

**Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
October 10, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Engineer Joe Carlin, Solicitor Loren Szczesny, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer John Membrino and Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Mayor Lynn Bergey.

MOTION ON MINUTES: Councilman Findley made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2024, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

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

- A motion was made by Councilman Findley to approve the participation of Green Lane Fire Police in the Red Hill Borough Halloween Parade. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion passed.

VISITORS: Borough residents: David Whetstone, Rick Stamper, Rich McNelly, Austin Bishop, Betty and Jim Krause and Andria Merkel. Town and Country Reporter Mary Gibbs Kershner.

VISITORS COMMENTS:

- Mr. Bishop said he has had chickens on his property for about four years, and he is questioning why a chicken ordinance is now being considered. President Carpenter explained that the Borough has received complaints about chickens roaming onto the private property of other residents. Mr. Carpenter said there may not be a fee for the permit, and he asked Mr. Bishop to send comments to Council regarding the changes he would like to see in the proposed ordinance.
- The Krauses asked the Borough if anything can be done about their neighbor's chickens coming onto their property until the ordinance can be passed. They said the neighbor's roosters crow all day, and the chickens tear up their yards and defecate all over. Mr. Carpenter said their only recourse at this point is to file a complaint at the district court.
- The Krauses also asked about having No Parking signs put up on Macoby Street. Mr. Carpenter said he will verify with the solicitor that it is an approved No Parking area before putting up signs.
- Mr. Whetstone said he ran into a rooster while walking on School Alley.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

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- The Solicitor is waiting for comments back from Council regarding the chicken ordinance. Councilman Guntz said he would send his comments.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (Report on file)

- The bamboo has not been removed at 115 Main St., so a second citation was filed at district court on October 4, 2024.
- The 2nd Street Lawyers (Greenhouse Property) has installed a fence, and the property seems to be secure.
- Regarding an unofficial development plan that was presented by the 2nd Street Lawyers (Greenhouse Property) property owner, Mr. Membrino made the following comments:
 - A single-family attached dwelling is not permitted in the R2 Zoning District.
 - The minimum required lot area is 10,000 square feet. They are proposing 2,166 square feet.
 - The required lot width at the building line is 60 feet; they are proposing 20 feet.
 - The required front yard setback is 30 feet, and they are proposing 25 feet.
 - The required rear-yard setback is 50 feet; they are proposing 30 feet.
 - Allowed building coverage is 30%; they are proposing 50.
- A Civil Action was filed with the District Justice on October 4, 2024, against 2963 Real Estate (Mike Sheridan) for failing to appeal the Notice of Violation for operating a junk and salvage yard. A hearing has been scheduled for November 21, 2024, before Magisterial District Justice Coggins.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report on file)

- Gilmore & Associates has issued a notice to proceed on the Route 29/Gravel Pike sidewalk and lighting project. with a reduced scope to install lights as Phase II. PennDOT has issued the permit supplement for the conduit and the crosswalk at Walnut Street. NJS Concrete is scheduled to begin work on November 4, 2024. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled with the contractor and the DOT in the coming weeks. Coordination with the property owners at 100 Main Street is ongoing regarding reducing the amount of retaining wall on their property.
- GRTP Grant is out for consideration in the amount of \$79,770 for the balance of the lighting costs for the Route 29 project.
- The Borough is awaiting survey results and a proposed schedule in order to move forward with the ADA ramp upgrades funded by a DCED-MTF Grant.
- An application for a DCED-MTF grant to complete the borough-wide paving project was submitted on July 31, 2024. Estimated project cost is \$463,077.
- The Montco CDBG Grant for Walnut Street sidewalk links and ADA ramps was rejected but will be resubmitted now that the Borough is able to qualify as low-to-moderate income according to grant guidelines.

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- Work has been completed on the 515 Main Street sidewalk. The contractor also patched the ramp itself with no cost to owner or Borough.
- The builder and engineer have contacted Mr. Carlin regarding construction of a new residence on the lot between 116 and 204 Green Street.
- Conversations continue with the new owners of 101 Main Street (formerly Yoder's Market) regarding plans for the property.
- Mr. Carlin provided commentary on the unofficial sketch plan from 2nd Street Lawyers.
- Regarding Hurricane Ida Disaster Relief – Home Buyouts, Gilmore & Associates obtained the necessary State Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permits from PA DEP for the homes to be demolished on Lumber Street and Gravel Pike and provided same to Susan Mazzitelli.

REGIONAL PLANNING: No report.

SEWER AUTHORITY:

- Sumnertown Pump Station work is continuing.

ROAD COMMITTEE: None.

PARK COMMITTEE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- President Carpenter presented the proposed budget for 2025.
- Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay all bills. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Montgomery County Boroughs Association met Thursday, September 26 in King of Prussia. Presentations were made on the county sheriff's department and on the county's new intergovernmental affairs managers' roles and responsibilities.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary