; they hope that the work is done by August, but that could change. Councilman Guntz said there was a discussion about a possible recycling day for electronics that would cost a total of \$1,000 and asked if the Borough was interested in contributing to the cost. President Carpenter said that there are other opportunities to recycle electronics and that the Montgomery County website at montcopa.org lists the dates and locations for electronic recycling opportunities both in and out of Montgomery County.

SEWER AUTHORITY: Councilman Godshall noted that the GLMJA met the new plant operator at its last meeting, that the GLMJA is awaiting word on a possible loan with Univest and that the GLMJA is removing the fee it previously charged if a property had a garbage disposal.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

- President Carpenter said the LED streetlight replacement project is moving forward, and currently they are waiting for parts for the streetlights, including dimmers, and that the installation should take one day.
- President Carpenter said he will look at the roads and see if the Borough can start patching some of the problem areas next month.

PARK COMMITTEE: President Carpenter noted that an application for a small group to sleep overnight in the Park on the third Saturday in June of 2023 was approved and that the individuals will pack up and leave Sunday morning.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay all bills. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.

There was discussion regarding a salary increase for the Borough Secretary/Treasurer. A motion was made by Councilman Godshall to increase the salary of the Borough Secretary/Treasurer by \$5/hour to \$30/hour. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: David Whetstone asked about the property at 120 Gravel Pike, and President Carpenter noted that we have been in contact with counsel for the property owner regarding the trailers outside of the fence and the completion of the fence.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary