

MINUTES
GREENCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
March 3, 2014
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Eberly, Council President Charles Eckstine, Council Members Wade Burkholder, Larry Faight, Jim Farley, 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.

Rev. Leon Yoder gave the invocation.

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of previous meetings

Borough Council Meeting of February 3, 2014

Joint Meeting of County, Township, School District and Borough of February 19, 2014

REGULAR AGENDA

Report of Disbursement and Payment of Bills

On a Burkholder/Myers motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the February 2014 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 92,256.66

President's Report

Council President Eckstine discussed several items including:

PSAB discussed 911 centers using GPS and the possibility of a mandate for all municipalities to utilize GPS as well. Police Chief Phillippy noted that a test group is already in use and that the system would be rolled out to EMS first and would be a huge benefit from a safety standpoint.

Pennsylvania is the only state that does not allow radar use for police.

There is no requirement to be a tax collector and possibility of creating a resolution for the Borough to collect its own tax and appoint its own tax collector.

Mayor's Report

Mayor expressed appreciation for the recent work session.

Chief Phillippy noted that an in depth investigation is taking up man hours and one officer has recently completed a second week of crisis intervention training and he hopes to have a crisis intervention team soon.

Reports from Committees

A. Community Development

1. On a Webster/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to authorize the drafting and advertising of an ordinance amending Chapter 205, Zoning, Section 56 "Definitions" and Section 27 "Sign Regulations" of the Borough of Greencastle Code to provide for electronic scoreboards at athletic venues, electronic message centers, information kiosks, and sandwich board signs and to amend in its entirety Section 27. (Advertising of said ordinance shall occur the week of March 17, 2014).

B. Personnel

1. On a Webster/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution approving tuition reimbursement for Police Officer Keith Russell subject to the criteria set forth in the current Borough of Greencastle Police Collective Bargaining Agreement of January 2012, Article XIII, with said tuition reimbursement fund specifically drawn from the Police Department Budget (01410). Furthermore, said approval/reimbursement shall remain in effect for those courses successfully completed prior to December 31, 2014, the expiration of the current Police Collective Bargaining Agreement. Thereafter, any and all coursework and associated reimbursement will be subject to any, and all, criteria agreed upon in future Collective Bargaining Agreement(s).

C. Public Facilities

1. On a Myers/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to review the 2013 Municipal Wasteload Management Report for the Greencastle Wastewater Treatment Plant.
2. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to approve Pay Application No. 7R (final payment) in the amount of \$2,295.66 to PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc. for the Washington Street Pump Station Project.

D. Public Safety

1. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to authorize the drafting and advertising of an Ordinance amending the Code of the Borough of Greencastle, with respect to Chapter 190 "Vehicles and Traffic" to decrease existing speed limits of 30 and 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour on South Washington Street pursuant to the

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Speed Limit Modification Study and subsequent recommendations.

2. On a Burkholder/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to approve a request by the American Legion Post #373 of Greencastle, Pennsylvania to hold the Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Event shall begin at the State Farm Office on Allison Street and end at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Correspondence

1. On a Myers/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to approve a February 24, 2014 request by Bob and Michelle Spessard seeking permission for the following initiative to recognize the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month within the Borough of Greencastle:
 - a. Permission to place blue bows on the parking meters within one block of the Square from April 1 to April 30, 2014.

Reports from Council Members

Council Member Burkholder complemented the work session between Borough Council and the Antrim Township Supervisors concerning the GAFSCWA and ATMA and asked what's next and where do we go from here. President Eckstine expressed concern over the cost of needed improvements to infrastructure. Borough Manager Armstrong informed Council that GAFSCWA will discuss what is next and where to go from here at their next meeting. We need to get our own financial house in order and then we will be in a better position to speak on the issue.

Council Member Faight suggested that we look at our own finances, we live in a great community, and we can build and develop inside the Borough. Let's see what Greencastle can do for Greencastle, there are other ways that we can sustain our future.

Council Member Webster recommended an article in the Public Opinion on the FCADC.

Mayor Eberly suggested that Franklin County develop a program to retool returning soldiers for the workforce. Soldiers could become skilled laborers in a military atmosphere at Letterkenny.

Council Member Farley supports joining the GAFSCWA and ATMA at some point, it has to be practical and serve the customers. We need to work with the commissioners and trust and confidence between both entities is vital.

President Eckstine noted that rates would have to be restructured.

Council Member Myers announced that a Public Facilities Committee meeting would be held March 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Borough Manager Armstrong shared that the directional signs for I-81 located on Rt 11 will be changed as requested.

Council Member Burkholder announced that the Lions Club will hold their annual pancake breakfast this Saturday.

Council adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka Faight
Borough Secretary