

MINUTES
GREENCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
March 4, 2013
7:00 P.M.

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

Council President Eckstine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Eberly gave the invocation.

Public Comment

Jason Gerhart, 574 S Carlisle Street read a prepared statement on behalf of the Greencastle Antrim Franklin County Water Authority.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Borough Council Meeting, February 4, 2013

REGULAR AGENDA

Report of Disbursement and Payment of Bills

On a Burkholder/Farley motion, Council voted unanimously to approve disbursements listed on the February 2013 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$93,326.31.

Attendance Approvals:

Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator Kevin Hunsberger to attend the PWEA PennTEC 2013 Conference from June 2 through June 5, 2013 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

President's Report

Council President Eckstine informed Council of a seminar to be held at Waynesboro High School concerning school safety.

Mayor's Report

Police Chief Phillippy reported several fugitive arrests were made during the month of February. Council Member Webster asked how many time Officer Rony has been to the school. Chief Phillippy replied that the school must make a request for Rony to visit the school.

Reports from Committees

A. Community Development

1. On a Farley/Webster motion, Council voted unanimously to approve a request submitted by Builder of Unique Homes, Inc. (Kimberly Robinson, President) for a waiver for formal land development to increase square footage at Highline Restaurant & Lounge, 101 West Baltimore Street, Greencastle, PA (CC Community Commercial District).
2. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to schedule a public hearing on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. to hear public comment on a proposed Zoning Map change to rezone a one block portion of E. Baltimore Street (Nos. 135, 141, 144, 145, 148, 155, 156, 161, 164) from General Residential (R-2) to Community Commercial (CC).

B. Public Safety

1. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted 6-0 (Council Member Foley abstained *see below) to purchase a pursuit rated 2013 2WD Chevrolet Tahoe (to include upfitting) for the Greencastle Police Department at a not to exceed price of \$33,000.00 (thirty-three thousand dollars) as incorporated in the 2013 Budget.

* On Monday evening, March 4, 2013 at the regular meeting of Borough Council of Greencastle, I abstained from voting on whether or not Council should approve a motion that was duly seconded to purchase a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe as a replacement vehicle for the Greencastle Police Department. This vehicle is to be purchased via the PA COSTARS Procurement Program. The motion was to keep the expenditure within budgetary limitations and such was assumed to be done if approved by Council---including the vehicle, itself, and all needed or desired equipment specified by Chief Phillippy.

I personally abstained from approving this motion (which was approved by the other six members of Council) due to circumstances about this situation that made me skeptical and not convinced that this was the most prudent way to replace the oldest police vehicle in the Borough's fleet. First of all, I am not convinced that the Borough truly NEEDS to purchase another large police vehicle (even Chief Phillippy promulgates reason- after-reason why a large vehicle is "the only way to go" because so much equipment must be transported all the time---even though all of this would not fit into the trunk of a sedan. I HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO AT THIS TIME BUT I WANT TO GET A STATE TROOPER'S THOUGHTS ABOUT ALL SUCH EQUIPMENT BEING TRANSPORTED ALL THE TIME IN STATE CRUISERS. SHOULD BE QUITE INTERESTING!!

In conjunction with the above concerns that I have previously expressed, I have serious concerns regarding our taxpayers' perceptions about another large police vehicle being driven over town---this would make three (3) SUVs that would be the majority of the GPD's fleet of vehicles. I ask---ARE ALL OF THESE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY within the confines of a Borough with an area of only approximately one and one-half square miles???

Thank you very much for including this abstention as part of the Public Record for this Council meeting of the Borough of Greencastle on Monday, March 4, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,
Harry Foley, Council Member---Borough of Greencastle, PA

Correspondence

1. On a Myers/Smith motion, Council voted 6-1 (Council Member Webster voted no) to approve a request by John Flannery to close one lane (while maintaining one lane open for emergency vehicle use) of the first block of North Washington Street from Baltimore Street to Madison Street on April 13, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to provide a staging area for local Greencastle merchants to set up tents to offer their respective goods and services to the participants of the First Annual Pub Run. Additionally, Borough Council offered the use of the Borough office parking lot for merchant set up.

Reports from Council Members

Council Member Foley complimented the monthly manager's report provided by Ms. Armstrong and asked if the Borough has a rewards card with True Value.

Council Member Farley also complimented the monthly manager's report.

Council Member Myers asked if Eiker's has been contacted about performing work on the Borough's police cruisers. Mr. Foley spoke with Mr. Dixon and they would not turn the Borough in an emergency situation, however, he is already busy.

Junior Council Member Samantha King shared that the boys Basketball team finished 22-7 and the girls Basketball team finished 25-15. Track is starting soon and the Drama Club will be performing *Grease* March 15th & 16th.

Council adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka Faight
Borough Secretary