



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

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1. Michael Gaston, Vice-President called the March 10, 2011 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:02 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Gaston led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Michael Gaston, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. William Turk, President & Matthew Newhard, Councilman-ABSENT.
3. Opportunity for Resident to be Heard
 - A. Ryan Conrad from Lehigh Valley Associations of Realtors was here to discuss the Landlord ordinance with council.
 - B. Brian Rubright from American Nickeloid was here to discuss the water runoff onto their property from Spruce Street. Rick and Jason will meet with a contractor to see what can be done.
4. Motion to approve minutes of the workshop meeting February 3, 2011 and the regular meeting February 10, 2011 made by Joan. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve Tax Collector's Monthly Report for February 2011 made by Lamar. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Motion to approve Zoning Officer's Report for February 2011 made by Harold. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Motion to approve February 2011 Profit & Loss Report made by Joan. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Motion to approve February 2011 bill list made by Harold. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance nothing
 - B. Law –
 - i. Meeting with labor attorney was canceled. He is sick with the flu. Will reschedule.
 - ii. Joan made the motion to accept the January and February Police report. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Streets
 - i. Pathmark shopping center—Annette received a letter from J&W Management. They are going to place signs to help keep the skate boards/bicycles off the property. They would like the police to enforce the signs.
 - D. Solid Waste
 - i. Survey letter- will wait until Matt is present.
 - E. Recreation - update was given last week.
 - F. Ordinance Review
 - i. Landlord ordinance-discussed with Ryan from LVA of Realtors. Council will review until next month.
 - ii. Garbage ordinance- council will review until next month.
 - iii. Appeal boards ordinance --Joan made the motion to advertise for the appeals boards. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - G. Personnel nothing

H. Engineer's Report-

- i. see attached copy
- ii. Restroom improvements—Jason gave an update to the status of the designs.
- iii. Dave made the motion to authorize borough officials to negotiate a change order for the changes to the pavilion/bathrooms renovations. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I. Solicitor's Report—

- i. Updates on
 - Salt contract—letter was sent along with payment. Made deductions
 - Street lights—going to meet with a few other borough solicitors that are in the same position we are in. will keep council posted
 - Car fire on canal street—going to meet with a intercompany arbitrator

J. Grants-

- i. Went to authority meeting. They are in on the 2012 block grant \$. Mike will fill out the application and proceed.
- ii. We are eligible to grant \$ from the Sands in Bethlehem. Mike is looking into how much and for what.

10. Secretary's Announcements/Notes –

- A. Letter from Treskot
- B. Tami from Equinox is retiring. If we want her to help next year when renewal time is, we should let her know and she will help us.
- C. The reports will be a little different from QuickBooks. Sanitation and Liquid fuels are set up as different companies so you will get separate reports for those accounts.
- D. We received the grant money reimbursement (phase II) Annette's question...Do you want me to make a loan payment or put the money into a savings account and earn interest until we have to make a loan payment? Lamar made the motion to have Annette keep the money in a savings account, draw the money from the savings account if we need to pay bills until the project is done. The amount that is left over will be paid towards the loan when the project is done. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. Unfinished/ Old Business –

- A. Codification- Planning Commission is working on it
- B. Street Lights—covered under Spoliators report.
- C. Letter from J&W Management Corporation...owner of Pathmark shopping center

12. New Business –

- A. Proposal for asbestos—Motion to have SSM proceed with Asbestos quotes was made by Joan. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13. Mayor's Announcements-

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14. Adjournment – motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joan. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer