

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
November 11, 2021
Minutes

The Borough Council met on the above date in the Banquet Hall of the Green Lane Fire Company. Signage was posted at the Borough Office and on the Borough's website to advise people that the meeting was being held in the Banquet Hall. Borough Council waited five minutes past the 7 p.m. starting time to allow people to walk from the Borough office to the Banquet Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Brian Carpenter at 7:05 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Brian Carpenter and Vice President Gerald Godshall and Council Members Jack Findley, and Jonathan Guntz.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Darren Landis.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Lynn Wolfe, Solicitor Dave Comer, Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer John Membrino, and Engineer Joe Carlin.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

MOTION ON MINUTES: A motion was made by Gerald Godshall to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2021, Council meeting. Seconded by Jack Findley. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- State Rep. Tracy Pennycuick will host a luncheon to honor local veterans on Friday, November 12, at the banquet hall.
- Former Council member Jean Leister has passed away.
- There have been two recent suicides in the Borough, and the Mayor encouraged anyone needing to get help to contact her for help or contact the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 800-273-8255.
- She commended emergency personnel for a rescue at Highway Materials after a man was severely injured at the quarry. The Mayor credited the fast response and coordinated efforts of the employees, police, ambulance, fire company and helicopter crew with saving the man's life.
- The Mayor performed one wedding last month, not two.
- The annual Christmas tree lighting will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 28 at the Isaac Smith Park Veterans Memorial.
- The Mayor requested the approval of two resolutions regarding the disposition of the Borough's files and documents. The first resolution is to follow the retention and disposal guidelines of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The second resolution was to approve destruction of files according to the guidelines. Both motions

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were made by Councilman Godshall and seconded by Councilman Findley. Both motions were approved.

- The Mayor asked for a resolution adopting the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan dated 2017. The motion was made by Councilman Godshall and seconded by Councilman Findley. Motion approved and so ordered.
- The Limerick Generating Station drill will be held on Tuesday, November 16.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS: (State Police and Fire Company reports on file)

VISITORS: Kelly Weiss, owner Perkiomen Valley Brewery, 101 Walnut St.; Borough residents David Whetstone, 401 Main St.; Scott Bergey, 500 Main St.; and Nancy Harvey of the Adornment Committee.

- Ms. Weiss asked Council if any progress had made toward resolving the conflict they are having with the Green Lane Marlborough Joint Authority regarding water backing up into the basement of their business. Council President Carpenter said the Borough had contacted the Authority's solicitor and received a response that the Authority does not agree with the Weiss' interpretation of what is occurring. President Carpenter said he will set up a meeting with the Authority and the Weiss family to try to resolve the problem.
- Mr. Whetstone asked if any progress is going to be made on the condition of the PennDOT culvert adjacent to his property that he is concerned about being pushed into Route 63. President Carpenter said he will contact PennDOT about the issue.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- A motion to approve a resolution appointing Kimmel Loral and Associates as the independent auditor to examine the accounting records of the Borough for the fiscal year of 2021 was made by Councilman Godshall. Second by Jonathan Guntz. Motion passed and so ordered.
- A motion was made by Councilman Guntz to authorize publication of the summary of financial information for year ended December 31, 2020. Second by Gerald Godshall. Motion approved and so ordered.
- A motion was made by Councilman Guntz to authorize the publication of the notice of the Borough's proposed budget for 2022. Second by Gerald Godshall. Motion approved and so ordered.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (report on file)

- Permits were issued to Corey Guntz for a fence at 420 Main St., and to PECO for street excavation on Gravel Pike between Green Street and Maple Alley.
- Regarding 2963 Real Estate/120 Gravel Pike/Rockwell's, citations have been prepared and they were sent out by the District Magistrate's office; however, the owner has not submitted a plea. Mr. Membrino will withdraw the previous citations and re-file against the owner and not the business entity.

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- Regarding McCuskin Properties at 740 Lumber St., violations continue on the vacant lot at this property under the flood plain ordinance. It appears that the property is now being used for a new purpose that may also be in violation of the flood plain ordinance. President Carpenter directed Mr. Membrino and the solicitor to proceed with legal action regarding the violations.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (on file)

- Post Hurricane Ida efforts continue on an as-requested basis. The Borough has completed all of the paperwork necessary to apply for FEMA and PEMA mitigation funding. Moving forward, Gilmore & Associates may be working with the Borough regarding flood mitigation grant administration.
- Montco 2040 Grant Application- Route 29 Sidewalk project continues. Item costs have gone up due to the current economic environment, but design adjustments have been made to offset these increases.
- The Borough was not awarded a 2021 CTP grant for Green Street Repaving.
- Regarding the Route 29 and Main Street signal maintenance and upgrades, ARLE Grant awards have not been announced. Last year, they were announced in December.
- The engineer contacted PennDOT regarding the possibility of a truck restriction on Lumber Street. He said a study will be conducted by PennDOT if a written or emailed request is received from the Borough.
- President Carpenter directed the engineer to contact the DRVPC about the LED lighting program.

REGIONAL PLANNING: No Report.

SEWER AUTHORITY:

- The Authority is considering borrowing money to make a variety of necessary repairs to the entire sanitary sewer system.
- The Mayor encouraged the Authority to file a Request For Public Assistance through the FEMA/PEMA Hazard Mitigation program.

ROAD COMMITTEE: Leaf pickups will be November 15 and December 13, 2021.

PARK COMMITTEE:

- There continues to be issues with the mowers.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Councilman Findley made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay all bills. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion passed and so ordered.

CORRESPONDENCE: Montgomery County sent an updated copy of the MONTCO 2040 comprehensive plan. It is available for review in the Borough office or on the county's website at www.montcopa.org/montco2040.

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The Borough received a statement (on file) from State Rep. Pennycuick as a follow-up to the October 12 meeting with Lumber Street residents impacted by flooding from Tropical Storm Ida.

OLD BUSINESS: A check for \$41,000 to provide the match for the Montco 2040 grant for pedestrian improvement on Route 29 was received by the Borough from The William and Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation on November 2. David Yeck delivered the check to the Borough, and the Mayor was present to personally thank him for supporting the project and the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Gerald Godshall to adjourn and seconded by Jack Findley. Motion passed and so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary