

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

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

Council Member Webster gave the Invocation.

Public Comment

H. Duane Kinzer, 463 E. Baltimore Street, expressed his disappointment with Council President Eckstine's comments during the last Community Development meeting and stated that he was appalled by remarks made by Mr. Eckstine.

Mr. Eckstine responded that he does not own the property that was in question and was not willing to discuss the issue during the Council meeting because it was not appropriate to do so. Council Member Burkholder responded that he has made several attempts to contact the current owner and is concerned about the future use of the buildings considering it is an old property, and that the questions asked during the committee meeting were reasonable. Mr. Kinzer stated that he didn't like the tone of the committee meeting.

Mr. Wertime, 207 Leitersburg Street, expressed continued concern with truck traffic, noting there has been improvement. Mr. Wertime and Manager Armstrong discussed the need for additional truck traffic signage and some of the options that are currently being researched. Council Member Myers noted that PennDOT's biggest challenge in redirecting truck traffic are GPS units which direct drivers to the shortest route.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of previous meetings:

Borough Council Meeting of November 2, 2015 (with the addition of an explanation as to why Mr. Smith and Mr. Eckstine voted no to set the meeting date for the November 5, 2015 Budget Meeting)

Budget Meeting of November 5, 2015

Report of Disbursement and Payment of Bills

On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the November 2015 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$76,866.41.

President's Report

President Eckstine presented W. B. Marshall – Shade Tree Commission Chair with a

recognition award and on behalf of the Mayor, Council, and members of the community, thanked Mr. Marshall for his years of service to the community.

Mr. Marshall stated that he and his wife relocated here in 1953 to raise a family and be part of a community and he feels that they have accomplished that and will continue to do so as long as they are able.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Eberly read a proclamation declaring April 29, 2016 Arbor Day.

Police Chief Phillippy noted that the report for November reflects a significant reduction in calls over November 2014; however, this is inaccurate due to a glitch in the county's computer system.

Chief Phillippy also requested that Shawn Tuthill be hired as a part-time officer with the police department.

On a Webster/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the hiring of Mr. Shawn Tuthill as a part-time police officer with the understanding that there is no offer of full-time employment.

REGULAR AGENDA

Reports from Committees

A. Administration and Finance:

1. On a Burkholder/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the Proposed 2016 Budget as presented at the Borough Council Budget Hearing on November 5, 2015; and furthermore, authorize the advertisement of respective ordinances to include:
 - a.) the Tax Levy Ordinance, which shall maintain the current 2015 tax rate of 13.0 mills, or the sum of 130 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for all property within the said Municipality for Fiscal Year 2016; and,
 - b.) the Sewer Rate Ordinance to reflect the rate per thousand gallons of \$7.22 and the minimum quarterly charge for sewer service, based on a minimum quarterly use of 9,000 gallons per quarter, shall be \$64.98 effective with the first billing period after January 1, 2016.

Both ordinances shall be acted upon during a publicly advertised meeting scheduled for December 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

2. On a Webster/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to authorize the advertising of the 2016 Schedule of Meetings.

B. Community Development:

1. On a Webster/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to approve a Preliminary/Final Subdivision Land Development and waiver of the preliminary plan process submitted by William A. Brindle Associates, Inc. on behalf of Timothy D. and Julie D. Davis for the following:

subdivide a portion of the property at 370 Wayburn Street [reflected as 7A on said Plan] owned by Timothy & Julie Davis and to convey and add it to the adjoining property at 386 Wayburn Street owned by The Irwin Family Revocable Trust/Jack L. Irwin, Trustee; and furthermore,

subdivide a portion of the property at 386 Wayburn Street [reflected as 9A on said Plan] owned by The Irwin Family Revocable Trust/Jack L. Irwin, Trustee and add it to the adjoining property at 370 Wayburn Street owned by Timothy & Julie Davis.

2. On a Webster/Faigh motion, Council voted unanimously to authorize the advertising of an ordinance amending the Code of the Borough of Greencastle, Chapter 205 entitled "Zoning" to include "broadcasting" as a Permitted Use in the Community Commercial District.
3. On a Webster/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to authorize the advertising of an ordinance amending the Code of the Borough of Greencastle, Chapter 205 entitled, "Zoning" to include amendments to the definition of "Recreational Vehicle", to amend the definition of "Parking, Storage, or Use of Recreational Vehicles" and to permit the parking, storage and use of recreational vehicles in the Residential (R-1), General Residential (R-2) and Community Commercial (CC) zoning districts.

Specifically, permitting recreational vehicles/campers to be parked anywhere on the premises from May 1 through September 30 of each year. From October 1 through April 30 of each year, said vehicles shall be permitted to be stored on the premises in a carport, enclosed building, in the rear yard (applicable to rear setback lines) or in the side yard provided that the recreational vehicle does not extend into the front yard further than the front of the primary structure and the recreational vehicle shall not be within the side yard setback.

C. Personnel

1. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the 2016 Holiday Schedule.
2. On a Burkholder/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the 2016 Personnel Complement.
3. On a Webster/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to review and accept the Act 44 Annual Disclosure Forms submitted by R J Hall to determine if there are any conflicts of interest in managing the pension funds.

D. Public Safety:

1. On a Myers/Webster motion, Council voted unanimously to approve a November 18,

2015 request by the Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce to conduct its Annual Sidewalk Sales event on July 8 and July 9, 2016 to include the closure of a portion of Baltimore Street and South Carlisle Street as outlined in said correspondence subject to the receipt of a valid Certificate of Liability Insurance Form naming the Borough of Greencastle as an additional insured and the applicant (GA Chamber) receiving PennDOT approval for the aforementioned closure(s).

Chief Phillippy noted that there may be a need for extra aid including police officers working overtime hours. Ms. Armstrong also suggested that Chief Phillippy consider outsourcing fire police personnel from other municipalities as well as the possibility of the Chamber of Commerce offering a stipend for their services. President Eckstine stated that he was confident Chief Phillippy would handle the situation appropriately.

Reports from Council Members

Council Member Burkholder gave a presentation on the Borough's future radio station, WRGG. The station will be licensed to the Greencastle-Antrim Education Foundation, operated by Mr. Wade Burkholder, Mr. Greg Hoover, and Mr. Ben Thomas, Jr., and will be located at 113 S. Carlisle Street. The station will not be selling advertising and will rely on donations, underwriting, and grants for funding. The station will be operational twenty-four hours a day and will feature a variety of music, talk radio, news, weather, and local entertainment showcases. Mr. Burkholder stated the station should be on air within the next 60-90 days and will be available online. Mr. Eckstine stated that he hopes the station will not be a platform to launch personal attacks on anyone. Mr. Burkholder replied that it will not be used to attack anyone, it will be used to keep the community educated on issues as well as a way for residents to voice their opinions.

Mr. Burkholder also shared that this would be his last meeting on this side of the table as his predecessor would be taking over the seat in January 2016 and will do a great job. He noted that he intends to attend most meetings and feels that Borough needs to move ahead on the joint water authority as well as begin to build a better rapport with Antrim Township as they are the Borough's surrounding neighbor.

Mr. Burkholder also noted that he has enjoyed working with everyone even though everyone may not always agree. Good night and God Bless.

Council Member Faight thanked Mr. Burkholder stating it's been a pleasure working together.

Council Member Webster recommended a Christmas bonus be given to the employees; thanked Mr. Burkholder and noted that he enjoyed working with him; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

On a Webster/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to approve Christmas Bonuses in the amount of \$100.00 for full time employees and \$50.00 for part time employees.

Mayor Eberly is looking forward to the New Year and working together with everyone.

Council Member Farley wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Mr. Burkholder for his efforts and wished to recognize those who were serving during the attack on Pearl

Harbor; thank you for what you did and how you did it.

Council Member Myers thanked Mr. Burkholder and wished him luck in his future endeavors and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Smith conveyed to Mr. Burkholder that it has been a pleasure getting to know him.

Chief Phillippy wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Manager Armstrong noted as a follow up to Mr. Burkholder's comments pertaining to the merger of the water authorities. GAFCA will hold a meeting on December 20, 2015 to adopt their 2016 budget and discuss their financial condition. Ms. Armstrong also presented an abbreviated list of accomplishments for 2015 and thanked Council for the bonus, as well as the opportunity to serve the community and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Ms. Armstrong also wished Mr. Burkholder good luck.

Mr. Burkholder commended the professionalism of the Police Department, Public Works Departments and recognized the work done at the intersection of Rt 11 and Rt 16 as well as the Franklin Street project.

President Eckstine announced that Council held an Executive Session at 6:00p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

Adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka Faight
Borough Secretary