



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 6, 2011

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1. William Turk, President called the January 6, 2011 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:02 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; Matthew Newhard, Councilman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Chief Joseph Pennisi; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Harold Greene, Councilman- ABSENT.
3. Reappointments/Retain-
 - ✓ Motion Borough Engineer: Joan made motion. Motion never seconded. Mike made the motion to table until next month's meeting. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Motion Borough Solicitor made by Joan. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Motion to retain Eric Strohl to serve as Code Enforcement officer for the Borough made by Mike. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Motion to retain Michael Wentz to serve as Grant Coordinator for the Borough made by Lamar. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Motion to reappoint Shirley Chimich-term expired 1-1-11 for Zoning Hearing Board made by Mike. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Motion to retain James Fisher to serve as Zoning Officer made by Dave. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Motion to confirm Fire Police for the Diamond Fire Company and the Borough of Walnutport for the year 2011 made by Mike. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Motion to authorizing the Diamond Fire Company to engage in fund raising activities, participate in mutual aid with any local municipalities/fire company and authorizing the fire police to serve during non-emergency functions during 2011 made by Mike. Dave seconded motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Motion to retain Solicitor, Engineer, and recording secretary for Planning Commission—Mike made motion to table till next month. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Motion to reappoint Henry Kline, Michael Newhard, and Kevin Rex to the Planning Commission Board made by Mike. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Motion to retain Auditor Kirk, Summa & Co., LLP made by Mike. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Motion to retain Anderson & Assoc., Inc. to manage Police & Borough Pension plan made by Matt. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Motion to retain HA Thomson to manage our insurance policies made by Mike. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Motion to retain Labor Council, Scott Blissman made by Joan. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Kip from Fedetz & Martin- council discussed project for ADA bathrooms. Topic tabled until next month.
5. Opportunity for Citizens to be Heard- none
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston
 - Hold off spending until we get tax money in.
 - B. Law – Michael Gaston- nothing

- C. Streets – Lamar Lauer - nothing
- D. Solid Waste – Matthew Newhard & Mike Gaston discussed some options – Annette will ask Solicitor to look at ordinance and check to see what would be better, theft of service, citing them for violation, sheriff sale, etc. we need to do something about the unpaid garbage bills.
- E. Recreation – Michael Gaston- 1st board meeting will be January 30, 2011 at 3:0 pm. How often does council want them to report? The refreshment stand was emptied. The soda is in the zoning office so it doesn't freeze.
- F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic – looking into landlord ordinance.
- G. Personnel – David Stankovic, Matthew Newhard, & Joan Rehrig –
 - Matt made the motion to hiring Scott Ledo as a part time police officer, waiving his probation period with a starting rat of \$16.50 per hour. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Council and Chief Pennisi made a few changes to the part time police officers agreement.
 - Chief Pennisi will advertise on the internet and the Times New to hire part time police officers.
- H. Grants-Michael Wentz
 - Got an e-mail about the last grant for the playground. Conflicting information. Mike will look into it.
 - Didn't hear about the next round of casino money yet
 - Waiting on returned phone calls about the traffic light replacement grant—looks like it will cost more money than it is worth.
- I. Centennial Committee- Matthew Newhard- no report
- 7. Secretary's Announcements/Notes – ethic papers are in your packet. Please complete and get back to Annette as soon as you can.
- 8. Unfinished Business –
 - A. Codification—Planning Commission is working on changes. Will have update next month. Michael Corriere is looking into a few Ordinances that need to be updated for the codification.
- 9. New Business –
 - A. Motion to approve change orders
 - KC Mechanical MC-2
 - Ace Electric EC-3 made by Mike. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Motion to approve payment applications
 - Nimaris Construction for \$77,840.73
 - KC Mechanical for \$3,277.50 made by Matt. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Heat @ 215 Lincoln Avenue building will be disconnected. The pipes will be drained so the pipes don't freeze. Doing this for renovations and to help save money until the renovations are complete.
 - D. Matt made the motion to approve interim bills for Bob Treskot. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 10. Mayor's Announcements – nothing
- 11. Adjournment – motion to adjourn meeting made by Joan. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer