



# Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 3, 2011

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1. William Turk, President called the March 3, 2011 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 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; Harold Greene, Councilman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Jennifer Wentz, Recreation Board Chairman; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Opportunity for Citizens to be Heard
  - A. Brian Filchner asked council why he was sent to recreation board and back to borough council with the application for use of facility. Who should he go to and who will approve. Matt made the motion to approve the application for use of facility for the NL softball. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council confirmed that the application for use of facility forms are part of the Recreation Boards duties.
  - B. Ed Bechtel has Boy Scout troop #58 here to observe. They are working on a badge for local government. He thanked Borough Council for allowing them to be present.
4. Standing Committees –
  - A. Recreation Board- Jennifer Wentz
    - I. Jenn wanted to review the duties and responsibilities that the rec board drew up. Council discussed a few changes. The rec. board will review them and the ordinance and report back to council on any changes that they recommend.
  - B. Finance – Michael Gaston
    - Mike would like council to think about...should we request a copy of the 501c for all non profits that we donate money to? We have the right to see that at the 990c form that shows their income. He asked everyone to think about it till next week.
  - C. Law – Harold Greene
    - I. Meeting with Scott Blissman next Thursday night at 6:00 in executive session to start discussing the contract.
  - D. Streets – Lamar Lauer
    - I. Complaints about skateboarders in Pathmark shopping center. Someone is going to get hurt. It is private property. The shopping center owner needs to request enforcement.
  - E. Solid Waste – Matthew Newhard
    - Garbage Ordinance changes—as soon as Michael Corriere gets them to Annette, she will put them in everyone’s mail box.
    - Matt made a motion to spend some of the sanitation money on a mailing. He wants to send out a survey to help with the new contract. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - F. Recreation – Michael Gaston...everything was covered already by Mrs. Wentz.
  - G. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic
    - Land lord ordinance...Annette didn’t receive from Michael Corriere’s office. As soon as she has it she will put in everyone’s mailbox.
  - H. Personnel –Matthew Newhard...nothing
  - I. Grants-Michael Wentz

- Future funding for grants...there were massive cuts. Don't look for too much more money for a couple of years because of the cuts
- Memorial grant was cut. Still looking for other options. Will keep council posted
- Casino grant \$...looking into Sands Casino in Bethlehem. There might be a chance for us to get some of the \$
- Would like to piggy back with Walnutport Authority on a grant ...Matt made the motion to allow Mike to go after the grant to benefit both the WA and the Borough. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

J. Centennial Committee

- Looking to have next meeting in May.

5. Secretary's Announcements/Notes –

- Letter from insurance company
- Letter about sunshine act
- Letter from auditor to council

6. Unfinished Business –

- A. Codification- planning commission is working on it
- B. Street lights-letter from Michael Corriere

7. New Business –

- A. Next week's meeting...Walnutport Borough council will be meeting at 6:00 pm next Thursday March 10, 2011 in an executive session to discuss personnel matters. We will resume normal meeting at 7:00 pm.
- B. Discuss appeals board for property maintenance and UCC...Matt made the motion to have Solicitor prepare Ordinance for both appeals boards. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. Motion to allow WPA to sell Easter flowers @ main entrance of Borough Hall on Friday and Saturday before Easter & to allow WPA to have their annual egg hunt at the ball field next to Borough Hall parking lot made by Harold. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. Need volunteers for demo @ recreation center. When we get the final approval from county, we are looking for volunteers to help with the demolition. This will help save money on the project. We will have a dumpster for the event. There was more discussion on recreation board, WPA, the recreation center, and information being given out without all of borough council's approval.
- E. It is borough councils overall consensus the kitchen will stay in its current location. It will not be relocated from the current location.

8:00 boy scouts left meeting. Thanked borough council again for allowing them to be here.

- F. Henry was asked why Jason is not bringing the police car back every night while he is going to training. Henry will find out where his training is and why the car isn't coming back.
- G. Mike made the motion to have the window ordered and have Mel Fritz replace the windows that were damaged from the squirrel in fall. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- H. Joan made the motion to release the first installment of insurance payment to the fire company. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- I. Brian Filchner asked when "can they start using the field next to the recreation center?". Council advised we have to see when the construction is complete at that end of the building. They have to be able to get concrete trucks and other construction vehicles around the building.

8. Adjournment – Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by, Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer