

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
May 11, 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 Darren Landis, Jack Findley and Jonathan Guntz.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Lynn Bergey, Engineer Joe Carlin, Solicitor David Comer and Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer John Membrino.

MOTION ON MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilman Godshall to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2023, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Mayor officiated a wedding on April 14, 2023.
- She met with the Green Lane-Marlboro Lions Club and gave them an update on activities going on in the Borough and Isaac Smith Park.
- The Mayor will attend the "next generation 911" meeting to be held by Montgomery County.
- Community service volunteers have been painting curbs in the Borough.
- A motion was made by Councilman Godshall with a second from Councilman Findley to approve participation of the Green Lane Fire Police in two events: Food Truck Mayhem, May 13, 2023, Spring Mount; Memorial Day Parade, May 29, 2023, Pennsburg. Motion passed.
- The Mayor, Council President and Borough Secretary/Treasurer attended an open house on May 4, 2023, at Cooks Technology where they met with state Sen. Tracy Pennycuick and Rep. Milou Mackenzie regarding the maintenance of the Route 29/Route 63 intersection, including the stormwater system under the roads and the traffic light. Both legislators said they would try to identify grants to assist with the maintenance expenses.

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

VISITORS: Mary Kershner, reporting for the Town & Country newspaper; Borough resident Sherri Lee, 417 Fourth Street; Angie Fegely, 230 Sate Street, East Greenville; Borough resident David Whetstone of Main Street.

- Ms. Lee asked for an update on the situation with bamboo encroaching from her neighbor's property. President Carpenter said the Borough is waiting for a response from the property owner where the bamboo was planted.
- Mr. Whetstone said he is concerned about debris in the storm culvert on the edge of his property. He is also concerned about tractor trailers trying to turn onto Fourth Street which is a dead end. He requested that signs be put up warning about low wires and no access from the road.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Council directed the Solicitor to send a cease-and-desist letter to McCuskins Properties LLC regarding a dumpster business on its property.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (Report on file)

- A zoning permit was issued to Richard and Crystal Ogle McNelly, 208 Main St., for an addition to their garage. The property owner still needs to get a building permit and inspections.
- A second complaint was received about the growth of bamboo on Fourth Street, and an inspection was made as well as a phone call to the owner.
- A complaint was investigated regarding a property on Macoby Street and soil being deposited along the roadway. Mr. Membrino will follow up with another inspection.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report on file)

- There is no update on MS4 exemption.
- PennDOT has issued a permit for the Route 29 sidewalk and curb project.
- An application to the Montco 2040 program has been submitted for pedestrian level streetlights along Gravel Pike in the same area as the new sidewalks. Results are anticipated to be announced by June.
- DCED (Horse Development and Gaming Act) Local Share Account Grant request for \$276,000 to restore and repair Green Street was not funded; however, the Borough was separately notified that it has been slated to receive \$70,000 through the Keystone Communities Program.
- A motion was made by Councilman Findley to pass a resolution approving application to the Keystone communities program for funding for road repairs on Green Street. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion approved.
- The Borough has been awarded \$500,000 by the DCED-MTF toward road restoration projects. The bid process will be starting soon.

REGIONAL PLANNING: No Meeting.

SEWER AUTHORITY: Work continues on collection of outstanding sewer bills.

ROAD COMMITTEE: President Carpenter said the Borough has not yet been billed for the LED streetlight replacement project because one light still needs to be installed and two others adjusted.

PARK COMMITTEE: Park Committee Chair Jack Findley said some electrical work needs to be completed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay all bills. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.
- Liquid Fuels audits for 2020, 2021 and 2022 have been completed.
- ARPA report has been completed.
- A newsletter to Borough residents will be completed and distributed soon.
- Tenant registration letters will be mailed soon.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: The Borough hosted a meeting on April 25, 2023, between the HMGP Consultant Susan Mazzitelli and Borough residents who have applied to the FEMA home buyout program.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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