# Borough of Greencastle September 2025 Council Meeting Manager's Report

#### **Administration & Finance**

Task	Report	Timeline
Current Administrative Tasks	<ul> <li>Center Square parking meter upgrades         <ul> <li>Council approved the purchase of 32 new parking meter mechanisms to be installed in Center Square for a total cost of \$7,744.00</li> </ul> </li> <li>Completion of pension plan and financial audits</li> <li>Liquid Fuels audit planned for September 8<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	Aug & Sep – budget prep Sep – audits completed Nov – parking meter upgrades complete

FY 2026 Budget Meeting Schedule			
Meeting Date	Subject	Jurisdiction	
Thursday, September 11 at 5:00 pm	Capital Project Proposals	Finance & Mayor	
Thursday, September 18 at 5:00 pm	Admin & Operations Expenditures	Finance & Mayor	
Thursday, September 25 at 5:00 pm	Admin & Operations Revenues	Finance & Mayor	
Monday, October 6 at 7:00 pm	Council Budget Workshop	Council & Mayor	
Monday, November 3 at 7:00 pm	Preliminarily Adopt Budget	Council & Mayor	
Monday, December 1 at 7:00 pm	Adopt Budget Tax Ordinance/Resolution	Council & Mayor	

## **Community & Economic Development**

Task	Report	Timeline
Current Tasks & Topics Under Review	<ul> <li>Portable Storage Container &amp; RV Parking Ordinance</li> <li>11 N. Carlisle Street – Façade Wall Failure</li> <li>Exclusive Building Code Official Agreement</li> <li>Rental Inspection Program</li> </ul>	Next meeting date – TBD

Beautification Committee	<ul> <li>Summer planting removal planned for late September, weather depending</li> <li>Holiday decorations being reviewed         <ul> <li>Options to be evaluated for decorating the Borough's Town Hall Plaza lot</li> <li>Lighted garland anticipated to be purchased for use around the Center Square pole lights</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Sep – remove plantings Oct – determination of holiday decorations Nov & Dec – holiday decorations displayed in Center Square and plaza lot
Town Hall Plaza Project	<ul> <li>Staff has provided a long term lease agreement to Brightspeed for the public use of the front portion of the Brightspeed property for the extended entrance design         <ul> <li>Final draft under review</li> </ul> </li> <li>Retaining wall project finished, artificial turf and fundraising signage installed</li> <li>The Capital Campaign Committee meet with the Paul K. and Anna E. Shockey Family Foundation, confirming the foundation's intension of being a key financial contributor to the plaza project         <ul> <li>A donation in the amount of \$300,000.00 has been received from the Shockey Family Foundation</li> <li>Staff coordinated a donor recognition ceremony held on August 27<sup>th</sup> to recognize and thank the Shockey family for their generosity and support</li> </ul> </li> <li>As a suggestion from Mrs. Bonnie Shockey, a creative community-focused donation opportunity is being introduced through the installation of a "Greencastle Giving Meter."         <ul> <li>An older parking meter will be repurposed into a donation station where residents and visitors can contribute directly to the plaza fundraising efforts</li> <li>Greencastle-Antrim High School Art Club has graciously volunteered to decorate the meter to be installed directly in front of the plaza lot along Baltimore Street</li> </ul> </li></ul>	Jun 2023 – purchased property  Jun – retaining wall construction  Jul – retaining wall completed, prep site for OHW, signage installed  Aug – Shockey donation received and recognized  Sep – Greencastle Giving Meter project  2025 – continued fundraising efforts
Corporal Rihl Marker (No Change)	<ul> <li>The Public Works staff removed the deteriorated PA         Civil War Trails Corporal Rihl sign from Center Square         as approved by Council in February</li> <li>Approved sponsorship of a new Civil War Trails sign         communicated to the Franklin County Visitors Bureau</li> <li>Staff provided verbiage and placement location for the         new sign</li> </ul>	Feb – Council approved prior sign removal & new sign sponsorship  2025 – new sign installed

# **Recently Approved Development – Pending or Under Construction**

162 S. Carlisle St	R-2	LD plans have been approved to construct 3 attached residential units	<ul> <li>July 1, 2024 – Council approved final land development plans</li> <li>Actively under construction with Keller Engineering providing inspection services</li> </ul>
American Legion	R-2	<ul> <li>Final SD/LD plan for the construction of an additional parking area</li> <li>Net gain of 31 stalls</li> <li>Stormwater management</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>June 2, 2025 – Council conditionally approved final plans</li> <li>Final plans, signed agreements, and bonding has been submitted         <ul> <li>Plan recorded August 29, 2025</li> </ul> </li> <li>Land use permit not yet received</li> </ul>
Buchanan Flats	R-2	10 multi-family structures     2 buildings = 48 units in     Borough, total 288 units	<ul> <li>June 26, 2023 - Council conditionally approved LD plans</li> <li>Phasing plans submitted February 14, 2025</li> <li>All updated agreements and bonding have been submitted, plans to be signed &amp; recorded</li> <li>Initial tree removal work approved to proceed &amp; underway</li> <li>Keller Engineering providing inspection services</li> </ul>

#### Personnel

Task	Report	Timeline
Full-Time Police Officer Hiring	<ul> <li>The 2025 budget was approved including the hiring of 1 additional full-time officer, with the loss of Officer Miller there are currently two budgeted positions open</li> <li>Two different rounds of Civil Service examinations are underway         <ul> <li>Initial testing resulted in one qualified candidate to be certified on the Civil Service Commission eligibility list</li> <li>Second round of testing is underway, the written exam was conducted on August 25<sup>th</sup>, results under review</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	May & Jun – 1 <sup>st</sup> round of CSC examinations  Jul & Aug – 2 <sup>nd</sup> round of CSC examinations  Sep – 1 FT hiring from initial eligibility list  Oct – 1 FT hiring from second eligibility list
Public Works Manager Hiring	<ul> <li>Current Public Works Manager Bob Manahan has provided notice of his intention to retire</li> <li>Staff will work to begin the interview process evaluating candidates to fill this critical position</li> </ul>	Sep – advertise the position Oct – interviews Nov – hiring decision

# Public Facilities – NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am

Task	Report	Timeline
Active Committee Tasks	<ul> <li>N. Carlisle Street finalization: Ardex vandalism &amp; repairs</li> <li>FY 2023 CDBG Flashing Beacon Project design</li> <li>Sycamore shade tree inspection report review</li> <li>Sewer force main inspection &amp; follow up Colonial Dr work</li> <li>Traffic calming measures – Moss Spring &amp; Homestead Dr</li> <li>Bridge maintenance phase 1 specifications</li> <li>Chapter 166 – stormwater ordinance update</li> </ul>	Next meeting date – September 18 <sup>th</sup> at 9am
2019 CDBG ADA Ramps	<ul> <li>Scope: install 42 ADA ramps at various locations</li> <li>Funding = \$289,500.00, extension granted until July 2025</li> <li>Update:         <ul> <li>Increase in funding approved now totaling \$310,546.82, reimbursement pending</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	May – construction finalized Aug – additional funding approved Sep – reimbursement
2022 CDBG: Walter Ave & Rt. 11 Intersection	<ul> <li>Scope: install pedestrian crosswalk signals, ADA ramps, reconfigure crosswalks on three corners of intersection, incorporate a left turn signal option on Rt. 11</li> <li>Funding = \$286,103.00</li> <li>Budgeted engineering = \$40,000 for design, bid, permits         <ul> <li>To date \$39,132.43 paid to ARRO for engineering</li> </ul> </li> <li>Update:         <ul> <li>Utility pole relocation on the SW corner approved by Council at a cost of \$7,061.52, currently being moved by utility companies</li> <li>Council awarded the project to Ganoe Paving for an initial bid price of \$217,743.00</li> <li>Salzmann Hughes reviewing the contract documents</li> <li>Construction schedule to be determined after pole relocation has been completed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Feb – PennDOT approved HOP & signal permit  May – Council review of plans & authorization to bid  Jul – award project  Sep to EOY – construction  May 20, 2026 – funding deadline
2023 CDBG Flashing Beacon: E. Baltimore St & S. Ridge Ave	<ul> <li>Scope: install flashing beacon on E. Baltimore Street at the S. Ridge Avenue crosswalk</li> <li>Funding: \$54,210.00 for engineering &amp; installation</li> <li>Update:         <ul> <li>Council approved an engineering proposal from FSA for a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00</li> <li>Draft plans submitted by FSA and reviewed by the Public Facilities Committee, to be submitted to PennDOT for HOP approval prior to proceeding</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jul – approve engineer  Sep – PennDOT review & approval of HOP  Oct – execute project  Jul 2027 – funding deadline

Green Light Go Grant	<ul> <li>Scope: funding awarded to update the signal controllers, intersection traffic cameras, and pedestrian signals at all three signalized intersections</li> <li>Funding = \$229,080.00</li> <li>Budgeted engineering = \$22,550.00 for design &amp; permits</li> <li>Update:         <ul> <li>HOP &amp; signal permits submitted for PennDOT review</li> <li>Public Facilities reviewed options for modifying the stop bar locations and parking spaces at the Washington &amp; Baltimore Street intersection to improve traffic flow and public safety</li> <li>Signal maintenance contractor will provide a COSTARS quote for the approved equipment and installation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Aug – updated signal permits to PennDOT  Sep – PennDOT review  Oct – Council approval of COSTARS quote  Oct to EOY – construction  May 2026 – GLG funding deadline
2025 CDBG Application: W. Walter Avenue ADA Improvements	<ul> <li>Staff submitted an application for funding consideration</li> <li>Improvements include sidewalks, ADA ramps, and flashing beacons to be installed around the traffic island at the intersection of W. Walter and Williamson Avenue</li> </ul>	Aug – grant application submitted for review Oct – potential funding determination
N. Carlisle Street Project Finalization	<ul> <li>Sidewalk repairs are needed to finalize the project</li> <li>Ardex repairs will be completed in the early fall to address vandalism damage</li> <li>Corrections to the Life Center ramp</li> </ul>	Sep – resident communication, repairs & project completed
Walter Avenue Bridge Maintenance Project	<ul> <li>Scope: complete all top of bridge deck area maintenance items identified in the 2024 Franklin County inspection report as completed by HRG</li> <li>Budget:         <ul> <li>Engineering = \$11,500.00 approved for HRG</li> <li>Construction = anticipated to be less than \$23,800.00</li> </ul> </li> <li>Update:         <ul> <li>Site visit conducted by HRG, repair plan design and instructions for contractors being drafted for review</li> <li>Quote package to be provided to several contractors as recommended by HRG</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jun – Council approved HRG proposal  Sep – specifications to contractors, requests for proposals  Sep – contractor quotes received  Oct – Council awards project  EOY – Phase 1 maintenance work completed

## **Public Safety**

Task	Report	Timeline
Active & Requested Topics for Committee Review	<ul> <li>Police Department updated policies and procedures</li> <li>11 N. Carlisle Street</li> <li>Traffic concerns as received</li> <li>Shade tree trimming &amp; removal due to utility conflicts</li> <li>Stop sign request – intersection of Church Ln &amp; Windsor</li> <li>Linden &amp; Madison Street increased traffic flows</li> </ul>	Next meeting date – TBD
PennDOT Correspondence	<ul> <li>Letters sent to PennDOT from staff and Mayor Thomas requesting additional signage regulating truck traffic on S. Washington Street and restricting oversized loads</li> <li>Coordination with PennDOT needed to install additional signage along Rt. 11 to deter trucks from using S. Washington Street</li> </ul>	Jun 18 – letters sent to PennDOT Aug 4 – PennDOT response received
Ordinance 2025-02: Handicap Parking	<ul> <li>Handicap parking requests received for E. Madison Street and S. Carlisle Street, both requests incorporated</li> <li>Ordinance advertised, enacted by Council in August</li> <li>Staff notified requestors and will be installing signage</li> </ul>	Jul – Council authorized advertisement Aug – Council enacted ordinance
Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant	<ul> <li>Funding in the amount of \$122,000 has been approved for the purchase of following police equipment:         <ul> <li>5 vehicle radios</li> <li>4 mobile video recorders (MVRs)</li> <li>Upgraded officer workstations &amp; laptops in the cruisers</li> </ul> </li> <li>Staff has completed all approved purchases and will submit for reimbursement</li> </ul>	Nov 2023 – grant funding approval  Jun & Aug – modification requests approved  Aug – final purchases  Sep 30 – funding deadline  Dec – reimbursement

- Significant façade damage to the Franklin House at 11 N.
   Carlisle Street first observed in late July 2025
- Borough staff has maintained consistent communication and coordination with the property owner and the Public Safety Group
- Structural engineer Dan Matonak has evaluated the condition of the building and provided a formal report
- The engineer's report confirms approximately half of the west façade wall is undergoing progressive collapse, with additional portions at risk of failure
- Recommendations included closing a portion of N. Carlisle Street, installing jersey barrier protection, restricting occupancy within 20 feet of the façade, and further evaluating the structural integrity of the remaining walls
- Public Works has installed barricades and closed the impacted portion of N. Carlisle St to protect public safety
- Coordination continues with PMCA, the property owner, & Borough to monitor and address ongoing safety concerns
- All Borough-incurred costs related to this public safety matter, including inspections and barricade installation, will be rebilled to the property owner
- Barricades and traffic restrictions will remain in place until the immediate public safety risks have been resolved
- Property owner's structural engineer has provided an additional structural investigation and stabilization plan which is currently being reviewed by the Borough
- Pending review of secondary engineering report, the remaining façade wall section will be stabilized per the guidance of the structural engineers
- Permitting and confirmation of the planned scope of work is required before remediation efforts can proceed

- Jul 10 Borough staff made initial contact with property owners based on scaffolding installation
- Jul 17 construction fencing installed as Borough requested
- Jul 23 removal of a portion of the brick façade wall
- Jul 28 initial PMCA inspection
- Aug 5 structural engineer inspection
- Aug 6 onsite meeting with Council members, staff, Public Safety Workgroup, and owner
- Aug 7 installation of barricades & traffic restrictions in place
- Aug 28 secondary engineering report received
- Sep scope of repairs submitted and to be reviewed, permitting pending
- Oct repairs completed & roadway opened

#### **Public Works Department Operational Updates**

- PA One Calls 103 completed in August, YTD total = 584 with a 100% response rating
  - Includes marking utilities for any digging, upcoming construction work, and/or development projects
- Street sweeping, seasonal mowing, landscaping, alley tree trimming
- Old Home Week efforts and clean up
- Sewer manhole lid maintenance and sewer lateral repairs related to Columbia Gas project
- Crosswalk painting

11 N. Carlisle Street

Façade Failure –

**Public Safety** 

Response

- Plaza project work preparation of lot for Shockey donor recognition ceremony
- 11 N. Carlisle Street coordination attending on site meetings with property owners & engineers

## **Sewer Administrative Updates**

Task	Report	Timeline
Force Main Cleaning & Televising Project	<ul> <li>Scope: clean and televise 5100 LF of sewer force mains</li> <li>S. Carlisle Street – installed in the 1950s</li> </ul>	Jun – Council approval of COSTARS APS quote
	<ul> <li>Colonial Drive – installed in the 1960s</li> <li>Budget: <ul> <li>American Pipeline Solution (APS) = \$210,000.00</li> <li>T. Byers = \$19,780.00 for the installation of a new manhole for access to the Colonial Drive force main</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jul – manhole installed, work completed on Carlisle St. force main Sep – quotes received to replace deteriorated portion of Colonial Dr.
	<ul> <li>Update:         <ul> <li>Given significant scaling found in the Colonial Drive force main, staff is working to get quotes to replace the deteriorated end portion of the main</li> <li>Replacement work to be completed as soon as possible</li> <li>Remainder of the contracted inspection work to be completed by APS by the end of the year</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	force main  Oct – quote to Council for review & execute replacement work  EOY – APS to complete the evaluation of the Colonial Dr force main
Antrim Township Inter-Municipal Agreement (No Change)	<ul> <li>Current agreement was established in March of 1990 outlining terms for the Borough's treatment of sewage received from residents located in Antrim Township</li> <li>Agreement reserves a maximum flow of 200,000 gallons per day, tying up a considerable amount of plant capacity</li> <li>Normal daily flow received from Antrim Township customers is approximately 20,000 gallons per day</li> <li>Township and Borough staff are working to produce a final draft agreement for both bodies to consider</li> </ul>	Jul 2024 – staff's initial contact with Township regarding agreement  2025 – Council to authorize execution of new intermunicipal agreement
PA Small Water & Sewer Program Grant Application (No Change)	<ul> <li>Staff worked with Keller Engineering to submit a PA Small Water &amp; Sewer Program grant application</li> <li>In fall of 2024 ARPA funds were used to clean and televise over 37,000 feet of the sewer collection system         <ul> <li>Significant infiltration was discovered, the most critical areas were identified for inclusion in this project</li> </ul> </li> <li>Seeking \$425,000.00 in funding to replace 6,000 feet of 8" clay sewer pipe         <ul> <li>100 lateral customer reconnections</li> <li>Borough's matching requirement would be \$75,000.00</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Apr 25 <sup>th</sup> – submittal of grant application Feb 2026 – anticipated grant award announcements by the CFA Board
Sewer Ordinance Chapter 155 (No Change)	<ul> <li>More comprehensive; provides greater protection for the Borough and clearer specification of sewer regulations</li> <li>Salzmann Hughes is reviewing and preparing the document for Council consideration</li> </ul>	Aug 2024 – legal review 2025 – Council review & enactment of updated ordinance