

**BOROUGH OF GREENCASTLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

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

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

An invocation was provided by Pastor Jeff Ehko.

President Faight led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

On an Amsley/Burkholder motion, the Council unanimously voted to approve the proposed agenda for the September 2, 2025, regular Council Meeting.

Opportunity to be Heard

No public comments provided.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a Reagan/Amsley motion, Council unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Borough Council Meeting of August 11, 2025

Approve Trick or Treat to be held on Thursday, October 30, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a rain date of Friday, October 31, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Approve the Greencastle Christmas Parade to begin at 9:21 a.m. on Saturday, November 22nd to follow the traditional route and authorize no parking and road closures as outlined in the correspondence received from VerStandig Media.

Authorize the deployment of purple string lights on the Center Square pole lights to recognize September as National Recovery Month as requested by the Franklin-Fulton County Drug and Alcohol Program.

Accept the year end December 31, 2024 Audited Financial Statements as prepared by Boyer & Ritter LLC.

Accept the Police and Non-Uniform 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation Memorandum as prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer.

REGULAR AGENDA

Payment of Bills

On a Reagan/Amsley motion, the Council unanimously voted to affirm the disbursements listed on the August 2025 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$275,515.68.

Reports from Elected Officials

Mayor's Report

Mayor Thomas reported on recent community activities, including the conclusion of the 42nd Triennial Greencastle-Antrim Old Home Week and ribbon-cutting ceremonies for local businesses. Thomas highlighted the

Community Service Citation presented to the Paul and Anna Shockey Foundation in recognition of their contribution to the Town Hall Plaza Project. Mayor Thomas was also joined by Waynesboro Mayor Dade Royer, who referenced a friendly wager between the two Mayors on their respective high school football teams, which resulted in Mayor Thomas wearing a Waynesboro Indians shirt during the meeting.

On a Burkholder/Reagan motion, the Council unanimously voted to support the Mayor's recommendation for the creation of a task force for the mitigation of downtown thru truck traffic.

Police Department Report

Chief Batistig reviewed the August 2025 calls for service and highlighted community involvement and training initiatives. Officers participated in a local Back-to-School event to strengthen community relationships, while four officers were certified as Taser 10 instructors during a training session that included practical exercises and virtual reality scenarios.

Manager's Report

Little provided an update on current and upcoming projects and distributed the publicly advertised 2026 Budget Meeting Schedule. Little reported on the Town Hall Plaza project, noting the successful donor recognition ceremony held at the plaza lot on August 27. Little also reviewed the recent sycamore tree inspection report and identified an upcoming unbudgeted sewer replacement project on the Colonial Drive force main.

President's Report

President Faight identified the donation in the amount of \$300,000.00 received from the Paul and Anna Shockey Foundation in support of the Town Hall Plaza Project and thanked Councilman Albert Miller for his efforts related to the plaza project.

Committee Action

Personnel

On a Reagan/Burkholder motion, the Council unanimously voted to approve the employment of Jadan Morrow to fulfill a budgeted full-time Police Officer position with the Greencastle Police Department based on the certified list of eligible candidates as confirmed by the Borough's Civil Service Commission dated September 2, 2025 conditional on the satisfactory completion of all pre-employment evaluations.

On a Reagan/Stenger motion, the Council unanimously voted to approve the employment of Christopher Buterbaugh to fulfill a part-time Police Officer position conditional on the satisfactory completion of all pre-employment evaluations and background confirmations.

Correspondence

None.

Final Comments

Burkholder – thanked the residents for attending the meeting

Mayor Thomas – reminded everyone of the 9/11 Weekend of Unity including the Walk of Remembrance to be held on Saturday, September 6th starting at 8:30 a.m.

Adjourn

On an Amsley/Reagan motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilee Little
Borough Secretary