



**MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS
OF GREENCASTLE
February 6, 2023**

FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX BUREAU / TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE: As your appointed representative to these organizations I attended / participated in three meetings in January. The Bureau will be moving from offices at the Chambersburg Area School District administrative building with a new location at 207 Grant Street in Chambersburg by May 1, 2023. 2023 officers were elected and will stay the same from 2022. Tracey Eberling of Warren Township will continue as Chair. Earned income tax distributions for 2022 was reviewed. Greencastle received an increase of \$106,268.56 compared to 2021 for a total of \$698,161.08. Greencastle will also receive a portion of "unknown funds" for January, 2023 totaling \$4,800.38. (Report attached).

What is Act 32? Act 32 is a law that streamlines and standardizes the local earned income tax system. Act 32 reduced Pennsylvania's number of Earned Income Tax (EIT) collectors from 560 to 21. The appointment of collection responsibility falls on countywide committees made up of representatives from local municipalities and school districts. The committees established tax collection districts and elected tax officers to collect the EIT. Act 32 requires uniform withholding of earned income taxes and remittance to a single local collector or Tax Officer. The act applies to the earned income taxes levied and collected after December 31, 2011. Appointed tax officers started collecting the EIT on January 1, 2012.

RESCUE HOSE COMPANY AWARDS BANQUET: I was pleased to attend and perform master of ceremonies duties at the 43rd annual Rescue Hose Company awards banquet held January 21, 2023. Congratulations to all the hard-working volunteers for their service to Greencastle-Antrim and beyond.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAINS REPORT: Larry (Pittman) has issued his monthly report of trains idling and emitting diesel fumes in the area along with the noise. N/S representative Rudy Husband has retired.

POLICE ACTIVITIES: I appreciate the hard work by members of GPD that includes getting handguns off the streets, arrests for catalytic converter theft suspects, response and investigations to overdose / cardiac arrest incidents, preparation and testimony in court for arrests initiated, working with crime victims and their families, mental health challenges and attempted suicides getting citizens the help needed 24 hours a day under challenging and dangerous conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Thomas, Jr. Mayor