



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 10, 2011

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1. William Turk, President called the February 10, 2011 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:01 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Turk led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President; Michael Gaston, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; Matthew Newhard, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Opportunity for Resident to be Heard
 - A. Brian Filchner wanted to verify who he should give the application for use of facilities goes to, borough council or the recreation board? The application of use is part of the recreation board's duties. Once everything is included, Annette will pass on to the recreation board.
4. Motion to approve minutes of the workshop meeting January 6, 2011 and the regular meeting January 13, 2011 made by Joan. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve Tax Collector's Monthly Report for January 2011 made by Joan. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Motion to approve Police Officer's Report for January 2011 made by Joan. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Motion to approve Zoning Officer's Report for January 2011 made by Joan. Harold seconded the report. Motion carried.
8. Motion to approve January 2011 Profit & Loss Report made by Lamar. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. Motion to approve January 2011 bill list made by Lamar. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance - nothing
 - B. Law - nothing
 - C. Streets – having issues with salt being delivered. Will discuss in executive session.
 - D. Solid Waste
 - i. Matt made the motion to send delinquent list to collections. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ii. Matt made the motion to terminate garbage service at 131 S Lehigh Gap Street as long as there isn't water service. We received a letter from Walnutport Authority stating the water was turned off. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - E. Recreation - next meeting is 2-24-11 @ 7:00 pm
 - F. Ordinance Review
 - i. Working on Landlord ordinance
 - G. Personnel - nothing
 - H. Engineer's Report-
 - i. Phase I—submitting final project reimbursement and closeout
 - ii. Memorial Park development – waiting for grant application

- iii. Municipal building restroom improvements – working of plans. Coordinating bidding timeline with the approval to bid by Northampton County.
- I. Solicitor's Report—
- i. Working on International Salt contract with Rick and Annette (will discuss in executive session)
 - ii. Working on garbage ordinance
 - iii. International Property Maintenance Code- we need to set up and appeals board. We also need an appeals board for UCC. They can be the same people.
 - iv. Working on ordinance changes (water/sewer) with Leo DeVito in regards to the codification.
 - v. Reviewed borough code. Minutes need to be signed and sealed by Borough Secretary.
 - vi. Talking to Scott Blissman in regards to time line for police contract
 - vii. Sent letter to Chief per request
11. Secretary's Announcements/Notes –
- A. OMEGA HOMES—need motion to close account. Lamar made the motion to close out the Omega Homes escrow account. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Business licenses. Michael Corriere will make the ordinance changes so secretary doesn't have to mail out a license to landlords. They don't have a place to display it. Doesn't make sense to waste paper, posted, time in preparing them. They have a duplicate of the application and their check as the receipt.
12. Unfinished Business –
- A. Codification- Planning Commission is working on it
 - B. PPL—Michael Corriere will look into where we stand
13. Borough council went into a short executive session from 7:25 pm – 7:55 pm to discuss possible litigation and a personnel issue.
14. New Business –
- A. Appoint vacant civil service position-
 - i. Joan made the motion to appoint Mike Wentz to the civil service board. Lamar seconded the motion. Matt opposed. Motion carried.
 - B. Discussion @ 238 Oak Street/Broad Alley
 - C. Annette will change the addresses to be 238 A Oak Street (house) 238 B Oak Street (apartment). She will send a letter to the resident, Northampton County, 911, and the post office.
 - D. Borough council received a letter from Bob & Nancy Treskot thanking Diamond Fire Company, NOVA, and the police department for the great service/treatment he received when he was sick and call 911.
15. Mayor's Announcements- Happy Valentine's Day. Make sure you treat your sweet hearts (significant other) to something nice for the holiday!
16. Adjournment – Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Annette Lacko, secretary/treasurer