

MINUTES
GREENCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 2, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Eberly gave the invocation.

President Webster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Webster announced that Council held an executive session at 6:00p.m to discuss a potential litigation issue.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Public Comment

Charles Byers, 38 Williamson Avenue, asked why one side of Williamson had received letters to install sidewalks and the other side did not. Manager Armstrong the Borough is still working on a concept for the east side of the street and that concept, once finalized, will be presented at a future Council Meeting. Mr. Byers asked if those residents would receive a deadline extension, Ms. Armstrong noted that they would receive an extension because the concept plan.

Bill Hudson, 339 Jopa Road, voiced concern about sidewalks being installed in and surrounding Orchard Circle and asked if all properties in that area will be required to have sidewalks installed by the end of 2016. Ms. Armstrong replied that the engineer has determined that four properties have received notice to proceed with installation of sidewalks at this time. Mr. Hudson expressed concern that any additional sidewalks in and around the area will only increase the storm water drainage issue that already exists and insisted that the something has to be done by the Borough to address the problem. He also didn't agree that there is a fee to go before the Appeals Board.

Mr. Kinzer asked if Mr. Hudson had received a letter to install sidewalks and her replied that he had not received a letter, he was speaking in general terms.

Mr. Myers noted that the Borough is aware of the storm water problem and an effective solution needs to be found. Ms. Armstrong noted that a proposal to address the issue will most likely come before Council next year sometime.

Kendra 30 Baumgardner Drive, expressed concerned with the proposed removal of a traffic island in her neighborhood and asked Council to consider not removing the island as she believes it will create a safety hazard of children the area if it is removed. Ms. Also asked if there is a plan to add section eight housing where the old Agway building. Mr. Eckstine assured her that that was absolutely not a proposed use for the site and noted that the plan for the traffic island was not to remove it entirely, but to make it more narrow so two vehicles could pass.

Denis Urban, 250 Moss Spring Avenue, expressed concern with parking in the square, she owns Anna's Paper Works and her business is effected by tenants in the surrounding apartment buildings using the metered parking all day. She has spoken to the land lord who states that there is nothing he can do about where his tenants park. She has observed officers writing tickets, the cars moving, and then immediately returning to the same spot. She thanked Chief Phillippy for listening to her whine and noted that the issue is made worse because the tenants are on a month to month basis and each time new tenants arrive the problem starts over.

Joe Crouse, 41 Edward Drive, was in favor of reducing the size of the traffic island to allow for two lanes of traffic and also voiced concern with Myer's Implements letting their truck idle for 30-40 minutes before taking off. Mr. Crouse also requested an additional streetlight on Edward Drive.

Wade Burkholder, 235 E. Baltimore Street, requested an update on the street lighting. Manager Armstrong noted that the Public Works Supervisor has reached out to West Penn Power to request and update and has not heard back. Mr. Burkholder also asked why the Borough will not be taking small electronics during this year's Bulk Item Drop Off. Manager Armstrong explained that the issue is at the state level and steps are being taken to at the state level to address the issue.

Sue Miller, 38 Baumgardner Drive, spoke in opposition of the removal of the traffic island, although she understands if it needs reduced in size. She stated that more young families have moved into the area and there is an increase number of children playing in the street.

Mr. Myers noted that when they looked at that area they noticed a basketball hoop at the street which promotes children playing in the street, and that most of the conversation around keeping the island is centered on children playing in the street which is worrisome. Mr. Myers asked if the Council if they should be making it safer for kids to play in the street or be making it safer for traffic flow.

CONSENT AGENDA

On an Eckstine/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agenda item:

Minutes of previous meetings:

Borough Council Meeting of April 4, 2016.

Attendance Approvals:

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Report of Disbursement and Payment of Bills

On a Faight/Myers motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the April 2016 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$86,227.88.

President's Report

None.

Mayor's Report

Chief Phillippy reported that the department is doing the best they can with overtime hours, and the last month has been eventful with several pursuits and noted that the anti-overdose drug was administered by the department for the first time.

Mr. Kinzer asked once again for the year review on the police report.

Reports from Committees

A. Personnel:

1. On a Farley/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Leonard Trautner to the Greencastle Borough Zoning Hearing Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Emile Charest. Term will become effective immediately and shall expire December 31, 2017.
2. On a Kinzer/Eckstine motion, Council voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Ann Schnabel to the Greencastle Borough Shade Tree Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jack L. Irwin (an inactive member). Term will become effective immediately and shall expire December 31, 2016.
3. On a Myers/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to accept the resignation of CSO/Assistant Code Enforcement Officer William Rohrbaugh effective April 18, 2016.

B. Public Facilities:

1. On a Farley/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to approve Pay Application #2 [final payment] to Video Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$94,519.00 for the Franklin Street and Carl Avenue Sewer Pipe Relining and Point Repair Project.
2. On a Farley/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to authorize the execution of documents and applicable solicitation of quotes/bidding for the Williamson Avenue Phase I (even side of the street) ADA Ramp Project.
3. On a Farley/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to award and authorize a Notice to Proceed to Ganoë Paving, Inc., for the West Walter Avenue ADA Ramp Project (2016-01) at a bid price of \$7,796.00 subject to the satisfactory review and approval by the Borough

Solicitor, Engineer and Manager.

C. Public Safety:

1. On an Eckstine/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to accept a municipal lease financing option to purchase replacements of two Greencastle Police Department fleet vehicles. Financing terms shall be two years with the first annual payment (50% of the sales price) and interest based on the applicable rate plus a \$500.00 upfront Acquisition Fee for the preparation of the lease documents.
2. On a Myers/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to approve an April 11, 2016 request from Janice Bartles of the Greencastle Antrim Women's Fellowship to hold the National Day of Prayer Outdoor Service for Greencastle Antrim on Thursday, May 5 from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. at the front of Borough Hall and to temporarily close the first block of North Washington Street for the observance ceremony.

Reports from Council Members

Mr. Myers requested that the Yard Sale permit ordinance be reviewed/updated by the Community Development Committee, that right now the ordinance only cost money and take time from office staff with no enforcement. Mr. Myers requested that the need to obtain a permit be eliminated from the ordinance.

Mr. Kinzer asked why there is not a Student Council Member, Mr. Webster and Mr. Eckstine both stated that they have tried several times, there just is not an interest.

Ms. Armstrong noted that when she attended a career day at the school last year there was a lack of interest in government and only a hand full students attended.

Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka Faight
Borough Secretary