

**BOROUGH OF GREENCASTLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ben Thomas Jr., Council President Steven Miller, Council members: H. Duane Kinzer, Frank Webster Jr., Larry Faight, Matthew Smith, and Wade Burkholder. Also present were Borough Manager Lorraine Hohl, Billing & Program Coordinator Emilee Little, and Chief of Police John Phillippy. Council member Joel Amsley participated via phone.

President Miller called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

An invocation was given by Councilmen Webster.

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.

Opportunity to be Heard:

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

Pat Fridgen of 781 S. Allison Street stated her opinion that the Council has been inconsistent with decision making. She noted specifically the position of Assistant Borough Manager, sidewalks, and now stormwater. Fridgen added many people are impacted by this Council's decisions and wished the Council well going forward.

Joe Crouse of 41 Edward Drive questioned the enforcement of the Borough's weed ordinance. Crouse stated he has voiced grievances for 3 years and no one has done anything.

Brian Harbaugh, co-owner of JCH Associates, commented on the agenda item to rescind the previous motion postponing the stormwater fees. Harbaugh stated that if Council decides to keep this fee, it should be confirmed that the fee is 100% correct, otherwise the previous motion should stand.

Charlie Eckstine of 64 Williamson Avenue questioned the proposed amendment to the pension plan. Eckstine also extended his support for the Mayor's recommended MS4 stakeholders task force.

Kendra File of 30 Baumgardner Drive discussed the scheduling of a public MS4 meeting.

Stephanie Harbaugh of JCH Associates stated she felt hopeful after the previous Council meeting but she was very displeased with the agenda item to rescind putting MS4 fees on hold. Harbaugh requested an itemized list showing where stormwater revenue is to be spent. She questioned why it has taken this long for Council to analyze the fee.

Harold South of 395 Wayburn Street stated his neighborhood has no storm sewers and questioned why this fee is being charged if the water only soaks into the ground.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Borough Council Meeting: October 7, 2019.

Borough Council Special Meeting: Budget Workshop on October 30, 2019.

Accept resignation of Len Trautner from the Zoning Hearing Board effective October 15, 2019.

Accept resignation of Kim Trautner from the Sidewalk Board of Appeals effective October 15, 2019.

Accept the promotion of Emilee Little to the position of Finance/HR Manager effective October 21, 2019.

Approve Incognito Tattoo to hold a promotional event with Surfin' Cow Comics on November 14, 2019 at 15 Center Square, closing the parking spaces on the southeast corner of the square and the usage of square electricity.

Consider the approval of the Greencastle Christmas Parade to be held at 9:21a.m. on November 23, 2019 and authorize no parking and road closures as outlined in the correspondence received October 29, 2019.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Payment of bills

On a Webster/Smith motion the Council voted unanimously to approve disbursements listed on the October 2019 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$82,834.37.

Reports from Elected Officials

President's Report

President Miller summarized information he obtained at the October 24th grant funding workshop held by Senator Judy Ward. Miller stated the Borough has applied for a grant associated with the Besore Library stormwater project. President Miller stated it is frustrating but it is important we are persistent in order to get DEP and legislators attention to obtain relief.

Mayor's Report

The mayor referenced a response letter indicating PennDOT's commitment to install truck restriction signage on S. Washington Street. Mayor Thomas gave an overview of his community involvement including attending John Kinney's 102nd birthday celebration. The Mayor communicated his efforts in obtaining relief for the Borough relative to its MS4 requirements and various approaches that may be practically implemented going forward.

Chief's Report

Chief Phillippy highlighted October's service calls and notable events pertaining to the police department. Phillippy commented on police presence at different community events including Trick or Treat and the annual Fish-with-a-Cop outing. Phillippy emphasized the calls for service has increased 42% from last year.

Manager's Report

Lorraine Hohl gave an inclusive report documenting updates on community events, Borough development, and 2020 budget proceedings. Hohl gave an overview of the grant proposal submitted to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation associated with the bioretention raingarden at the Besore Library. Public safety and facilities updates, including flashing crosswalk beacons and truck restrictions, were also discussed.

1. Administration & Finance:

1. On a Webster/Faight motion the Council voted unanimously to authorize the execution of a quote from Pryz Water Supply Co. Inc in the amount of \$11,985.00 to replace the dechlorination pumps at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.
2. On a Smith/Webster motion the Council voted unanimously to authorize the execution of a quote from Coastal Technical Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$7,467.75 to replace the chlorine storage tank at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.
3. On a Webster/Burkholder motion the Council voted unanimously to approval of the 2020 Franklin County Area Tax Board 2020 Operating Budget and the renewal terms of the current representative for 2020 calendar year.

2. Personnel:

1. On a Webster/Faight motion the Council voted unanimously to consider Ordinance 2019-05 to amend the Non-Uniform Pension Plan Document to modify the accrued benefit formula to 2% of average compensation effective January 1, 2020.

3. Public Safety:

4. Public Facilities:

1. On a Kinzer/Amsley motion the Council voted unanimously to approve the unnamed alley between East Madison Street and connecting to North Ridge Avenue to be named Foley Lane.
2. On a Webster/Smith motion the Council voted 6-1 (Kinzer opposed) to approve Degrange Concrete to install the final three sidewalks within the 2016 Sidewalk Implementation Program in the amount of \$11,157.00.
3. On a Webster/Smith motion the Council voted 6-1 (Kinzer opposed) to approve Ganoë Paving to make blacktop repairs due to the installation of the final three sidewalks within the 2016 Sidewalk Implementation Program in the amount of \$2,454.00.
4. On a Webster/Kinzer motion the Council voted unanimously to approve the authorization to send the Corrective Action Plan response letter as written by WM. F. Hill & Associates, Inc. regarding the Carlisle Street Pumping Station to PA-DEP as obligated.
5. Councilmen Amsley's motion to consider rescinding the motion to suspend the January 2020 collection of the Stormwater Pollutant Impact Fees, pending an independent engineer's review of the fee and related calculations, was not seconded and therefore the motion to rescind did not carry.
6. On a Webster/Smith motion the Council voted unanimously to consider the submission of a waiver request to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in response to MS4 obligations stated in the Borough of Greencastle's PAG-13 General Permit based on the need to collect sediment data in designated outfalls.
7. On a Webster/Faight motion the council voted unanimously to amend the agenda and open discussions relative to additional Public Facilities matters.
8. Councilmen Kinzer made a motion to proceed with billing the standard January 2020 stormwater fee, while efforts are being made with DEP to seek a waiver and obtain relief. Webster second.
 - a. On a Webster/Faight motion the council voted unanimously to allow for public comments relative to the proposed Kinzer/Webster motion to proceed with billing the SPIF.
 1. Charles Eckstine questioned the consistency of Council decisions.
 2. Brian Harbaugh stated if Council is unsure of the fee there shouldn't be a fee.
 3. Councilmen Smith stated Council shouldn't go back on what was decided last month.
 4. Councilmen Webster stated the Borough may spend \$50,000 on engineering and still have to charge the same fees.
 5. Councilmen Burkholder questioned if a previous MS4 appeal process occurred.
 6. Councilmen Faight stated Council cannot go back and change what happened previously but Council needs to keep their promises to the public.
 7. Tim Federoff, 180 Baumgardner Dr, questioned why the Borough created a stormwater utility.
 8. Kendra File requested the review of the fee examine which costs are appropriate to be charged to the stormwater fund.
 9. Councilmen Kinzer stated he has always voted against MS4 and he has confidence there will be a reduction. Kinzer stated his concern is more related to the budget and timing if the January fee is postponed.
 - b. Councilmen Kinzer rescinded his motion to proceed with the January 2020 stormwater billing.

5. Community Development:

1. On a Webster/Faight motion the council voted unanimously to consider the approval of a waiver request from United Enterprises Construction LLC at 301 S. Antrim Way as recommended by the Planning Commission.

6. Correspondence:

1. Strathmeade Apartment submitted for the Council to consider the reduction of the sewer bill for 75-79 Eastern Ave in the amount of \$980.40 from the third quarter 2019 billing.
2. Thank you notes from middle school students, collected as a part of Make a Difference Day, were displayed to Council.

7. Final Comments:

Burkholder: None

Webster: Thanked the public for their input.

Smith: None.

Amsley: None.

Kinzer: Commented on the truck traffic signage, Farmers Market, and MS4. Thanked community for involvement.

Thomas: There should be a fee, but it needs to be fair and reasonable.

Faight: None.

Miller: "We appreciate all of you (public)."

On a Webster/Burkholder motion the Council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Hohl
Borough Manager