

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF GREENCASTLE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 5, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Eberly. Council President Frank Webster, Jr., Council Members Charles Eckstine, James Farley, Duane Kinzer, Matthew Smith. Absent were Larry Faight, and Craig Myers. Also present was Borough Manager Eden Ratliff. Borough Secretary Ericka Faight was absent.

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

Resident Steve Miller gave the invocation.

President Webster led the meeting in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

President Frank Webster announced that Council held an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss matters of potential litigation.

**Public Comment**

Michele Emmett of 329 Grant St. requested that Council Meeting agendas be placed on the borough website in advance of the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***Minutes of previous meetings:***

On an Eckstine/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to approve Borough Council Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2017.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Report of Disbursement and Payment of Bills**

On a Farley/Kinzer motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the May 2017 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$59,249.17.

**Reports from Elected Officials**

**President's Report**

President Webster gave recognition to Council for donating money to make the employee appreciation cookout possible. He gave special recognition to Councilmen Larry Faight who cooked for the event.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Eberly and Chief Phillippy presented the Greencastle Police Department report for the month of May. Chief Phillippy explained that the interface of the reporting system may be skewed due a technical issue with Franklin County.

Chief Phillippy highlighted a violent domestic abuse incident where Officer Strayer splendidly handled a difficult case.

Chief Phillippy highlighted another incident where Officer Russel and K9 Officer Rony were able to confiscate heroin in a situation made more difficult by atmospheric conditions.

### **Reports from Committees**

A Presentation was given by Peter Lagiovane from Fair Districts Pa on the impacts of gerrymandering congressional districts in Pennsylvania. Mr. Lagiovane requested that Council adopt a resolution supporting the creation of an independent redistricting commission

On a Kinzer/Farley motion Council voted 3-2 to approve the proposed resolution concerning the initiative for the State Legislature to create an independent redistricting commission. Eckstein and Webster opposed.

Councilmen Kinzer indicated his displeasure that other Councilmen voted against the resolution. President Webster and Councilmen Eckstein explained that they felt there was more research that needed to be conducted and that it would be more appropriate to entertain the resolution when the full body of Council was present.

#### **A. Administration & Finance:**

#### **B. Personnel:**

1. On a Smith/Kinzer motion, Council voted unanimously to appoint Justin Ross to the Civil Service Commission to fill the unexpired term ending 12/21/2019.

#### **C. Public Safety:**

1. On a Kinzer/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to authorize a request from the Rescue Hose Company No. 1 to hold their Annual Fireman's Carnival from Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> through Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 407 S. Washington St and to provide proof of liability insurance with the Borough of Greencastle listed as an additional insurer. Furthermore, authorize the closure of S. Washington St. from Leitersburg St. to Maple Ave. from 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M each day of the carnival at the recommendation of the Police Chief.
2. On a Farley/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to authorize a request from All Points East Outdoors to utilize the triangle area south of Mifflin Ln.; north of Madison St.; east of N. Jefferson St.; and west of Elm St.; from 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. during sidewalk days on July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>, and post it as no parking, for their archery tag game and to provide proof of liability insurance with the Borough of Greencastle listed as an additional insurer.

#### **D. Public Facilities:**

Manager Ratliff gave an overview of the sidewalk and curb maintenance program highlighting some of the feedback that was given to the Borough Office after the maintenance letters were sent out to the Northeast quadrant of town.

Ratliff explained that the Ebbitt's of Moss Springs sent a letter to the Borough of Greencastle that echoes a lot of the concerns that have been voiced to the Borough office.

One item that Ratliff and the borough staff are going to look into is the absence of clarity surrounding the curb and sidewalk appeals process. Ratliff indicated that changes can be made to better inform the public to their appeal rights.

Ratliff also explained that the Public Facilities Committee should look into the current specifications to see whether or not a one inch gap between the curb and sidewalk panel constitutes a trip hazard. The current specs indicate that one inch or greater is a trip hazard. Members of the public vehemently disagree.

**E. Community Development:**

**F. Correspondence:**

**Reports from Council Members**

Councilmen Smith: None

Councilmen Farley: None

Councilmen Eckstine: None

President Webster: None

Councilmen Kinzer made comments that require no action.

On a Kinzer/Farley motion the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eden R. Ratliff  
Borough Manager