

**GREENSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular monthly meeting of the Greensboro Borough Council, Greensboro, Pennsylvania, was called to order by President D. Neino at 6:27 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023, in the borough building located at 217 Minor Street, Greensboro, Pennsylvania with a quorum present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL – PRESENT:

Donna Neino, President, Charles Mallory, Vice President, Miranda Cumberland, Council Member, John “Tony” Gashie, Council Member, Shawn McManis, Council Member, Edward Abbott, Mayor (arrived at approx. 7:05 p.m.), and Christopher Simms, Borough Solicitor

ROLL CALL – ABSENT:

Lisa Miller, Borough Secretary/Treasurer

VISITORS PRESENT:

Borough Residents: Alice Sarapa, Patricia Schurr, & Ralph Jannini, IV

VISITOR’S COMMENTS/CONCERN:

A. Sarapa expressed concern over proposed Ordinance No. 2023-04 Offenses to the Public which addresses the discharging of firearms in the borough and that it may limit someone’s ability to defend his or her property. She doesn’t think the International Property Maintenance Code is necessary for inclusion in a borough ordinance because it’s too intrusive. She would like fireworks addressed in an ordinance. She wants the borough council to keep in mind that we are a small borough and what works for one borough may not work for another.

P. Schurr thinks some of the proposed ordinances may be overreaching. She said the sidewalk ordinance defines “footway” but doesn’t define “walkway” yet, walkway is used throughout the ordinance. She questioned the clearing of snow and ice along a walkway where there isn’t a sidewalk and the possibility of getting a fine for not doing so. She asked if she had to conceal her utility trailer with landscaping material or fencing per the proposed Recreational Vehicles, Boats, Campers, Trailers, and Large Vehicles ordinance. She also questioned the Dogs & Other Animals ordinance regarding Section 6 Paragraph A.

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Ralph Janni has an overall concern that the ordinances are heavy handed and overwhelming to the public. He said they are vague and arbitrary and can be confusing. He complained that he requested copies of these ordinances on August 9th and to date he has not received them from the borough secretary. C. Simms emailed them to him at the end of August after the workshop on the 30th. He has an issue with the Grass, Weeds, and Other Vegetation ordinance regarding pollen production and no description of vegetation. He argues that there is no ordinance enforcement in the ordinances.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 1st, 2023, Regular Meeting were not available for approval at this meeting and will need approved at the October 2023 Regular Meeting.

APPROVAL OF UNPAID BILLS:

S. McManis moved to pay Cumberland Twp. Police for August 2023 Services in the amount of \$ 2,487.50, Christopher Simms, Esq. for August 2023 services in the amount of \$ 3,030.00, and Middletown Tractor Sales for lawn mower parts in the amount of \$37.56. C. Mallory seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Neino tabled the payment to Fred C. Clark, Jr. Groundcover Nursery, LLC in the amount \$ 3,000.00 until the work has been determined completed. Discussion on scope of work. J. Gashie to address our concerns with F. Clark.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2023 was not available for approval at this meeting and will need to be approved at the October 2023 Regular Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ROAD:** Update on Curb Painting – J. Gashie did not seek any estimates for curb painting in the borough. He reported that he talked to the State about remarking the crosswalks on Front Street since they were covered with oil & chips. This should be completed so the curbs can be marked before painting on Front Street.
- **RENTAL:** No update was available on the siding issue at 224 Front Street. D. Neino reported that a small tree at 415 Walnut Street was removed. Branches were partially infringing upon the rear entrance ramp and entering the carport area.

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- **SEWER:** Update on fixing Diamond Street by VFW and Minor Street at Third Street – J. Gashie and S. McManis reported that B. Lake (K2 Engineering) was to look into the matter. D. Neino suggested that a letter be drafted and sent to GMTJMA requiring them to resolve this issue expeditiously as it's been going on for months.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY:** No progress has been made on getting a meeting scheduled with the Cumberland Township Supervisors regarding the Police Contract although several attempts have been made. J. Gashie will see about scheduling a meeting so that this matter can be resolved.
- **MAINTENANCE:** B. Neino continues with mowing, weed eating, and cleaning bathrooms. He replaced the blades and two bearings on the lawn tractor.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Liquid Fuels Audit Report for CY 2021 was received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Lock House update – C. Simms left a voice mail for K. Kendralla regarding the acquisition of the underlying property; however, Mr. Kendralla hasn't returned his call. C. Simms explained the issue with the lock house and underlying property.
- Sink Hole @ Front & Diamond Streets – Nothing new to report.
- VFD Request – money to purchase cylinders – need Treasurer's Report – Request tabled until report received as to how prior funds were expended.
- Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-04 Offenses to the Public by S. McManis. Seconded by J. Gashie. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-05 Grass, Weeds, and Other Vegetation. Motion by C. Mallory to table Ordinance No. 2023-05 Grass, Weeds, and Other Vegetation for further revision. Seconded by S. McManis. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by J. Gashie to amend the agenda for ordinance numbering purposes. Seconded by C. Mallory. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to change the numbering of Ordinance No. 2023-06 Junk, Refuse, and Garbage to Ordinance No. 2023-05 Junk, Refuse, and Garbage.

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- Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-05 Junk, Refuse, and Garbage by J. Gashie. Seconded by S. McManis. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to advertise the Traffic and Parking Ordinance by S. McManis. Seconded by J. Gashie. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to advertise the Burning Ordinance by C. Mallory. Seconded by D. Neino. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to advertise the Dogs & Other Animals Ordinance by S. McManis. Seconded by C. Mallory. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to advertise Sidewalks Ordinance by S. McManis. Seconded by M. Cumberland. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2023-11 Recreational Vehicles, Boats, Campers, Trailers, and Large Vehicles. Motion by S. McManis to table the Recreational Vehicles, Boats, Campers, Trailers, and Large Vehicles Ordinance for further revision. Seconded by C. Mallory. Motion passed unanimously.
- Estimates to resurface borough office parking lot – Unknown if L. Miller was able to obtain any estimates. J. Gashie to obtain estimates on resurfacing the borough office parking lot and Stone Street between Second and Third Streets.
- Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer – The prospective applicant for Code Enforcement is unable to take the position at this time.
- Ordinance Workshops – Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the borough building.
- Update on telephone pole on County Street – Unknown if L. Miller spoke with C. Miller about moving the service from the old pole to the new pole. J. Gashie said he would contact C. Miller directly.
- Front & Diamond Streets, Gazebo, & Mural – Weed Removal & Mulching – See comments under Unpaid Bills.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Gazebo rented for a wedding on September 9th, 2023.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: E. Abbott suggested that the council schedule Trick or Treating so it can be advertised. D. Neino will put it on next month's agenda. He also asked if the tree was cleaned up on the trail by the Bed and Breakfast on County Street.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council received a complaint from D. Flickinger about vegetation growing on to his property from adjacent properties.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by C. Mallory at 7:57 p.m. Seconded by S. McManis.