Borough of Greencastle November 2024 Council Meeting Manager's Report

Administration & Finance

Task	Report	Timeline
2025 Budget (No Change)	 Major projects budgeted for in 2025: Green Light Go – update all signal controllers 2022 CDBG – Walter Ave & Rt 11 ADA improvements 2023 CDBG – S. Ridge Ave & Rt 16 flashing beacon Inch & Co – Moss Spring traffic calming improvements Lot development – phase 1B – aesthetic improvements RHC has requested \$124,616.41, without ARPA funds to offset this expense the Admin & Finance committee is recommending the implementation of a fire tax Proposed 2025 rates & related Council action: No increase to millage rate – resolution 1.25 mill fire tax – ordinance 3% sewer rate increase – ordinance No SPIF rate change 	Aug – justification sheets Sep & Oct – committee & Council meetings Nov – preliminarily adopt & authorize advertisement for public inspection & ordinances Dec – adopt budget, enact ordinances & resolutions
Resolution 2024-04 Reallocation of ARPA Funds	 The Borough's allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 \$417,871.04 total ARPA funds received \$250,638.99 remaining to be spent (YTD) Council approved the following expenditures utilizing and reallocating the remaining ARPA funds: Rescue Hose Co Contributions - \$55,000 Park Project Funding - \$50,000 Public Works Unit 1 Replacement - \$85,000 Police Vehicle Replacements - \$90,000 Sewer Infrastructure Cleaning & Televising - \$100,000 Engineering: Walter Bridge & Mifflin Ln - \$15,000 Progress on approved expenditures: YTD RHC Contributions - \$63,150.04 (includes Q3/24) Park Project - project awarded to GRC for \$121,772.00 PW vehicle to be received from Keystone Ford Nov. 5th Sewer work planned for Nov. 18th with Mr. Rehab 	May – Council approved ARPA funds allocation Jun to EOY – staff executing approved projects and expenditures

Community & Economic Development

Task	Report	Timeline
Beautification Committee	 The Borough is accepting donations and sponsors for the new benches and trash cans installed in Center Square Winter plantings and decorations in Center Square are being reviewed by the committee for the holiday season Borough's lot on Baltimore Street to be decorated Swags to be assembled and put out in Center Square prior to the Christmas tree lighting event Committee members have removed all the annual plantings and bulbs in Center Square and cleaned all beds 	Nov – holiday décor assembled and installed in Center Square & Borough lot
E. Baltimore St Property – Plaza Project	 Phase 1a – Repairing the Brick Wall Improvements to existing brick wall, repairing damage to existing wall and construction of a new brick wall Budget: 	Jun 2023 – purchased property Nov 2023 – submitted LSA grant application Oct to EOY – GRC to make brick wall repairs 2024 – finalize overall design plan & determine budget 2025 – fundraising efforts

	 Council has approved advertisement of an ordinance allowing for the rezoning of tax parcel number 08-2B22 077000000 from R-2 to R-1 	Aug 12 – PC recommendation to rezoning parcel
	 Rezoning the parcel will be completed as an expansion of an already existing R-1 District 	Aug 28 – draft ordinance provided by solicitor
Proposed Ordinance: Chapter 205 Zoning Amendment	 The proposed zoning change to this parcel would have no impact on the conditionally approved Buchanan Flats LD plan, at least for a period of 5 years from the June 26, 2023 date of Council's conditional approval ARRO has created an updated Zoning Map Other modifications to be made to Chapter 205 Zoning and incorporated in this ordinance change: § 205-21 – add size restrictions for detached garages with a maximum of 1,000 square feet § 205-10.D – modify screening requirements for parcels in the Highway Commercial With Council's approval to proceed, staff provided the ordinance and map to Franklin County Planning Franklin County has provided a response letter Staff has sent letters to the impacted property owners, scheduled advertising, and has coordinated the posting of the property as required in the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) for zoning map amendments 	for Council review Sep – Council consideration of ordinance change Oct – County & PC review, Council authorized advertising Nov – notices, advertisements, post impacted property Dec – public hearing & enactment
	 Proposed portable storage containers regulations for the use, size, location, and permitting requirements Residential regulations for R1, R2, and RM: 	May – PC recommendation to Borough Council
	■ 1 per property, 5 ft setbacks, 30 days max. on parcel - Commercial regulations for CC, CC-II, HC, INS, and MX:	Jun – Council approved legal review
	 Maximum of 3 per property based on total lot area 5 ft setbacks, can be permanent if annual permit 	Oct to EOY – committee review
Proposed Ordinance: Portable Storage Containers & RV Parking	RV parking proposed regulations:	2025 – Council review &
	 1 per property; allowed in a carport, rear yard, or side yard if behind the front face of the primary structure 	approval for advertisement
	 No inhabitation of any kind, 24-hr per week loading time allowable, no connection to Borough utilities 	
	- No parking on public roadways at any time	
	The Community and Economic Development Committee has preliminarily reviewed the proposed regulations as prepared by the Planning Commission and will be completing a comprehensive review at subsequent committee meetings prior to Council's review.	

Current Development Under Review

Name of Development	Zoning District	Proposed Use/Improvement	Status
ELM Shoes	СС	 Preliminary/final land development plan for a proposed 583 sq. ft. building addition 	 Plans received 10/28/2024, to be included on November Planning Commission agenda for acceptance and review
GASD & Chambersburg Hospital Subdivision	CC-II & INS	 Subdivision of the Chambersburg Hospital parcel fronting on Eastern Avenue Consolidation of 10.097 acres to school district tract 	 Plans submitted to Borough & Township Planning Commissions PC reviewed most recent submittal at October meeting, plan tabled pending legal review of land conveyance issue 180-day extension requested for review until 5/7/2025
Patriot Federal Credit Union Subdivision	НС	Subdivision of parcel 08- 2B12001000000 to separate portion of lot where existing Rite Aid is located	 Plan submitted to Borough PC on 9/18/2024 for review PC reviewed plan at October meeting, recommended Council approval based on no outstanding engineering comments
Patriot Federal Credit Union Land Development	НС	Land development plan includes the demolition of the existing Rite Aid building and construction of a bank with drive thru bays	 Plan submitted 9/24/2024 to the Borough's PC for review Plan initially reviewed and tabled at October Planning Commission meeting pending satisfaction of outstanding engineering comments

Recently Approved Development

162 S. Carlisle St	R-2	LD plans have been approved to construct 3 attached residential units	 July 1st - Council conditionally approved land development plans Staff is helping to guide developer to finalize all pre-construction requirements
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Buchanan Flats	R-2	10 multi-family structures 2 buildings = 48 units in Borough, total 288 units	 Council approved final LD plans on June 26, 2023 with the following outstanding conditions: Township & PennDOT approval Agreeable timeline for opening the Moss Spring Ave connection Antrim Township's review has been extended numerous times Developer has been in contact to review outstanding items & fees
Dollar General on N. Antrim Way	НС	 Final subdivision plan approved by Council for parcel 08-2A00007 000000 Final land development plans for the construction of a Dollar General store 	 August 5th Council conditionally approved final land development PennDOT HOP is outstanding, Borough cannot stop construction based on 3rd party review Plans signed & recorded, land use & building permit issued Developer is proceeding with construction at own risk until HOP approved No use or occupancy allowed until approved PennDOT HOP provided

Personnel

Task	Report	Timeline
Civil Service Testing for Full-Time Police Officer	 Oral examinations were held in late October with the three applicants that passed the written examination Physical and psychological examinations as well as background investigations will be conducted on the remaining applicants All scores will be calculated as per CSC regulations An eligibility list for the Civil Service Commission's review will be created based on the results of all evaluations CSC-certified eligibility list will be provided to Council for the hiring of a full-time police officer 	Oct – oral interviews Nov – final exams, background checks, Civil Service Commission to certify eligibility list Dec – eligibility list to Borough Council for hiring action
Chief of Police Hiring	 Jason Batistig has been selected as the final candidate Comprehensive background checks completed Evaluations and reference confirmations were conducted as per Act 57 requirements 	Nov – public swearing in of Batistig as Chief of Police

Public Facilities

Task	Report	Timeline
2019 CDBG ADA Ramps	 Scope: install 42 ADA ramps at various locations Funding = \$289,500.00 Budgeted engineering = \$88,205.00 for design, bid, permitting, FT RPR Update: Council awarded the project to Ganoe Paving with an initial contract price of \$288,770.00 Notice to Proceed provided September 23rd Construction underway and planned until EOY Pending PennDOT approval of HOPs for ramps on state roads Staff notified school district of construction efforts Funding extension granted until July 2025 	Jun – design complete Jul – advertise project Aug – bids due Sep – awarded project & executed contract Oct through EOY – construction Jul 2025 – funding deadline
2022 CDBG & Green Light Go: Walter Ave & Rt 11 Intersection	 Scope: install pedestrian crosswalk signals, ADA ramps, reconfigure crosswalks on three corners of intersection PennDOT signal permit being updated with these improvements to include a left turn option on Route 11 Green Light Go funding awarded for updates to all of the Borough's signal controllers which will be incorporated into a comprehensive intersection improvements project for the Walter Ave & Rt 11 signal Funding: CDBG – \$286,103.00 GLG – \$229,080.00 to update all (3) signal controls Budgeted engineering = \$40,000 for design, bid, permits Projected Timeline: Final plans & bid package being revised by ARRO, traffic counts are being conducted and the resulting data will be analyzed to justify left turn lane signal Public Facilities committee to review final plans and project specifications in January 2025 Council to authorize bidding in February with bids due 30 days later, Council to award project in March for construction in spring of 2025 Staff is reaching out to local contractors and COSTARS vendors to determine level of interest Meeting to be held with Borough's signal maintenance provider for review of project and recommendations 	Oct – design work Nov – traffic counts & analysis to PennDOT Dec – signal permit submittal Jan 2025 – PennDOT approval of signal permit Feb 2025 – bid project Mar 2025 – award project and execute contract Spring 2025 – construction May 2026 – GLG funding deadline

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2023 CDBG Flashing Beacon: E. Baltimore St & S. Ridge Ave	 Scope: install flashing beacon at E. Baltimore Street at S. Ridge Avenue crosswalk Funding: \$55,000.00 for engineering & installation Update: DCED rejected funding for bump-out request Public Facilities committee advised to construct the beacon infrastructure without the bump-out Staff and committee will review effectiveness and determine if future project is needed to add bump-out 	May – revised scope provided Sep – funding determination 2028 – funding deadline
N. Carlisle Street Project Finalization	 Rebilling process for all finalized properties underway First payment due March 1, 2025 Sidewalk repairs are needed to finalize the project Staff to send letters to all property owners of sidewalks that have footprint markings, suggest individual meetings to determine best option for finalization Ardex repairs completed on Borough owned bump-outs to establish an option for sidewalk repairs and determine any maintenance concerns through winter weather freeze/thaw cycle 	Jun – initial sidewalk rebilling letters mailed out Oct – bump-outs ardexed Nov to EOY – resident meetings 2025 – remaining sidewalk repairs, project completion
N. Washington Street Roadway Improvements Project (No Change)	 Project scope of work completed Staff submitting for reimbursement to the following funding agencies: DCED Multimodal Transportation Grant awarded = \$259,079.00 2021 CDBG = \$110,000.00 for ADA ramps 	Aug 27 – final completion Winter 2024 – administrative grant closeouts
MS4 Waiver Resubmittal (No Change)	 The Borough's current 5-year PA DEP waiver from MS4 permit requirements expires on May 12, 2025 and must be resubmitted by November 13, 2024 (180 days prior) Waiver application submitted to DEP on September 6th 	Sep 6 – submit waiver application May 12, 2025 – current waiver expires

Public Safety

Task	Report	Timeline
Additional Street Light – N. Jefferson	 At the request of local business owners, the Public Safety committee is recommending Council authorize the installation of a new street light on N. Jefferson Street Narrowness of the street, increased pedestrian traffic, and dark areas were determining factors in review Upon Council's approval, staff will request West Penn Power install an LED light fixture on existing pole with a shield to reduce the impact on neighboring properties 	Oct 11 – concern received Oct 25 – Public Safety Committee review Nov – Council review Dec – installation if approved

Proposed Ordinance: Chapter 190 Vehicles & Traffic (No Change)	 Several topics reviewed and recommended by the Borough's Public Safety Committee require an ordinance change to Chapter 190 of the Borough Code Center Square parking restricted to "no trucks, vans, or SUVs" to improve pedestrian visibility & motorist safety §190-9 – speed limits established Add extended 25mph speed limit zone on E. Baltimore Street as approved by PennDOT §190-12 – turns restricted at certain intersections/times Modify current restrictions at Washington Street & Baltimore Street to match signage of 7am to 7pm §190-27 – parking prohibited at all times No parking on either side of W. Madison Street from Route 11 to Findlay Avenue §190-30 – Thirty-minute parking limits Add food trucks to specified vehicles restricted §190-34 – handicap parking Eliminate handicap parking on S. Ridge Ave near Besore Library as requested by library Add handicap parking on E. Madison Street as requested by resident Legal to finalize ordinance for Council review 	Aug – reviewed and recommended by PS Dec – Council review of ordinance & approval for advertising Jan 2025 – Council enactment of ordinance
Resolution: Sale of Surplus Material – PD Vehicles & Bicycles (No Change)	 Council previously authorized the drafting of a resolution approving the sale of the following surplus vehicles: 2013 Chevy Tahoe 2016 Ford Interceptor Utility Two surplus PD bicycles Vehicles and bicycles to be advertised and posted on Municibid for sale and included in surplus material resolution 	May – Council approval of vehicle purchases Sep – Council approval to sell of police bicycles Dec – sell on Municibid & resolution for sale of surplus material

Public Works Department Operational Updates

- Over 40 PA One calls completed related to upcoming construction work and development projects
- Leaf collection has begun and will continue until Borough staff determine leaves are no longer falling
- Assisted the Beautification Committee members in removing plantings in Center Square & at office
- Watering of new landscaping at the Borough office
- Planted 8 new shade trees throughout the Borough
- Updated all stop signs to the correct height of 7 feet at the N. Carlisle Street & Madison Street and will paint curbs per §190-33 of the Borough Code as requested by the Public Safety Committee

Sewer Administrative Updates

Task	Report	Timeline
Antrim Township Inter-Municipal Agreement	 Current agreement was established in March of 1990 outlining terms for the Borough's treatment of sewage received from residents located in Antrim Township Currently reserves a maximum flow of 200,000 gallons per day, tying up a considerable amount of plant capacity Normal daily flow received from Antrim Township customers is approximately 20,000 gallons per day Staff met with Township staff to review updating agreement, Township staff reviewing information provided regarding current billing procedures Staff requesting Township's review of the updated agreement be finalized by December for execution 	Jul – staff reached out to Township Aug – draft agreement to legal for review Oct – meeting with Antrim Township Dec – Council authorize execution of new inter-municipal agreement
Sewer Ordinance Chapter 155 (No Change)	 Drafted by William Hill and Borough staff More comprehensive; provides greater protection for the Borough and clearer specification of sewer regulations Salzmann Hughes is reviewing and preparing the document for Council consideration 	Aug – legal review Dec – Council review Jan 2025 – advertise Feb 2025 – enact updated ordinance

Sewer Department Operational Updates

- Contractor work
 - All generators serviced at pumping stations and the Waste Water Treatment Plant
 - Capital Electric made adjustments to the Gasho blower programming
- Staff work
 - Pumped down and cleaned both treatment sides of the contact basin then applied an epoxy coating over repaired areas to seal out water
 - Annual cleaning of the rubber roof on the control building per the warranty requirements
 - Attended PMAA conference and trainings for continuing education credits
 - Submitted annual Chesapeake Bay electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) to PADEP
 - Began the creation of training documents for any future plant staff members
 - Attended meeting with Antrim Township to review and update the inter-municipal sewer agreement