

BOROUGH OF GREENCASTLE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2025

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ben Thomas, President Larry Faight, Vice President Scott Reagan, Councilmen Joel Amsley, Wade Burkholder, Steve Miller, and Mike Stenger. Also present were Police Chief Jason Batistig, Police Department Administrator Ericka Faight, and Borough Manager Emilee Little. Councilman Albert Miller participated via phone.

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

An invocation was provided by Mayor Thomas.

President Faight led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Faight noted that the meeting was being recorded for accuracy of the minutes.

On an Amsley/Reagan motion, the Council unanimously voted to approve the proposed agenda for the August 11, 2025, regular Council Meeting.

President Faight discussed the Town Hall Plaza project, highlighting the progression of the project and the vision going forward. Faight also recognized Ken and Bonnie Shockey for attending the meeting and expressed appreciation for the Paul K. and Anna E. Shockey Family Foundation's substantial contribution to and support of the Town Hall Plaza project. Faight noted a donor recognition ceremony is being scheduled and would be held at a later date formally accepting the Shockey Family's donation.

Opportunity to be Heard

Tim Fetterhoff of 180 Baumgardner Drive thanked Chief Batistig for the additional presence of police officers downtown during Old Home Week events.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

On a Reagan/Burkholder motion, the Council unanimously voted to approve the Borough Council Meeting minutes of July 7, 2025.

Community Events:

On a S. Miller/Reagan motion, the Council unanimously voted to approve the temporary road closure on N. Washington Street from E. Pine Lane to E. Madison Street in front of the Veteran's Memorial on November 11th from 10:30 am to 11:45 am to allow for the Veterans Day Commemoration as requested by the VFW.

Employment:

On a Reagan/Stenger motion, the Council unanimously voted to accept a notice of resignation from Police Officer Christopher Miller effective July 27, 2025.

REGULAR AGENDA

Payment of Bills

On a Reagan/Stenger motion, the Council unanimously voted to affirm the disbursements listed on the July 2025 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$219,126.23.

Reports from Elected Officials

Mayor's Report

Mayor Thomas reported on recent community events, including the success of Old Home Week, presentations of proclamations, and participation in local gatherings. He noted correspondence with PennDOT regarding rerouting wide loads away from Baltimore Street, and shared updates on visits with community members and recognition of the late former Councilmember Pete Lazich. Noted future discussion items include Baltimore Street parking restrictions, expansion of a local pallet business, and concerns about Norfolk Southern train idling.

Police Department Report

Chief Batisitg reviewed the July 2025 calls for service and highlighted community engagement, training, and public safety efforts. Officers participated in events like the 58th Annual Sidewalk Days, National Night Out, and Old Home Week, fostering positive relationships with residents. Additionally, the department contributed to the Sheetz for the Kidz program and hosted ALERRT "Active Assault" training to enhance preparedness for critical incidents. Batisitg identified that the drone was used to successfully locate a suspect for a neighboring municipality.

Manager's Report

Little outlined current and upcoming projects and provided the 2026 Budget Meeting Schedule as publicly advertised. Updates included Old Home Week preparation and execution, the Town Hall Plaza project, and the façade failure at 11 N. Carlisle Street. Little also reported on grant-funded projects and operational updates from the Public Works and Sewer departments, and thanked Borough staff for their above-and-beyond efforts related to Old Home Week.

President's Report

President Faight reported on his attendance at the recent ALERRT training, emphasizing the value of preparedness for active shooter situations. He recognized the continued strength of the police department and expressed appreciation to the Chief for his leadership and efforts.

Committee Action

Administration & Finance

On a Burkholder/Amsley motion, the Council unanimously voted to approve Tele-Plus to complete the installation of a multi-sensor camera at the intersection of Baltimore Street and Washington Street for a total cost of \$6,226.00 to be offset by a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Community & Economic Development

On a Reagan/Amsley motion, the Council unanimously voted to authorize staff to work with Salzmahn Hughes to draft a Professional Services Agreement establishing Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance as the Borough's exclusive Building Code Official.

Public Safety

On a Reagan/Burkholder motion, the Council unanimously voted to enact Ordinance 2025-02 as advertised amending Chapter 190 of the Code of the Borough of Greencastle designating handicap parking spaces at the following locations:

- a. Beginning at a point on the north side of East Madison Street which is 60 feet west of the intersection of East Madison Street and North Allison Street and continuing in a westerly direction for a distance of 20 feet.
- b. Beginning at a point on the west side of South Carlisle Street which is 540 feet north of the intersection of South Carlisle Street and South Antrim Way and continuing in a northerly direction for a distance of 20 feet.

Correspondence

None.

Final Comments

A. Miller – thanked the Shockey Family for their support of the project, acknowledged the Chief of Police's report, and commended the work of the police department

Chief Batistig – noted that he was glad to experience Old Home Week

S. Miller – discussed his involvement with the community regarding the Buchanan Flats development

Stenger – recognized the generosity of the Shockey Family for their support of the Plaza project and noted the success of Old Home Week as a reflection of Greencastle's strong community

Burkholder – thanked the Shockey Family and stated that he looks forward to seeing the lot developed into a usable community space

Reagan – thanked the Shockey Family for their contribution and support and recognized the efforts of the Police Department and Public Works staff during Old Home Week

Mayor Thomas – expressed support for Council's decision to establish an exclusive Building Code Official and thanked the fire police for their efforts during an excellent Old Home Week

Faight – thanked the Shockey Family stating that their support has made the plaza project vision clearer to see and remarked on the success of Old Home Week

Adjourn

On an Amsley/Burkholder motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilee Little
Borough Secretary