

**MINUTES
GREENCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARING
NOVEMBER 13, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

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

- I. Council President Eckstine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Council reviewed the 2014 Draft Budget.

III. **Public Comment**

Robert Wertime commented on parking meter installation and asked what constituted "antiquated". Borough Manger Armstrong replied meters are considered antiquated when parts are no longer available for repairs. Mr. Wertime also asked about grants for the Franklin Street project. Manager Armstrong responded that the grant requested was for \$20,000.00 (twenty thousand) to go toward sidewalks.

IV. **Display of Budget Authorization**

On a Webster/Foley motion, Council voted unanimously to authorize the 2014 Budget to be placed on display for the required public review period.

V. **Draft and Advertise Tax Rate Increase Ordinance**

On a Webster/Foley motion, Mr. Foley added that the motion was made with regret, Council voted unanimously to draft and advertise an ordinance to increase the tax rate for property within the Borough of Greencastle from 11.0 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation (or 110 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation) to 13.0 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation (or 130 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation) for Fiscal Year 2014.

Borough Manager Armstrong indicated that there may be a need for another mill increase for the 2015 budget.

- VI. Council adjourned at 8:52p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ericka Faight
Borough Secretary