

MINUTES
GREENCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
November 4, 2013
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Eberly, Council President Charles Eckstine, Council Members Wade Burkholder, Jim Farley, Harry Foley, Craig Myers, Matthew Smith, Frank Webster. Absent was Junior Council Member Samantha King. Also present were Borough Manager Susan Armstrong and Borough Secretary Ericka Faight.

Council President Eckstine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Webster gave the invocation.

Public Comment

William Little, 5710 Timmons Drive, informed Council that his wife's car window had been broken and items were stolen. After the suspects were interviewed some items were recovered and Mr. Little commended the police department on how the case was handled.

Robert Wertime, 207 Leitersburg Street, asked questions concerning future sidewalk repairs required on Leitersburg Street.

GACFWA Update

GACFWA Chairman Jason Gerhart gave a quarterly update on meetings with ATMA members. Joint meetings are taking place after the regular Water Authority meetings to compile and address a list of items for seeking professional services. GACFWA should be ready for a feasibility study by the first quarter of 2014.

Council Member Webster thanked Mr. Gerhart and all the board members for their dedication to serving the community.

Council Member Myers asked for a written report.

Council President asked to receive a copy of the Water Authority/Authority meeting minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Borough Council Meeting, October 7, 2013

REGULAR AGENDA

Report of Disbursement and Payment of Bills

On a Burkholder/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the October 2013 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$146,758.31.

Tabled Note: *Tabled item(s) do not require discussion/action from Borough Council unless a motion is made to remove such item(s) from the Table.*

1. Continued tabling from September 3, 2013, an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Franklin and the Borough of Greencastle permitting the use of Franklin County's 400 Megahertz analog/digital radio system for the purpose of public safety and public service radio communication.

President's Report

Council President Eckstine announced that the S.R. 16/U.S. Route 11 intersection project is complete. Mr. Eckstine thanked Mayor Eberly and Council Member Foley for attending PennDOT meetings and requested that a thank you letter be sent to State Representative Todd Rock and Waste Management for their efforts to move the project forward.

Mayor's Report

Police Chief Phillippy reported that calls are up over last month and noted that the department is back in the grant pool for the aggressive driver program. Overtime is due to training requirements and time constraints on when firearm training can be done.

Council Member Myers asked how alarm calls are tracked.

Reports from Committees

A. Personnel

1. On a Webster/Foley motion, Council voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to increase the Shade Tree Commission membership from three to five as permitted under State Borough Code, Section 2722(b).

Council requested to vote on each of the following appointments individually.

2. On a Webster/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to appoint Cassandra Godbey to serve on the Borough's Shade Tree Commission.

On a Farley/Myers motion, Council voted 5/2 (Council Members Webster & Foley dissented) to appoint Nancy Dunn to serve on the Borough's Shade Tree Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Cassandra Godbey	5 years	December 31, 2018
Nancy Dunn	6 years	December 31, 2019

B. Finance

1. On a Myers/Webster motion, Council voted unanimously to appoint a representative and alternate to the Franklin County Area Tax Board for calendar year 2014. Furthermore, review and act on the 2014 FCATB Operating Budget.

C. Public Safety

1. On a Webster/Foley motion, Council voted unanimously to approve an ordinance, amending Chapter 57 entitled, "Alarms", to modify the number of false alarms permitted and payment for each occurrence thereafter.
2. On a Foley/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to approve an October 9, 2013 request by Dale Sheller on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW) to close North Washington Street between Madison Street and Baltimore Street from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 11:30 a.m. on Monday, November 11, 2013 to hold the Annual Veteran's Day Program.

Reports from Council Members

Council Member Myers reported at least three recent accidents at the intersection of S. Washington Street & Leitersburg Street and he is concerned that sooner or later something tragic is going to happen and requested that the Borough appeal to State Representative Todd Rock or PennDOT.

Manager Armstrong suggested that collaboration with the School Board may be effective.

Council President will contact Todd Rock.

Council Member Farley handed out a flyer that several local business owners have collectively created to help promote downtown shops. Mr. Farley commented that the Borough is fortunate to not have many empty store fronts.

Council Member Foley thanked Mr. Little for the flyer that was handed out to Council warning motorists about leaving valuables in their vehicle and asked that copies be placed at the office for residents to read.

Council Member Webster noted that annexation discussions are on hold until the first of the year due to the election and the holiday season.

Council Member Burkholder asked if there was an update about street light audits and commented that one of the items discussed at the last Greencastle Downtown Inc. meeting was the possibility of having signs installed to indicate where off street parking is available.

Council adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka Faight
Borough Secretary