

**MINUTES
BOROUGH OF GREENCASTLE
COUNCIL MEETING
December 21, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Eberly gave the invocation and led the meeting in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Webster announced that there was an executive session at 6:00p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

President Webster announced the death of Canine Officer Rony and expressed his condolences.

Public Comment

REGULAR AGENDA

William Little stated that he has enjoyed his time in emergency services and never thought he would see the day that he would grieve the loss of a dog, he stated that Rony always had his back and the backs of all emergency personnel. Rony was also loved by children and the community. Mr. Little expressed concern for the Borough employees who have the family medical insurance plan, and the financial impact the raise in health care premiums will have on their income. Mr. little stated that the Borough has very good employees.

Wade Burkholder invited everyone to the Christmas Open House at WRGG.

Reports from Committees

Reports from Council Members

A. Administration & Finance:

1. On a Farley/Eckstine motion, Council voted unanimously to adopt the proposed 2018 municipal budget.
2. On a Smith/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to adopt a tax ordinance reflecting a tax rate of 15 mills.
3. On a Smith/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance increasing sewer rates to \$8.60 per 1,000 gallons.
4. On a Faight/Myers motion, Council voted unanimously to accept a \$25,000.00 donation to scrape and paint the Borough of Greencastle Clock Tower in 2018.

B. Personnel:

C. Public Safety:

D. Public Facilities:

E. Community Development:

F. Correspondence:

Reports from Council Members

Police Chief Phillippy explained that the department will be putting information together to build a timeline and thanked everyone for their condolences.

Mayor Eberly noted that this is the last time he will sit as Mayor and that he was looking to get to vote one more time. He thanked everyone for the privilege to serve for the last 12 years.

Mr. Farley offered his condolences for the tragic event and noted that most of us have had to put down our best friend. Mr. Farley stated that this has been a profound emotional event.

Mr. Eckstine stated that until you see someone who loves their pet, you don't know how important animals are.

Mr. Myers stated that there has been an outpouring of support in the Borough and surrounding communities that has left him speechless. He said that sometimes you don't know how many people you have touched until it is too late and he challenged everyone to continue to come together.

Mr. Faight stated that he was a very big supporter of Rony and expressed his condolences to Officer Russell.

Mr. Kinzer thanked everyone who gets involved and encouraged everyone to continue to be involved. He also thanked everyone who decorated their house for Christmas.

Mr. Coccorese stated that Solicitor Wisner was sorry he couldn't be in attendance, but he wished everyone a Merry Christmas from everyone at Salzmans Hughes.

Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka Faight
Borough Secretary