

MINUTES
GREENCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
July 5, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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

President Webster gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment

William “Bud” O’Mara 185 Orchard Circle, addressed Council concerning stormwater management issues and the negative impact that the installation of sidewalks would cause. Mr. O’Mara has experienced flooding in his basement and has taken several steps to divert water runoff away from his property, and he asked that Council address the entire Orchards, stating there is plenty of time to do it right.

James Mooers, 43 Orchard Circle, addressed stormwater issues in the Orchard Development and expressed concern that sidewalk installation would cause additional stormwater drainage issues and asked that those issues be addressed before sidewalks are required to be installed.

Wade Burkholder, representing the Greencastle Lions Club, read the following statement:

“The Greencastle Lions Club would like to place a bench on the square of Greencastle, The bench is in memory of Lion Dr. Terry Musselman, he was an active member of our Club as well as other Organizations in the Greencastle Community. The bench is similar to others already on the square. It has concrete ends with treated lumber for seating and back. The length is 6 feet with 3 feet height. This type of construction will ensure the bench not be stolen and will last many years for all to enjoy as they browse downtown. As small engraved sign will be placed on the bench with Lion Dr. Terry Musselman’s name and Greencastle Lions Club. There are several location the bench could be placed which include: corner of West Baltimore Street by building which is currently for sale facing the Barber Shop; in front of or side of State Farm Insurance; in front of Heritage In Home Care window. These locations provide room for a bench and still leaves room for walking on the sidewalk. We believe this is a great way to honor a man who loved Greencastle, making it his place to live, work, and be involved. We appreciate your consideration on this matter.”

Mr. Burkholder also asked for an update on the installation of new street lighting, and thanked those on Council who have taken part in getting on the radio. There will be a fundraising event to benefit WRGG on July 28, 2016.

Brittney Paci, 202 South Ridge Avenue, addressed Council concerning a letter she received requiring the installation of sidewalks stating that her neighbors did not receive letters requiring sidewalk installations due to stormwater work that needs to take place and she asked

to be put on the same 2019 timeline as the rest of the Orchard Development for sidewalk installation.

Mark Singer, 235 Apple Orchard, addressed Council concerning stormwater issues in Orchard Development. Mr. Singer recounted the initial vote on the sidewalk policy which occurred during his time as a Council Member that after lengthy discussions the sidewalk policy originally failed to pass by a vote of 3-4 on October 4, 2010; however, the motion was brought forward again on November 1, 2010 at which time it passed 5-2. Mr. Singer asked what happened during that month between those two votes because they were not brought before the Public Facilities Committee again. Mr. Singer also noted during his time to speak that there was no recommendation made to Council to implement the sidewalk policy because the committee was split and that Mr. Eckstine (Council President at the time) expressed at one point that it was a dead issue and that he did not want to visit it again. Mr. Singer asked that sidewalk installation be delayed and Council focus on stormwater.

Bill Hudson, 339 Jopa Road, concerned about some work that was required to be done were minor repairs and asked what the cost is to have the engineer do the inspections and what the administrative costs are. Mr. Hudson questioned the sidewalk at the school, stating that they are in shambles and he asked why they weren't noted for repairs during the inspection.

Rick Hess, 174 Orchard Circle addressed Council concerning a petition that was signed by 76 residents of Orchard Development Staten following:

"We, the citizens of the Borough of Greencastle, petition the Borough to exempt our properties, located in the Orchard neighborhood, from the requirements for additional sidewalk"

"As is common knowledge, excess stormwater runoff continues to be an unaddressed issue for our neighborhood. Additional paved surfaces will only add to the problem folks already experience, and create new ones where they don't exist today.

In addition, since this is a "dead –end" neighborhoods, with no thru traffic and without a vehicular/pedestrian injury ever recorded, there is no real safety issue on the street in question."

Mr. Hess was also stated that the residents do not see the need for sidewalks and asked where the need for sidewalks came?

Kendra Phiel, 30 Baumgardner Drive, addressed Council concerning the traffic triangle that is located in her neighborhood. She had previously attended a Public Facilities meeting at which time the issue was discussed and a recommendation was made (*see below) at that meeting she stated that she was 80% in favor of the proposed changes to the triangle; however, now she doesn't think it is acceptable to remove anything from the triangle because she believes removing a portion of the triangle will create two lanes of traffic which will cause more of a safety hazard, and she believes that the money could be used elsewhere. She noted the she is now interested in the work being done at the old Antrim Builders site and stated that it is a shame that the old building was demolished. Ms. Phiel then asked about the Planning

Commission meeting that was advertised but not held.

Borough Secretary Faight explained how the meetings are advertised and noted that the Planning Commission meetings are advertised once each year and that the notice that Ms. Pheil had with her was not an advertisement placed by the Borough. A member of the press explained that the Echo-Pilot had run the meeting notice as part of the community events calendar using information based on the annual advertisement of the Planning Commission Meetings. Manager Armstrong stated that she thought the concept was explained better about how the triangle will be addressed and the issue will be addressed again at a later Council meeting once it is approved and finalized. Ms. Armstrong then told Ms. Phiel that she would be notified when the triangle is once again an agenda item. Ms. Phiel stated that she wants the project voided altogether.

Mr. Myers reminded Ms. Phiel that the committee tried to work with everyone's needs and desires to accomplish what was necessary for emergency vehicles to navigate the triangle, and that the additional concrete that will be added to triangle will be elevated and therefore it will not create any additional driving space, and that this was a compromise to having the entire triangle removed so that emergency vehicles can have access to the area if needed.

*The Recommendation by the Public Facilities Committee was to widen the "curve" of the triangle on the Edwards drive side by 10ft. by adding drive-over curbing for emergency vehicle access to negotiate the triangle. Will not be designed for two way traffic. Borough Engineer stated at that meeting that the changes would be designed and signed to discourage two way traffic.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of previous meetings:

Borough Council Meeting of June 6, 2016.

Attendance Approvals:

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Report of Disbursement and Payment of Bills

On a Farley/Eckstine motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the June 2016 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$117,603.03.

President's Report

No report, Council President encouraged everyone to attend Sidewalk Days.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Eberly and Police Chief Phillippy were both absent.

Reports from Committees

A. Administration/Finance:

1. On a Farley/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to accept the Borough of Greencastle 2015 Annual Audit and Financial Statement.

B. Personnel:

1. On a Myers/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the hiring of Mr. Andre McKenzie as the Borough of Greencastle's Part-time Community Service Officer/Assistant Code Enforcement Officer effective July 11, 2016 subject to satisfactory reference and background checks.

C. Public Facilities:

1. On a Farley/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to award a contract to T. Byers Contracting for the West Walter Avenue Storm Drain Project at a price of \$18,755.00 subject to the satisfactory review and approval by the Borough Solicitor, Manager and Engineer. Mr. McKenzie was in attendance to answer questions from Council.

D. Public Safety:

1. On an Eckstine/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance enacting an engine-brake-retarder prohibition within the Borough of Greencastle from Antrim Way (SR 0011) eastbound on Baltimore Street (SR 0016) to the Borough/Township line.
2. On a Farley/Kinzer motion, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Borough Manager to enter into a professional agreement with Wilson Consulting Group, PC for the preparation of the 2016 Green Light-Go Program Grant Application.

Said application shall request grant funds for crosswalk upgrades to include but not be limited to an in-road warning light system and/or rectangular rapid flashing beacons installations for the intersections of:

- Route 16 and Linden Avenue
- Route 16 and Allison Street

The professional service agreement shall be at a lump sum payment of \$675.00 that shall be shared equally between the Greencastle-Antrim School District and the Borough of Greencastle.

Reports from Council Members

Mr. Kinzer thanked those who spoke up Stating “I heard you” and that the question why do I have to install sidewalks and my neighbor doesn’t is common, and that he is also opposed to requiring some properties to install sidewalks but no others. Mr. Kinzer informed Council that he spoke with a resident on Madison Street concerning two of her neighbors who have high weeds and abandoned vehicles on their property. Also, there are additional properties on Baltimore Street that have weed issues and he noted that two of those properties are owned by a public official, and that as Council members they should set the example for others. Mr. Kinzer also stated that he understand the stormwater issues because he lives in the path of it.

Mr. Myers stated that Council is aware of that there is an issue and even though they are looking for a solution, the issue did not happen overnight and it will not be fixed overnight.

Jim Mooer asked that the residents be involved in the stormwater plan because they know the issue.

Adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka Faight
Borough Secretary