

**BOROUGH OF GREENCASTLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ben Thomas, Council President Steven Miller, Councilmembers: H. Duane Kinzer, Frank Webster Jr., Larry Faight and Matthew Smith. Also present were Borough Manager Eden Ratliff, and Finance/HR Manager Lorraine Hohl.

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

Councilmember Webster gave the invocation.

President Miller led the Council, staff and audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

President Miller noted that the meeting was being recorded by staff for the purposes of recording the meeting.

Ratliff delivered a presentation to the Mayor, Council, and public on the following proposed budgets:

Budget	Total Revenue	Total Expenditures	Revenue Rate
General Fund:	\$1,839,230.00	\$1,757,730.44	15 Mills in Taxes (no change from 2018)
Sewer Fund:	\$1,083,248.00	\$1,058,809.88	\$77.40 for 9,000 gallons (no change from 2018)
Storm Water Fund:	\$658,440.00	\$246,934.00	Rate Structure Seen Below

Storm Water Pollutant Impact Fee Breakdown

	Annual Fee/Rate	Quarterly Fee/Rate
Residential	\$160.00	\$40.00
Institutional/Church	\$500.00	\$125.00
Commercial	\$1,600.00	\$400.00

Mayor Thomas delivered an excellent presentation to the Council and public on the proposed Police Department budget. Mayor Thomas noted the need for two additional fulltime police patrolmen and a 4th police department patrol car.

Total Expenditures

Police Department Budget	\$764,454.00
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Council debated whether or not to reduce the real estate tax millage by half a mill due to the expected general fund surplus.

Council noted deep concerns about the proposed Storm Water Pollutant Impact fee and the impact it would have on the nosiness community. They collectively indicated the need for additional public vetting.

Opportunity to be Heard:

Council President Miller invited citizens to address Council on issues of concern and reminded the audience of the public comment policy.

Charlie Eckstine of 64 Williamson Avenue explained to Council that the impact of the Storm Water Pollutant Impact fee was less than equitable. He noted that Shop and Save produces much more storm water runoff than the tax office yet both would be receiving the same fee. Mr. Eckstine also noted that he did not feel as though taxes should be reduced as the funds will be needed in the future even if not in 2019.

Wade Burkholder of 235 E. Baltimore Street indicated that he too felt as though taxes should not be reduced and stressed the burden the proposed Storm Water Pollutant Impact fee would have.

REGULAR AGENDA

On a Webster/Faight motion the Council voted 4-1 (Kinzer opposed) to preliminarily adopt an advertised the 2019 Municipal General Fund and Sewer Fund Budgets.

Kinzer and Faight made a motion and second to adopt the 2019 Tax Ordinance set at 14.5 mills.

After discussion Kinzer and Faight withdrew their motions,

On a Faight/Smith motion the Council voted unanimously to authorize creation and advertisement of the 2019 Tax Ordinance set at 15 mills.

Council agreed to set another Special Council meeting on Thursday November 1, 218 at 7:00p.m. to discuss the creation of a storm water utility.

Mr., Kinzer made comments to Mr. Eckstine about his land development plan submitted earlier in the year. Mr., Kinzer explained that he and the Council supported the plan and would like to see its resubmission.

Mr. Eckstine explained that he felt as though he was not treated fairly and that things were done without his knowledge. He also asked for clarification as to why a meeting was held about his plans after the June 2018 Council meeting.

Mr. Ratliff explained that the Community Development Committee of Council was seeking legal advice which they were permitted to do without public attendance.

Mayor Thomas explained that he would be conducting research on debt service options when it came to the Borough's storm water obligations.

On a Webster/Kinzer motion the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eden R. Ratliff,
Borough Manager