

BOROUGH OF GREENCASTLE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MAYOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, STAFF, AND OUR CITIZENS
Presented August 13, 2019

PROJECT:	SUMMARY:
<i>40TH Triennial G-A Old Home Week:</i>	My sincere congratulations to 40 th Triennial G-A Old Home Week President Andy Everetts, the Officers, Committee Chairs, and the hundreds of volunteers who made our eight day celebration a huge success. We enjoyed great weather as well. A special THANK-YOU to the Borough employees (Police and Public Works) for your sincere work ethic during preparations and every day to make Greencastle safe and clean. Public Works personnel were on the Square and about the town early in the morning. Police officers were on foot, bicycle, and motorized patrols being pro-active with no major incidents to report. Thanks to Rescue Hose Co.; Fire-police; EMS; and members. Also to Antrim Township for your assistance as well, especially on parade night. My best wishes to the new Officers for the 41 st Triennial G-A OHW in August, 2022.
<i>Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) Position:</i>	This very important position remains vacant. It is important that the Borough works to find a qualified Coordinator candidate to fill this position. The EMC requires emergency management planning and documentation of available resources in the event of an emergency for the safety of our citizens and visitors. It would be good to partner the position with Antrim Township that had been the case for many years.
<i>MS-4 Strategic Funding (Stakeholders) Task Force formation:</i>	On June 3, 2019 Council unanimously approved a RESOLUTION regarding the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and agreed to appoint a Strategic Funding Stakeholder's Task Force. I respectfully request Council now fulfill this Resolution for appointment of the Task Force. The Manager has also requested I review the SWM budget, cost estimates, projections, assumptions, etc. which I am honored to do. I continue to receive many complaints regarding the fees. To that end I desire to review the preliminary engineering projects proposals and costs; staff and new staff costs in the next four years; Partnership opportunities with other municipalities; and the proposed Orchard SWM Project.
<i>Dirk & Jenna Mowen Certificate of Appreciation:</i>	Before and during Old Home Week the Clock Tower was frequently a center of very positive comments as the fresh white paint shined with the Red, White, and Blue flying high atop Greencastle. I'm issuing a special CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION to Dirk and Jenna Mowen and request Council sign this document to display our appreciation.
<i>Web-site recommendations:</i>	The new web-site is full of information for our citizens and visitors. I recommend the 2019 budgets be placed on line along with the 2018 annual audit.

<i>Jerome R. King Playground (our recreational gem):</i>	Greencastle Police have been performing daily and nightly patrols in the Jerome R. King Playground that includes walking and bicycle citizens' contacts. Our gem is a clean, family environment available for all ages. No incidents have been reported by GPD officers. I am working with Franklin County Drug & Alcohol's Administrator, April Brown, to bring pro-active information to our citizens as her office and the Franklin County District Attorney is active throughout the County with available public education and treatment programs.
<i>Met with Vice-President Mike Pence and Second Lady Linda Pence; Congressman John Joyce; Pa. Senator Judy Ward:</i>	Over the past three weeks I have been honored to meet Vice-President and Mrs. Mike and Linda Pence on August 1 during their visit to Manitowoc in Shady Grove; Congressman John Joyce, and Pa. Senator Judy Ward bringing them all greetings from the citizens of Greencastle. Congressman Joyce and Senator Ward especially enjoyed the 40 th Triennial G-A Old Home Week as our guests. I look forward to our continued, positive relationship in support of this great Community.
<i>Single Vendor Trash / Recycling contract possibility:</i>	I continue to plant a seed originally introduced by Council member Frank Webster to consider creating a sealed bid, single source trash hauler system for Borough residents. I've been involved in such a municipal contracted program in Adams County for many years. Residents typically save money as there is only one trash truck on the street collecting and less wear and tear on our side streets. Consumers also receive the opportunity for electronic recycling during the year as well.
<i>S. Washington St. truck traffic; Continue working with Antrim Twp:</i>	Trucks continue to travel specifically north-bound on S. Washington Street into downtown. The new, small signs recently erected by PennDot are very disappointing. I plan on further discussing this public safety matter with our PS Committee and at our next joint meeting with Antrim Township. I believe it is now time for both municipalities to request a weight and size restriction traffic study in accordance with PennDot Publication 212
<i>DRAFT Ordinance in memory of Logan Starliper</i>	Researching a DRAFT Ordinance has been quite a challenge as Pennsylvania Court challenges have hampered creation of an EXCESSIVE USE OF POLICE SERVICES. West Virginia, specifically Martinsburg, WV has been successful in enforcing nuisance properties where there is consistent drug activities. I've been working with other municipalities and will continue to do so and report to the Public Safety Committee.
<i>2018 Audit Report:</i>	I look forward to reviewing the 2018 audit and will present recommendations to the Finance Committee regarding annual reconciliation comments by the auditors.
<i>Greencastle Police Commendations:</i>	As stated earlier this year, I have Commendations for GPD officers for outstanding services and investigations protecting our citizens.

	<p>As it has been a very busy year, I've not forgotten my statement and will soon present these well-deserved Commendations.</p>
<p><i>Recommend a Strategic Planning Workshop:</i></p>	<p>With the Manager and Asst. Manager's Report we have so many activities in progress. With the upcoming budget season and active projects, I suggest to our Council President that we have a public workshop for Strategic Planning to give our Staff and Committees direction as the 2020 budget is being formulated.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor

