



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 13, 2011

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1. William Turk, President called the January 13, 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; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; Matthew Newhard, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Michael Gaston, Vice-President-Absent
3. Ron Angle gave borough council an update on the county. He asked council if they needed anything or had any questions. Council asked for help with grant money.
4. BJ from HA Thomson @ insurance gave a review of the insurance policies. Everything is updated.
5. Opportunity for Residents to be Heard- none
6. Motion to approve minutes of the workshop meeting December 2, 2010 and regular meeting December 9, 2010 made by Joan. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Motion to approve Tax Collector's Monthly Report for December 2010 made by Joan. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Motion to approve Police Officer's Report for December 2010 made by Harold. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. Motion to approve Zoning Officer's Report for December 2010 made by Joan. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. Motion to approve December 2010 Profit & Loss Report made by Lamar. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
11. Motion to approve December 2010 Bill List made by Harold. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
12. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – none
 - B. Law – none
 - C. Streets – none
 - D. Solid Waste – Matthew Newhard asked Annette to call IWS to see why there was such confusion with pick up with this service. We need to have a better process
 - E. Recreation Board– nothing
 - F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic
 - 2011-01 (prohibiting indoor furniture) Motion to approve Ordinance 2011-01 made by Dave. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 2011-02 (cable television) Motion to approve Ordinance 2011-02 made by Joan. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 2011-03 (sidewalk construction/repair) Motion to approve Ordinance 2011-03 made by Dave. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Copies of landlord ordinances are attached—everyone will look at ordinance and discuss at the workshop meeting.
 - Asked Solicitor about changes to garbage ordinance to send to magistrate. Maybe we can cut down on the outstanding balance.
 - G. Personnel – in executive session
 - H. Solicitor's Report –

- Matt made the motion to allow Bill to sign the new agreement with WPA. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Changes were for the grant per county.
- Liens are ready to file for delinquent garbage

I. Engineer's Report – see attached report- nothing to update

J. Grants-Mike Wentz gave a brief update on phase III and advised council he spoke to Lori from the county. She will meet with him, some council members and the borough engineer to discuss what our options are for going forward.

13. Secretary's Announcements/Notes –

A. Resolution 2011-01 to destroy old records. Matt made the motion to approve resolution 2011-01. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14. Unfinished Business –

A. "Contract" for part time police officers—Motion to accept with changes made by Joan. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Discussion on Memorial park—Matt made the motion to start working on the plans for the memorial. Go to planning commission and zoning for approvals. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Borough council entered into executive session at 8:10 pm to discuss personnel issues. Matt made the motion at 9:10 to come out of executive session. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Joan made the motion to reappoint SSM as the borough engineer. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15. New Business –

A. Matt made the motion to reappoint Mark Queen and Dennis Green to Walnutport Authority (see letter). Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Letter from Blue Ridge Auto Service & Tire @ towing and impounding—Motion to allow BRA to due towing for the borough on an every other month basis made by Harold. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Annette will send letter to Blue Ridge Auto, Erschen's Garage, 911, and the police chief.

C. Matt made the motion to send delinquent taxes to collections (Bob's 3 reports are attached). Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Matt made the motion for tax collector to mail out interim tax bill (see report). Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Matt made the motion to authorize SSM to do the drawings and bid specs for the bathrooms for 215 & 217 Lincoln Avenue. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. Matt made the motion that all discussion and decision regarding the renovations at 215 Lincoln Avenue are discussed in council chambers with borough council with borough council. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

G. Matt made the motion to have the solicitor send Chief Pennisi a letter stating he should not attend council meetings (workshop or regular) unless requested to by borough council. He will not be getting paid or will not be able to accumulate comp time for the time he attends unless he is requested to by borough council. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

16. Mayor's Announcements – Happy Martin Luther King Day on Monday to everyone!

17. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn meeting made by Joan. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer