

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
May 9, 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 and Darren Landis.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Jonathan Guntz.

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: Councilman Landis made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on April 11, 2024. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- A proclamation was issued to recognize Chief Darren Morgan for 25 years of service as a Marlborough Township Police Officer at the Marlborough Township Supervisors' meeting on May 8, 2024.

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

VISITORS: Borough residents David Whetstone, Nancy Harvey and Sherri Lee. Business owner Kelly Weiss and Town & Country reporter Mary Gibbs Kershner.

- Mrs. Lee asked about the status of action against her neighbor for ordinance violation. President Carpenter said the Borough has not cited her neighbor again because he has taken some action to improve the problem.
- Nancy Harvey said she will be adding adornments to the war memorial.
- Mrs. Weiss said she is concerned about action taken by the Sewer Authority regarding the well on their property.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- A public hearing for which notice was published in the Town & Country was opened to consider the proposed Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan amendments for the Upper Perkiomen Valley Regional Planning Commission. No comments or questions were voiced by the public. The hearing was closed. Councilman Findley made a motion to approve the proposed Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan amendments. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion approved.
- Solicitor Comer said not all of the recommendations made by the solicitor, engineer, and Council for edits to the proposed new grinder pump ordinance were not included in the draft submitted by the GLMJA. He will follow up with the GLMJA solicitor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (Report on file)

- Green Lane Marlborough Joint Authority submitted a sign permit application and requested that the Borough waive the \$50 fee. Councilman Godshall made a motion to waive the fee. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.
- No response has been received from 115 Main Street regarding a letter advising ordinance violations, so they will now be cited.
- The owners of the greenhouse property have not taken any action to correct issues for which they were cited. Therefore, the owners, 2nd Street Lawyers LLC, will be cited again.
- The owner of 515 Main St. is working with the engineer to make repairs to sidewalk.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report on file)

- Montco 2040 Grant - Route 29 Sidewalk and lighting project went out to bid, and the lowest bid was \$477, 897, well over the \$420,372 that the Borough has raised for the project. Councilman Findley made a motion to reject all bids, reduce the scope of the project and rebid as a new project. Second by Darren Landis. Motion approved. Montgomery County will need to approve an extension and the plans for the rescoping.
- A CDBG grant application was submitted for remaining ADA ramps and installation of sidewalks. The total cost would be \$200,000 with \$185,000 coming from the grant.
- Post Hurricane Ida Disaster Assistance: Floodplain restoration permits have been issued by DEP.
- Montco 2040 Grant Application has been submitted for sidewalk and curbing along Route 29 from the Perkiomen Trailhead North.
- 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: None.

SEWER AUTHORITY:

- Councilman Godshall said the Authority is continuing to investigate the settling of the pumphouse in Green Lane to determine the necessary remediation.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

- Traffic signs continue to be repaired or replaced throughout the Borough.

PARK COMMITTEE:

- The doors to the kitchen are being repaired and painted.
- One portable toilet at the Park seems to be sufficient at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A thank you letter was received for the Borough's donation to the Open Link.

OLD BUSINESS:

- In the FEMA/PEMA Hurricane Ida buyout program, purchase of three properties has been completed at a cost of \$604,124.15.
- DEP inspected the complaint regarding the greenhouses and found no DEP violations.

NEW BUSINESS: President Carpenter is investigating asbestos removal in the Borough office.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary