

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
May 8, 2025
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, Jonathan Guntz and Darren Landis.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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 April 10, 2025, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Landis. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

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

- Councilman Godshall made a motion with a second by Councilman Guntz to approve participation of the Green Lane Fire Police in an event on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at the Perkiomen Valley Brewery and Red Men's Hall. Members of the Horseless Carriage Club of America will be stopping in Green Lane and parking at the brewery to attend a program at Red Men's Hall from 9:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. Motion was approved.

VISITORS: Borough residents Rick Stamper, David Whetstone, and Hannah Kennedy.

VISITORS' COMMENTS: Mr. Stamper said the greenhouse property needs to be mowed. Mr. Membrino will notify the property owner.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Mr. Comer presented the proposed chicken ordinance, for which public notice was provided in accordance with the Borough Code, for review and discussion. Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance for adoption. Second by Councilman Findley. A vote was taken. Councilman Guntz voted nay. Motion approved.
- The hearings on the citations against the owner of 120 Gravel Pike (Rockwell's) have been rescheduled for June 4, 2025, at the Magisterial District Judge's office in Red Hill.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (Report on file)

- Permit is being reviewed for a new home to be constructed at 122 Green St.
- Michael Tierney and Kelsey Butt have added a new request to their original variance request to use their proposed new building for an in-law suite. That is in addition to the request for a 15-foot setback from School Alley instead of the required 25-foot setback. New dates for the zoning hearing have been circulated, but the date has not been confirmed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report on file)

- Construction on the Montco 2040 Grant - Route 29 Sidewalk Project is scheduled for completion by May 31, 2025.
- Councilman Godshall made a motion to advertise for bids on the ADA curb ramp upgrades on Walnut and Green Streets and the pavement restoration projects; both are funded through DCED-MTF grants. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion approved.

REGIONAL PLANNING:

- The Perkiomen Watershed Mapping project was discussed.
- 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: (Report on file)

- Councilman Godshall reviewed various grant awards.

ROAD COMMITTEE: Highlands Trail signs are going up.

PARK COMMITTEE: The new mowing company seems to be working out well.

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:

- 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. Planning meetings are being held every two weeks.
- Green Lane Borough has been identified as one of the 20 sites for further investigation into flood mitigation efforts by the Perkiomen Watershed Flood Mapping Project.
- The Borough is waiting for the revised contract agreement for Project 2 from FEMA/PEMA.
- The Borough hosted 62 guests at the Montgomery County Borough's Association Dinner Meeting at the Carriage House on April 24, 2025.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- President Carpenter asked Council to consider the possibility of hiring a single trash hauler for the Borough. Options for billing residents will be investigated. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.
- Freedom Valley Ambulance has asked Green Lane if it is interested in purchasing the ambulance building.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mr. Whetstone asked for an update on the old Yoders and Rockwell's buildings.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary