



Greencastle Borough NEWSLETTER



Elected & Appointed Borough Officials

Mayor

Ben Thomas, Jr.

Council President

Albert W. Miller

Council Vice President

Jan Shafer

Councilmembers

Joel Amsley

Wade Burkholder

H. Duane Kinzer

Jeremy Layman

Scott Reagan

Borough Manager

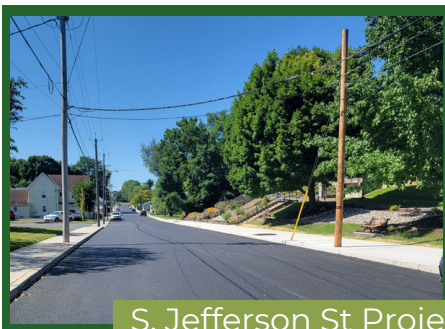
Emilee Little

Chief of Police

John Phillippy

Major Development & Projects Completed in 2022

- Approval for the redevelopment of the NE corner of the Rt. 11 & Rt. 16 intersection for the construction of a new Sheetz store & gas pumps
- Ordaining of Vivian Avenue in the Chadwick Estates Development



S. Jefferson St Project

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded projects:

- South Jefferson Street Restoration Project
 - Funding: \$249,207.36
 - Scope: sidewalks, curbing, ADA ramps, mill and pave roadway
 - Finalized in August
- South Ridge Avenue ADA Curb Ramps
 - Funding: \$49,204.73
 - Scope: install 4 ADA compliant ramps on the west side of S. Ridge Avenue
 - Finalized in November



2023 Meeting Schedules

Borough Council meetings are held at 7pm on the 1st & 4th Monday of each month except as noted ().*

	Voting	Workshop
January	3rd*	23rd
February	6th	27th
March	6th	27th
April	3rd	24th
May	1st	22nd
June	5th	26th
July	3rd	24th
August	7th	28th
September	5th*	25th
October	2nd	23rd
November	6th	27th
December	4th	18th

Planning Commission
2nd Monday - 6 pm

Greencastle Area, Franklin County
Water Authority
3rd Monday - 5:30 pm

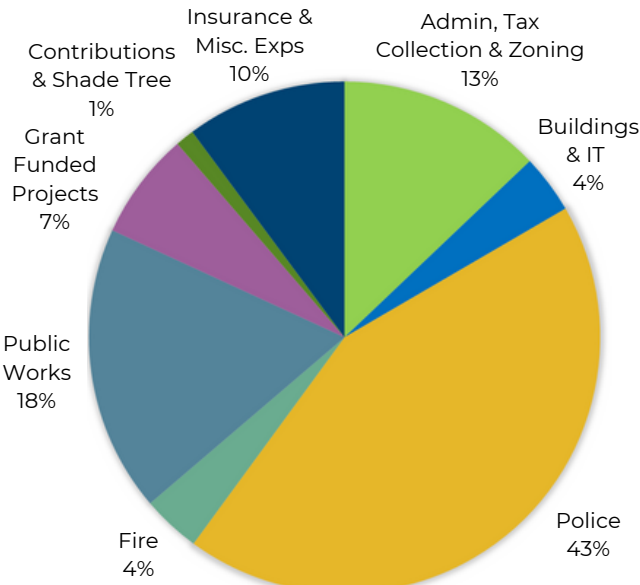
BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 8:30am to 7pm, Tuesday - Thursday 8:30am to 4:30pm, Friday 8:30am to 1pm

Budget OVERVIEW

The 2023 budget focuses on maintaining current levels of quality essential services while accomplishing critical projects in correlation with the Borough's following core priorities:

- Sustained Public Safety
- Community Character Preservation
- Conservative Financial Management
- Economic Development
- Multi-Modal Transportation



General Fund Expenses

2023 Projects

- GIS management system improvements & integration
- N. Washington Street Reconstruction
- Mifflin Lane stormwater engineering
- ADA curb ramp installation
- Engineering for the Walter Avenue & Rt. 11 intersection improvements
- Repairs to the Edwin Bittner bridge
- Capital Expense:
 - F550 Public Works dump truck

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOROUGHES 2022 REAL ESTATE TAX MILLAGE RATES



Local Tax Rates

General Fund BUDGET

Rates & TAXES

All 2023 budgets are balanced based on the following rates and tax levels:

- No increase to sewer rate = \$8.86 per 1,000 gal.
- No increase to stormwater rate = \$0.75 per 100 square feet of impervious area
- 1 mill increase to real estate taxes = 16 mills

Since 2018, the Borough's property tax millage rate has remained consistent at 15.0 mills. This 1 mill increase in 2023 will generate an additional \$40,000 increase in General Fund revenue.

Fund	Revenues	Expenses	Balance
General	\$2,136,950	\$2,136,437	\$513
Sewer	\$1,143,900	\$1,107,053	\$36,847
Storm	\$128,000	\$127,787	\$213

2023 Budgeted Fund Balances



CHANGES APPROVED IN 2022

Ordinances

2022-03 - Yard Waste & Accessibility

- allows for increased property maintenance enforcement for walkability, composting and yard waste

2022-04 - Speed Limits & Parking

- establishes speed limits for all Borough streets & alleys
- no parking provisions on S. Washington St at Crowell Ln

2022-05 - Outdoor Swimming Pools & Fencing

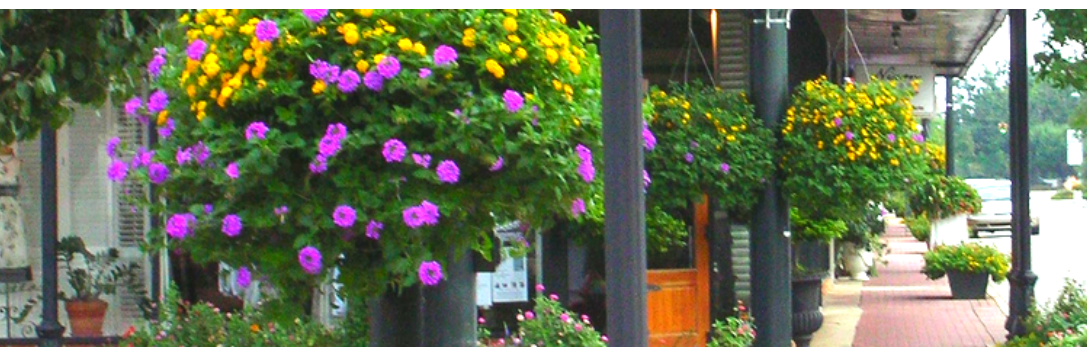
- defines outdoor pools and increases fencing requirements

2022-06 - Taxation & Notice Requirements

- establishes procedure for tax collector to waive additional charges if no tax bill is received & waiver requirements met

Resolution

2022-07 - creates rules & procedures for public meetings & code of ethical behavior for officials of the Borough of Greencastle



Beautification COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

The Borough Council is planning to re-establish a Beautification Committee. Prior to disbanding in 2019, this committee was comprised of community members who served to assist the Borough in developing and pursuing initiatives promoting the beautification of the Borough.

Anyone interested in helping to improve the appearance and appeal of our town and willing to volunteer time for the Beautification Committee, please contact the Borough.

Grant Funding Applications

In 2022, the Borough has submitted for 10 grants requesting a total funding amount of \$2,189,404.41.

Grant applications include partnerships with local entities including the Greencastle Area Youth Foundation for improvements at the High Line Train Station and Aura Properties LLC for a large scale renovation project at 6 East Baltimore Street.

Other projects submitted for grant funding include accessibility improvements to the Walter Avenue and Rt. 11 intersection as well as a reconstruction project for North Washington Street.

Sponsors
NEEDED

Center Square Lights

The Borough and the Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce are collaborating to update the outdated lighting in the Center Square.

Businesses and private individuals are invited to sponsor a lamp post to support this beautification project. Sponsors will be honored with a plaque affixed to the pole base.

MERRY
christmas

Borough of Greencastle
60 N. Washington Street
Greencastle, PA 17225

PRESORTED
STANDARD MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
GREENCASTLE, PA

PERMIT NO. 3

Borough Resident
Greencastle, PA 17225



Mayor's Message

From Mayor Ben Thomas, Jr.

I often say how we are so blessed here in Greencastle. There are many examples. I thank everyone who participated in the Greencastle Police Department's "10 most wanted food drive." In November. Because of you, we nearly filled a room at the Greencastle Food Pantry with non-perishable food items for the Christmas holidays. Please remember our food banks in the Greencastle community even beyond the holidays as the need continues to grow because of economic conditions.

The blessings of the season add to Greencastle as we enjoyed the recent Christmas tree lighting, parade, Heritage Christmas, Highline Train Station open house, Allison Antrim Museum open house, and all the area churches for their special Christmas programs. A special thank-you to the G-A Chamber of Commerce for your year-round efforts and, again, to our citizens for your participation.

I sincerely endorse shopping small, not only during the holidays, but all year in Greencastle. Our wonderful, locally owned businesses support so many community efforts, employ our citizens, and support our non-profit organizations.

During the holiday season I also express my appreciation to our first responders that are there 24 hours a day. Greencastle Police will have answered over 4,000 calls for service by the end of this year. The Rescue Hose Company will have responded to approximately 2,500 calls for service. All these personnel are there no matter the weather or other challenging conditions. Please say thank-you to these men and women when you see them in our community.

A special thank-you to the men and women who serve in our armed forces all over the world. Remember the families as their loved ones are deployed and will not be home for the holidays.

Because of all of you, we are certainly blessed!

HAPPY
holidays

