

**BOROUGH OF GREENCASTLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2020
60 N. Washington Street**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President Steven Miller, Councilmembers: Joel Amsley, Larry Faight, Matthew Smith and Wade Burkholder. Also present was Borough Manager Lorraine Hohl.

President Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

An invocation was given by President Miller.

President Miller led the Council, staff, and audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

President Miller noted the meeting was being recorded and that Council will hold an executive session at the end of the meeting.

Opportunity to be Heard

Richard Myers, 60 Williamson Avenue asked for stormwater drain grate changes on North Ridge Avenue and Grant Street.

On a Burkholder/Faught motion the Council voted unanimously to add additional discussion regarding the proposed fire tax to the agenda and approve the proposed agenda for the August 19, 2020 special Council meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Safety:

On an Amsley/Smith motion, the Council voted unanimously to cancel 'Bulk Day' originally postponed to September 18 and 19.

Burkholder asked why the event was canceled. Hohl provided safety concerns regarding close contact between staff members and the community, highlighting COVID-19 precautions. Hohl noted that the cancellation would be advertised for public awareness using various methods. Burkholder asked if the advertisement could include a WRGG sponsored shredding event on October 10 from 10am-12pm in the Sunnyway parking lot.

Administration & Finance:

On an Amsley/Smith motion, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Council President to sign an agreement between Franklin County and the Borough of Greencastle for the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the installation and replacement of handicap ramps.

Hohl mentioned that the matter was an administration function for the execution of the grant.

On an Amsley/Smith motion, the Council voted unanimously to reject an award from Ganoe in the amount of \$111,204.00 for a portion of the CDBF installation and replacement of handicap ramps.

Hohl provided correspondence between Franklin County staff and Borough staff outlining that the bid advertisement did not meet CDBG requirements. County staff recognized that it was an error unrelated to Borough staff or the contractor.

On a Burkholder/Amsley motion, the Council voted unanimously to recognize September as National Recovery month in the Borough of Greencastle, authorizing purple lights to be placed around Center Square and purple ribbons to be placed throughout the downtown.

Miller reminded Council of historical discussions regarding downtown requests.

Miller added a workshop style discussion regarding the proposed fire tax.

Amsley stated his position regarding the support of the Rescue Hose No. 1 fire company and asked clarifying questions regarding the review of Rescue Hose financials including previous donations, payments to the fire company and I990 reviews. Miller also mentioned the need for continued financial reviews.

Faught stated that the Borough is paying for a contracted service for fire protection.

Amsley reiterated the importance of financial review on behalf of the public. Miller stated that the Administration/Finance committee will review the requests during the budget season. It was suggested for Rescue Hose to be prepared to give an annual presentation to Council in August prior to the proceeding budget season.

Burkholder mentioned the importance for the Rescue Hose to fundraise.

Final Comments

Burkholder: Asked for an update on the Conrad legal matter. Hohl stated that discussions with the contractor were ongoing.

Smith: Mentioned the damaged pole on N. Allison Street and applicable safety concerns.

Amsley: Stated that the Public Facilities held a meeting to discuss the N. Carlisle Street repaving and reconstruction project.

Faught: No further comment.

Miller: Assigned Larry Faught to Chair the Community Development Committee and for staff to update rosters and provide contact information to the Chamber of Commerce.

On a Burkholder/Faught motion, the Council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine K. Hohl
Borough Manager