

**BOROUGH OF GREENCASTLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

November 1, 2021

7:00 P.M.

60 N. Washington Street

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ben Thomas, Jr., Councilmen Wade Burkholder H. Duane Kinzer, and Matt Smith. Participating via telephone were President Steve Miller, Vice President Larry Faight, and Joel Amsley. Jeremy Layman was not present. Also present was Borough Manager Emilee Little, Public Works Manager Bob Manahan, and Chief of Police John Phillippy.

Councilman Matt Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

An invocation was given by Guy Camp.

Councilman Smith led the Council, staff, and audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Councilman Smith noted the meeting was being recorded.

Smith stated that there was not enough members present for a quorum and only public comments and monthly reports would be received.

An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting regarding a personnel matter.

Opportunity to be Heard

Councilman Smith invited Borough citizens to address Council with specific issues of concern or comments.

Eddie Baxter, 117 Carowinds Drive, asked about the status of Carl Avenue, the Sheetz property, and single trash hauler. He thanked Chief Phillippy and stated his support for the license plate readers.

Little responded saying that discussion continue on the Sheetz project, the license plate reader is still budgeted and that a survey regarding single trash hauler is available through November 30.

Guy Camp, 217 Williamson Avenue, asked status of his curb repair.

Little said that the Borough would complete the repair as outlined in the permit he submitted.

Paul Schemel, 152 S. Washington Street, spoke about the Sheetz project saying that the Borough can vacate N. Carl Avenue per Title 8, and that the Borough cannot sell the street as it's not an asset and if vacated, would go back to the owner. He said that he doesn't want the property to be leased by an unwanted business and that a Sheetz would be economically beneficial.

Albert Miller, 171 Apple Drive, said that the Borough doesn't have to vacate a street just because it can. He said that it was never disclosed that Planning Commission chairman Ed Wine is a partner in Mr. Schemel's law firm which could be a conflict of interest in the Sheetz negotiations. He asked why DOLI was being granted a contract extension when they've defaulted on their contract.

Dave Dixon, 260 & 289 N. Carlisle Street, said that DOLI construction is working quickly and the work is shoddy.

Larry Pittman, 35 W. Madison Street, said there are still issues with the trains, including ringing of bells for hours.

Mayor Thomas said that he has spoken to Norfolk Southern about this matter.

Jan Shafer, 132 Carowinds Drive, stated that a survey was already done regarding a single trash hauler and stated the survey does not ask if the resident is in favor of a single trash hauler.

Reports from Elected Officials

President's Report

No report submitted.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Thomas thanked the audience for attending and recognized the 125th anniversary of Rescue Hose Company. Thomas noted he attended meetings regarding Congressional redistricting and the Franklin/Cumberland County Borough's Association. He updated Larry Pittman of his most recent discussions with Norfolk Southern and said he would ask about bell ringing. Lastly, he gave an update of upcoming holiday events in the Borough and congratulated Barb and Ron Nicarry for their Chamber award. The full report is available at www.greencastlepa.gov.

Chief's Report

Chief Phillippy reviewed his incident report for October, miles traveled, overtime hours, and a warrant for a wire-tap violation. He discussed the use of cameras, provided speed data information, and highlighted notable activities and recent cases. The full report is available at www.greencastlepa.gov.

Manager's Report

Borough Manager Little noted the importance of the meeting's agenda items and stated the meeting will be rescheduled. Little provided a current progress report for N. Carlisle Street, estimating a mid-December completion, and that there will be no issues with Liquid Fuels funding as all paving was completed by the October 31st deadline. Little said that the bids for the CDBG ADA ramps will be opened November 15th with an estimated project completion of late of May 2022. Little stated that the first question of the survey asks if the resident is in support of a single waste hauler and that the survey would be available through the end of November. The full report is available at www.greencastlepa.gov.

Councilman Smith asked to reschedule the meeting for Monday, November 8th at 7 p.m.

The meeting ended at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna E. Irons-Zimmerman
Borough Secretary