

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

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

Council President Webster gave the invocation.

Council President Webster led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that there was an executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and personnel issues.

Public Comment

Joseph Crouse, 41 Edward Drive, asked when the manhole covers will be raised on Walter Avenue, and expressed concern with the issue of tractor trailer traffic attempting to turn on the Baltimore Street from South Washington Street. Mr. Crouse also asked why he received an invoice for street repair due to sidewalk work that was required at his property, he stated nowhere was he notified that he would have to repair the street and he didn't feel that it was his responsibility to repair the street.

Mr. Kinzer asked Manager Ratliff to follow up with Mr. Crouse pertaining to his concerns.

Georgina Cranston, Greencastle-Antrim Chamber Director, informed Council that although the chamber had previously received approval to close the road for two hours during the tree lighting ceremony, fire police are not available and therefore the road will not be closed. Ms. Cranston wished to thank Council for their continued support.

Mr. Myers asked that Police Chief Phillippe to set up a meeting with the fire department to finalize plans for traffic control during the event.

William Barnes, 347 Leitersburg Street, noted that there was a recent meeting that Mr. Eckstine was scheduled to attend to speak on plans for developing his property on North Washington Street and asked if Mr. Eckstine wished to share his plans with those at the meeting.

Mr. Webster replied that since that is not on the agenda, Mr. Eckstine was under no obligation to speak about his proposed plans for the property.

Fred Buhrman, 25 Edward Drive, also questioned receiving an invoice for street repair due to curb work at his property.

Patricia Barnes, 347 Leitersburg Street, addressed concerns with the placement of ADA ramps at the corner of Leitersburg Street and Osborne Avenue and the lack of ADA ramps on the other side of the street.

Mr. Webster asked Manager Ratliff to look at the issue and follow up with Ms. Barnes.

Kendra Phiel, 30 Baumgardner Drive, wished to thank Mr. Kinzer for his support on the triangle issue, an issue that has been addressed for several months. Ms. Phiel stated that she felt this was such a small issue, and in her opinion Council did not get right, that how can Council get the bigger issues right.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of previous meetings:

Borough Council Meeting of October 3, 2016 and October 25, 2016.

REGULAR AGENDA

Report of Disbursement and Payment of Bills

On a Farley/Myers motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the October 2016 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$149,714.22.

President's Report

Mr. Webster welcomed new Borough Manager Eden Ratliff, and encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Eberly welcomed Mr. Ratliff and thanked Mr. Womack for stepping in and helping complete the budget.

Police Chief Phillippe read an email from Women in need that commended Officer Russell for going above and beyond during recent case.

Reports from Committees

A. Administration & Finance:

1. On a Smith/Faught motion, Council voted unanimously to appoint James Farley as a representative and Matthew Smith as an alternate to the Franklin County Area Tax Board for Calendar Year 2017. Furthermore, review and approve the 2017 FCATB Operating Budget.

B. Personnel:

1. On a Farley/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to:

- a. Appoint Eden R. Ratliff as the Treasurer of Greencastle.

- b. Appoint Eden R. Ratliff as the Chief Code Enforcement Officer.
 - c. Appoint Eden R. Ratliff as the Zoning Officer.

C. Public Facilities:

1. On a Kinzer/Myers motion, Council voted unanimously to approve final payment (Invoice 3712) to Ganoe Paving, Inc. for the West Walter Avenue Paving Project in the amount of \$116,045.22.
2. On a Myers/Kinzer motion, Council voted unanimously to approve final payment (Invoice 3767, 3768, 3772) to Ganoe Paving for the Leitersburg Street ADA Ramp Work in the amount of \$10,216.68, pending inspection of ramps as addressed by Ms. Barnes during the public comment.

D. Public Safety:

1. On a Kinzer/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to authorize the placement of parking meter covers on all parking meters in the Borough of Greencastle to allow for free parking from December 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Reports from Council Members

Mr. Kinzer thanked the Personnel Committee for their work in hiring the new Manager and wished Mr. Ratliff well.

Mr. Faight welcomed Mr. Ratliff aboard and asked that residents reach out to the manager with questions because a lot more can be resolved in the office than during a Council Meeting.

Mr. Myers informed everyone that there have been 37 opioid deaths in Franklin County so far in 2016 and asked everyone to remember that the holiday season can be difficult for some individuals and if anyone knows someone with an addiction issue, please try to get them help.

Mr. Eckstine explained that the Chamber of Commerce is responsible for Heritage Christmas and require a large amount of volunteers. If the Chamber breaks even, they consider it a success and his concern is that they may become so disenchanted that they no longer want to take on the event. Mr. Eckstine suggested that in the future, the Borough may want to consider hiring traffic control personnel do that the roads can be closed during these types of events.

Mr. Eckstine also announced that he has been working with West Penn Power for about a year to have the pole at the end of North Washington Street moved out of the street. West Penn agreed to move the pole if they were given the property to move it and a deal has been reached.

Mr. Farley thanked everyone who cared enough to attend that meeting and encouraged those with a problem to start with the Borough office. He also encouraged everyone to go out and vote, and to remember to thank a veteran for their service on November 11th.

Mr. Smith asked if anyone had seen that movie Dumb and Dumber because that is who we are

voting for tomorrow.

Mayor Eberly asked that before a pay order reaches the agenda, the Borough engineer should have signed off on the project.

Mr. Myers stated that the Public Works Director should have the knowledge to the inspections.

Mr. Kinzer asked if anything has been done about the improper concrete work done on South Washington Street.

Adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka Faight

Borough Secretary