

MINUTES
GREENCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
April 6, 2015
7:00 P.M.

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

Praying Time Ministries gave the invocation.

Public Comment

Mr. Ben Thomas Jr., spoke on behalf of the Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance regarding Franklin County's recruitment and retention fire/EMS challenges. A similar presentation was given to the Franklin County Council of Governments on January 21, 2015. Mr. Thomas asked Council to endorse a county wide fire, emergency, medical services study to address the decrease in volunteers. The study would cost \$15,000 - \$20,000 if every municipality is on board. Senator Eichelberger has agreed to seek 100% funding for the study.

On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to endorse a Franklin County recruitment and retention fire/EMS challenges study.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a Webster/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Minutes of previous meetings:

Borough Council Meeting of March 2, 2015.

Attendance Approvals:

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Report of Disbursement and Payment of Bills

On a Webster/Farley motion, Council voted 5-1 (Burkholder voted no) to approve the March 2015 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$80,376.21.

Council Member Burkholder had requested that three invoices be separated for discussion and voting; as he didn't feel they were detailed enough to accurately approve payment.

President's Report

President Eckstine thanked the Council members that attended the Blue Ribbons for Justice

awareness event and asked that Council approve two officers available from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. , Saturday April 18th during the craft brew fest. Police Chief Phillippy preferred that the police officers remain outside the gates unless needed.

On a Farley/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to have two officers outside the gate unless needed.

Mayor's Report

Police Chief Phillippy noted that March was a busy month with multiply officer training events and non-stop vehicle issues.

Mayor Eberly read a proclamation recognizing Russ and Dody Clever for their years of dedication and commitment to the Borough of Greencastle, and proclaiming April 18th, 2015 "Russ and Dody Clever Appreciation Day"

Volunteer and Smile – `Laughter Keeps You Healthy`-Russ Clever

Mayor Eberly also read a proclamation in Recognition of Greencastle-Antrim High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team District 3-AAA Champions.

Council Member Burkholder complemented Officer Russell for his exceptional public service during a vehicle incident involving a family member.

Reports from Committees

A. Administration & Finance:

1. On a Webster/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to table a resolution authorizing the Borough Tax Collector to collect a fee of \$10.00 plus \$.25 per page for providing duplicate bills, tax certification letters or other information and a collection fee of \$50.00 for returned checks. Said resolution shall replace Resolution 2010-004 of April 5, 2010.

B. Public Facilities:

1. On a Webster/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to endorse a satellite office space concept within Borough Hall for the use of Senator Eichelberger and/or staff and to authorize the Borough Manager to proceed accordingly.

C. Public Safety:

1. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Response Assignments as outlined in the March 2, 2015 correspondence provided by the Rescue Hose Company No. 1 Inc. to include the addition of one engine to dispatches for structure fires.
2. On a Burkholder/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to accept with regret the resignation of Mr. John R. Ommert from the Borough of Greencastle Civil Service

Commission effective March 19, 2015.

3. On a Webster/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Richard Oberholzer to a partial term on the Borough of Greencastle Civil Service Commission effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2017.
4. On a Burkholder/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to consider a March 30, 2015 request from the Greencastle Artisans in Park Festival Committee to close a portion of North Jefferson Street from the intersection of Mifflin Lane and Jefferson Street (near the Jerome King Playground band shell) on Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Furthermore, waive the Borough of Greencastle Open Consumption and Possession ordinance (Sections 64-2 and 64-3) for Saturday, September 12 to accommodate the beer and wine tasting event. Said waiver would be specific to the designated, confined tasting area for Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. only.

Request(s) granted shall be subject to the receipt of a valid certificate of liability insurance form naming the Borough of Greencastle as an additional insured.

5. On a Farley/Webster motion, Council voted unanimously to approve a March 23, 2015 request from Joel Fridgen, Executive Director of the Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce, to utilize the Borough of Greencastle Town Hall parking lot on Saturday, April 18, 2015 for visitor parking associated with the Pub Run and Craft Beer Festival events subject to receipt of a valid certificate of liability insurance form naming the Borough of Greencastle as an additional insured.
6. On a Farley/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to approve a February 20, 2015 request by the American Legion Post #373 of Greencastle, Pennsylvania to hold the Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. subject to receipt of a valid certificate of liability insurance form naming the Borough of Greencastle as an additional insured. Furthermore, approve the request to provide traffic control during the parade and administrative assistance in completing the PennDOT parade/event permit.
7. On a Webster/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to approve a March 1, 2015 letter from AJ Davenport requesting approval for police escort through the Borough of Greencastle for the June 7, 2015 Operation God Bless America XXV event benefitting military veterans.

Reports from Council Members

Council Member Smith commented that the Personnel Committee completed Borough Manager Armstrong's evaluation and the Borough is lucky to have her, she does a great job. Mr. Smith also commented that events in the Borough are becoming more centered around alcohol and he is not happy with the change.

Council Member Webster informed Council that Mr. Kinzer appeared before a committee as a representative of Greencastle Downtown Inc. voicing various concerns. Mr. Webster also

noted that he was approached by a couple wanting to open a gun shop in the Borough. Police Chief Phillippy stated that he would be happy to meet with them.

Council Member Burkholder voiced concern over an invoice from Blaise Alexander from last month and asked why the police vehicles are not being repaired at a local garage. Chief Phillippy explained that the vehicle was originally taken to ELM and it couldn't be repaired there and needed to be taken to the dealership.

President Eckstine asked that all invoices include an hourly rate for services.

Chief Phillippy noted that April 10th is the open house event at the Child Abuse Advocacy Center.

Council adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka Faight
Borough Secretary