# MINUTES GREENCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING November 2, 2015 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Eberly, Council President Charles Eckstine, Council Members Wade Burkholder, Larry Faight, James Farley, Matthew Smith, Frank Webster. James Farley. Absent was Craig Myers. Also present were Borough Manager Susan Armstrong and Borough Secretary Ericka Faight.

Pastor Yoder gave the Invocation.

# **Public Comment**

Mr. Wertime, 207 Leitersburg Street, inquired about the work being done at the former Agway Building site. Mr. Wertime asked if there are any prospective buyers and to what extent is the Borough involved. President Eckstine stated that ownership has not changed and the Borough's involvement is to ensure the structures are safe. Following an inspection of the buildings, some are being demolished. Borough Manager Armstrong added that no taxpayer monies are going to the clean-up at this point. Mr. Wertime also asked if there are any plans to extend North Washington Street.

Council Member Burkholder asked what effort was being made to salvage any of the buildings, and Manager Armstrong responded that Code Inspector, Clem Mellott inspected the buildings and pointed out what needs to be addressed to bring the them to code. Mr. Zeger's direct contact on the code issues is Mr. Mellott as he is overseeing the project. Mr. Burkholder asked if there are any prospective buyers and Ms. Armstrong stated that there are two interested parties.

Mayor Eberly asked why the adjourning property wasn't condemned as well. Ms. Armstrong replied that there is a situation with ownership on that property.

Ben Thomas, Jr. spoke on behalf of the Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association to express appreciation for the expeditious release of funding.

Larry Pitman, 35 Madison Street, asked if the sewer revision ordinance had been advertised, and questioned the perception of favoritism to parks and recreation facilities. Ms. Armstrong responded that [provisions for parks and recreation facilities] are for the convenience of those individuals wishing to visit the park and may not be able to get to the restroom facilities. Mr. Pittman stated that he felt he was operating legally, and that he should have been grandfathered in under the new ordinance.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a Webster/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

# Minutes of previous meetings:

Borough Council and Meeting of October 2, 2015.

# **Report of Disbursement and Payment of Bills**

On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the October 2015 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$181,024.75.

# **President's Report**

- 1. On a Burkholder/Webster motion, Council voted 4-2, Council Members Eckstine and Smith voting no (due to scheduling conflicts and availability) to hold a Budget Hearing on November 5, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
- 2. Congratulatory Letter: Antrim Township Supervisors

# **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Eberly informed Council that Chief Phillippy was absent; however, the police report is included in the agenda, and the increase in overtime hours was due to an officer being on leave.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

# **Reports from Committees**

## A. Administration and Finance:

1. On a Webster/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to reallocate monies from the following funds:

From "Street Construction" (01.439.610) To:

- "Franklin Street Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project" (01.436.613) \$51,705.98;
- "Street Construction Curb & Sidewalk" (01.439.611) \$14,573.71; and,
- "Franklin Street Reconstruction Project" (01.439.613) \$3,246.00

From "Storm Sewer Construction" (01.436.610) To:

- "Franklin Street Reconstruction Project" (01.439.613) \$9,475.00
- 2. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to ratify the Purchase and Sales Base Agreement between WGL Energy Services, Inc. and the Borough of Greencastle for the fixed price capacity and transmission of electricity to Borough facilities from December 2015 through December 2019 at a price of \$0.05841 per kWh.
- 3. On a Webster/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to appoint James Farley as representative and Matthew Smith as alternate to the Franklin County Area Tax Board for Calendar Year 2016.
- 4. On a Webster/Smith motion, Council voted 5-1, Council Member Burkholder voted no, to review and act on the 2016 FCATB Operating Budget.

## **B.** Community Development:

1. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to approve an ordinance

amending the Code of the Borough of Greencastle Chapter 169 entitled, "Streets and Sidewalks" by amending Article I, entitled, "Snow and Ice Removal" Sections 169-2, 169-3, and 169-5 to provide for the issuance of tickets/citations on an escalating scale for repeat offenses relating to the responsibility for the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain. (\$100.00 first offense; \$200.00 second offense; and, \$300.00 for each subsequent offense in a calendar year).

2. On a Webster/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending the Code of the Borough of Greencastle Chapter 155, entitled "Sewers" to permit temporary portable self-contained toilet facilities within the Borough for the purposes of emergencies, special events, construction activities, and at public recreational areas so designated by the Borough.

## C. Public Facilities:

1. On a Webster/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to execute an Agreement of Sale between the Borough of Greencastle [Seller] and the Borough of Chambersburg [Purchaser] for the sale of certain credits generated during Read Water Year 2015. The Borough of Chambersburg shall purchase up to 4,727 Nitrogen Credits at \$1.00/credit and up to 412 Phosphorous Credits at \$1.35/credit.

# D. Public Safety:

1. On a Farley/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending the Code of the Borough of Greencastle, Chapter 190 entitled, "Vehicles and Traffic" Section 27 to amend the distance of parking prohibition on North Allison Street (east side) between East Grant Street and a point 82 feet south thereof.

## Correspondence

## **Reports from Council Members**

Council Member Burkholder asked if some parking meters could be covered and designated for voting only on S. Carlisle Street.

Council Member Faight wished everyone good luck at the polls and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Council Member Webster thanked everyone for their efforts preparing the budget and encouraged everyone to exercise their rights to get out and vote.

President Eckstine wished everyone good luck at the polls on Election Day.

Council Adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka Faight

Borough Secretary