

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**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 Godshall made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting and the biannual reorganization meeting held on January 2, 2024. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion passed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- The Mayor observed a moment of silence in honor of Salam Majeed who passed away on February 1, 2024. Mr. Majeed served on Borough Council, the Industrial Development Authority and Green Lane Marlborough Joint Authority for many years.
- The Fire Police schedule of special events, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof, was presented along with a roster of active Green Lane Fire Police. Councilman Guntz made a motion to approve the schedule. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS:** State police and Ambulance reports on file.

**VISITORS:** Borough resident David Whetstone and Town & Country reporter Mary Gibbs Kershner.

- Mr. Whetstone thanked Council for placing signs to prevent trucks from driving up Fourth Street. He also said the culvert between his property and Mr. Carpenter's is completely clogged. President Carpenter said he will contact PennDOT. He also said that a manhole in the post office parking lot was shooting out water during a recent storm. He said the manhole was marked "wastewater." Mr. Whetstone also voiced concerns about the bright lights that have been installed at the Sunoco gas station. He asked if the Borough had a light level ordinance. Mr. Carpenter said he would look into it.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- Councilman Guntz made a motion to approve a resolution allowing Council President Brian Carpenter and/or the Borough's consultants to sign on behalf of the Borough all

documents necessary to complete the purchase of properties in the FEMA/PEMA buyout program resulting from the Hurricane Ida flooding.

- The solicitor reported that he sent a letter to the owners of 417 Walnut Street informing them that fines and costs for action taken against them for ordinance violations totaled \$6,209 and that the property owner is required to pay that amount to the Borough following a judgment issued by the district magistrate.
- Mr. Comer reviewed and revised the sewer authority's proposed grinder pump amendment based on comments from Borough Council. He will work with the sewer authority's solicitor to come to a consensus before bringing it before the Council again.
- Two hearings involving the Borough scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 10 a.m., were postponed until Tuesday, March 19, 2024.
- President Carpenter said he was in conversation with leadership of the Upper Perkiomen Valley Ambulance and tried to connect with the Freedom Valley EMS. UPVA provided answers to his questions. FVEMS did not. Councilman Guntz made a motion to designate the Upper Perkiomen Valley Ambulance as the Borough's ambulance provider. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:** (Report on file)

- Sidewalk snow and ice inspections were performed.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** (Report on file)

- PennDOT has issued a permit for the curb and sidewalk project funded by the 2021 Montco 2040 grant. The executed agreement for the 2023 grant for pedestrian level streetlights has been received. Gilmore & Associates submitted the lighting and conduit permit to PennDOT. Anticipated bid in March 2024.
- Work has been completed on the Borough-wide paving project.
- A grant application has been submitted to DCED for updating curb ramps throughout the Borough to meet ADA compliance rules.
- The first funding amount has been released for the Post Hurricane Ida hazard mitigation projects. Flood plain Chapter 106 restoration permit applications are complete.
- Montco 2040 Grant Application is being submitted for sidewalk along Route 29 on either side of the Perkiomen Trailhead. The total amount would be \$103,700. The application is due by March 1, 2024. The engineer supplied a sketch (on file). Councilman Guntz made a motion to approve a resolution to apply for a Montco 2040 grant to fund installation of sidewalks on either side of the Perkiomen trailhead entrance.
- 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:**

- Eric Jarrell of the County Planning Commission has offered to help the Borough design meadows for the area where the buildings will be demolished on Lumber Street as a

result of the Borough's acquisitions of properties through the FEMA/PEMA buyout program resulting from the Hurricane Ida flooding.

- The Code Blue shelter for our area is in Quakertown.
- Councilman Findley asked Council members to review the County's proposed comprehensive plan updates.
- An electronic recycling event will be held July 20, 2024. The Borough is considering participation.

**SEWER AUTHORITY:**

- Corrections need to be made in the sewer lines from two properties on Magazine Road. Discussion followed about who would pay for the repairs, the homeowner or authority.
- The pumphouse in Green Lane is settling and needs remediation.

**ROAD COMMITTEE:** Speed-limit signs are being replaced throughout the Borough.

**PARK COMMITTEE:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Councilman Findley made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay all bills. Second by Councilman Landis. Motion approved.
- Jack Findley made a motion to approve a five percent increase in the Secretary/Treasurer's salary for 2024. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion carried.
- Councilman Godshall expressed concern about the cost of snow removal.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Easement Agreement with fire company related to kiosk that was approved in February of 2020 was confirmed and executed, and paperwork was prepared for Solicitor to record easement with Montgomery County.
- Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve PLGIT as supplementary financial institution for the Borough. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Bergey is doing a special project to review and correct property addresses in Borough to agree with County, post office, 911 system and Borough records.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary