

MINUTES
GREENCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
October 6, 2014
7:00 P.M.

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

Frank Webster gave the invocation.

Public Comment

Paul Politis, 357 Bluebird Trail, expressed concern after receiving a letter that stated he was required to make repairs to his sidewalk as part of the Borough's Sidewalk Inspection Policy. Mr. Politis stated that the rules and laws of the Borough should be administered with some common sense and that the issues of sidewalk repair should not require formal actions. President Eckstine thanked Mr. Politis for expressing his concerns in a positive manner and explained that the Borough needs some form of follow up and the inspection policy is to protect the residents and the Borough from law suits and to provide a safe place to walk. Manager Armstrong stated that the Borough is in the third year of a five year cycle and inspections are done by the engineer who follows the Borough's curb/sidewalk specifications to eliminate any subjectivity during the inspections and small issues will become worse over time. This is still a learning process and a full five year cycle should be completed before changes are made to the policy.

Mike Luger, 290 Ronald Drive, stated that he is in favor of inspections; however, the chip that needs repaired at his driveway was actually caused by the Borough's snow plow although he never reported the damage. The permit is going to cost more than the repairs, and if the Borough is willing to waive other permit fees then why not waive his fee. Ms. Armstrong replied that she had made the decision to deviate from the permit fee for those properties that required only topsoil repairs and did not have any concrete work that needed completed. Ms. Armstrong offered to send the Public Works Supervisor out to determine whether or not the Borough's snow plow caused the damage to his property and if it is determined to be done by a plow, the Borough will cover the repairs. Ms. Armstrong also stated that the permit fees were established to help cover the administrative cost of the project.

Robert Wertime, 207 E. Leitersburg Street, asked what criteria were used to establish the sidewalk specifications. The sidewalk specifications were developed by the Borough's engineers.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of previous meetings

Borough Council Meeting of September 2, 2014.

REGULAR AGENDA

Report of Disbursement and Payment of Bills

On a Webster/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the September 2014 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 151,232.44.

President's Report

No Report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Eberly thanked everyone for their words of comfort and condolences since the loss of his wife.

The police report is in the agenda packet.

Reports from Committees

A. Administration & Finance

1. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to approve an Agreement by and between the Borough of Greencastle and MABO, LLC, West Franklin Street, LLC and Robert Newcomer that outlines the responsibilities of each entity with respect to 25 West Franklin Street and 103 South Carlisle Street. Borough Manager noted that there may be an approximate \$5,000.00 addition to the final cost of this project due to the installation of a hand rail.

B. Personnel

1. On a Farley/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to review and accept the Act 44 Annual Disclosure Forms submitted by Principal Financial Group to determine if there are any conflicts of interest in managing the pension funds.
2. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the hiring of Mr. William O. Rohrbaugh as the Borough of Greencastle's Part-time Community Service Officer/Zoning Inspector effective November 3, 2014 at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour for an estimated 15-20 hours weekly.

C. Public Facilities

1. On a Webster/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$4,827.69, an increase to the Franklin Street Storm Drainage Project for remobilization to complete the storm drain pipe installation at 61 South Washington Street.

D. Public Safety

1. On a Webster/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Borough of Greencastle and the Greencastle Patrolmen's Association effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.
2. On a Burkholder/Webster motion, Council voted unanimously to approve a September 22, 2014 request by Dale Sheller on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW) to close North Washington Street between Madison Street and Baltimore Street from 10:00 a.m. to approximately noon on November 11, 2014 to hold the Annual Veteran's Day Program.
3. On a Webster/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to approve September 23, 2014 request by Verstandig Broadcasting requesting the posting of "No Parking" signs at specific locations for the Greencastle Christmas Parade to be held Saturday, November 22, 2014 beginning at 9:21 a.m. subject to receipt of a valid Certificate of Liability Insurance Form naming the Borough of Greencastle as an additional insured.

Reports from Council Members

Council Member Faight thanked Ms. Armstrong for including the solicitor's bill and welcomed Mayor Eberly back.

Council Member Webster had a meeting with Jim Jones this afternoon and was asked to pass along Mr. Jones concerns to Council that he is not being kept informed of what is going on with the project on Franklin Street. Ms. Armstrong noted that until last week, the Borough was waiting to see who would be responsible for the curb and sidewalk. Also there was work done by Mr. Jones that was not in compliance with the specifications and Mr. Jones is currently looking to secure the same contractor that the Borough is using for the curb/sidewalk work. Due to the extent of the project, repairs are being absorbed by different entities.

Mayor Eberly was very pleased with how negotiations were handled and was impressed with how amicable the parties were.

President Eckstine discussed the two water leaks that were detected stating that finding leaks is critical because money has been spent to extract and treat the water that is being lost.

Manager Armstrong informed Council that the Borough is going out to get certified for

nutrient credits and two municipalities are already interested; one for phosphates and one for nitrogen's.

Council adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka Faight
Borough Secretary