

**BOROUGH OF GREENCASTLE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
June 3, 2019
60 N. Washington Street**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ben Thomas Jr., Council President Steven Miller, Councilmembers: H. Duane Kinzer, Frank Webster Jr., Larry Faight (via phone), Joel Amsley, Matthew Smith, and Wade Burkholder. Also present was Borough Manager Eden Ratliff.

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

Pastor Barb 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.

President Miller announced there was an Executive Session at 6:30pm before the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

On a Webster/Burkholder motion the Council voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda for June 3, 2019 regular Council Meeting.

Opportunity to be Heard:

President Miller invited Borough citizens to address Council specific issues of concern reminding them of the public comment policy.

Bill Little of 10-12-14 S. Carlisle Street noted that Council has thoroughly reviewed the logistics of the Stormwater Utility along with the in-depth engineering. Mr. Little noted the fees will be difficult and will hurt the churches.

Kendra Phiel of Baumgardner Court thanked the Chief of Police for having a local property mowed. Ms. Phiel also noted her concern about stormwater fees and encouraged the Borough to live within its means.

Rich Wertman of 212 S. Washington Street discussed concerns about his sidewalks. Specifically, he needs to make significant repairs to his sidewalks and is concerned about making them if the Gas Company is going to come and perform work that would require them to remove and replace his sidewalks. President Miller asked the Public Facilities Committee to investigate the issue.

Charlie Eckstine of 64 Williamson Avenue stated that he was disappointed at the previous Council meeting where he thought the Mayor was not treated fairly. Mr. Eckstine then reviewed some of the duties of the Mayor in a Borough including performing marriage ceremonies and breaking ties.

President Miller noted that the Council has a professional relationship with the Mayor but is very independently minded.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following is a list of routine items which do not appear to be controversial in nature and which likely do not require additional discussion. They can be acted on by one motion in their current form. If discussion is desired on any particular item, any member of Council, or the public, may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda and that item will be considered separately.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Borough Council Meeting May 6, 2019.

Borough Council Special Meeting May 20, 2019

On a Webster/Smith motion the Council voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

Payment of bills

On a Webster/Burkholder motion the Council voted unanimously to approve disbursements listed on the May 2019 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$103,397.09.

Reports from Elected Officials

President's Report

President Miller noted his pleasure with the citizen involvement at the previous Council meeting and stated it is fitting and proper for the citizens to hold their elected official accountable. President Miller also noted that the MS4 program is an unfunded federal mandate and asked Council to enact a Resolution outlining it as such.

On a Webster/Smith motion the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2019-02 requesting additional funding from the Commonwealth and Federal Governments to assist Greencastle residents in meeting MS4 sediment reduction requirements.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Thomas gave a passionate speech concerning stormwater, the unfunded federal mandate, and the importance of reasonable policies. He also gave a thorough monthly report. The speech and report are attached to the minutes.

Chief's Report

Chief Phillippy gave a thorough report that is attached to the minutes.

Manager's Report

Ratliff gave a thorough report that is attached to the minutes.

Personnel:

Public Safety:

Community Development:

Kinzer apologized for his comments about his committee at the previous Council meeting.

Administration & Finance:

Public Facilities:

Amsley announced an upcoming committee meeting.

Correspondence:

None.

Miller invited Council and Mayor to make final comments.

Burkholder: Thanked Mayor Thomas for his enlightening presentation.

Webster: None

Amsley: None

Smith: None

Kinzer: Thanked Council for adopting the Resolution and celebrated the upcoming Old Home Week.

Faight: None

Thomas: Encouraged citizens to keep coming to meetings to help him hold Council accountable.

Miller: Thanked the public and encouraged Committees to continue to meet in the Sunshine and trust each other.

On a Webster/Burkholder motion the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eden R. Ratliff,

Borough Manager