



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 3, 2011

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1. William Turk, President called the November 3, 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; Harold Greene, Councilman; Matthew Newhard, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Lamar Lauer, Councilman & Henry Kline, Mayor—absent.
3. Opportunity for Residents to be Heard
 - A. Robert Treskot discussed the outstanding real estate and per capita bills
 - B. Brian Filchner asked about the heat in the 215 building. Council advised Rick to hook up the electric panel in that room. He also asked council for help with the back stop. It needs to be replaced. Estimate came in at \$9,600.00.
 - C. Edgar Lorah, Jr. asked if he can lease the land that William Stumpf can no longer farm. Matt made the motion to have the Solicitor draw up a lease for \$100.00 between Edgar Lorah, Jr. and the Borough of Walnutport. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried. Annette will contact Junior when it is ready.
4. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston
 - I. Budgets were discussed. Comparing layoff at police department vs. no layoff. They also discussed raising taxes vs. not raising taxes. Want o raise per capita to \$15.00. Annette will check with Solicitor and get answers for next week.
 - II. Motion to pass preliminary budget without the layoff made by Matt. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - III. Motion to advertise mil rate at 16 made by Mike. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Law – Harold Greene
 - I. Letters to chief about schedule and attending meetings are in your packet
 - II. Needs an executive session
 - C. Streets –
 - I. Matt explained the threshold was changed for bids
 - II. Canal has water in it. Matt wanted to say Thank you to water authority crew, road crew, Pete Wayda, Chris Fredericks, Ron Kuntz, Dennis Green (from authority board), Jason Newhard (free of charge), and Mr. Prutzman for helping with the temporary fix on the canal. Matt also helped.
 - D. Solid Waste – Matthew Newhard- not report
 - E. Recreation – Michael Gaston – recreation board won't meet till spring of next year

F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic

- For fire company to bill insurance companies

G. Personnel –Matthew Newhard-no report

H. Grants-Michael Wentz

- Didn't hear anything from casino \$
- Ppl—doesn't look good. Will have to pay too much out. Will keep posted
- County EMA/FEMA for a generator. Working on getting a generator to make the "bingo hall" as an emergency location. Will keep you posted.

I. Centennial Committee—Matt Newhard-no report

J. Secretary/Treasurer-

I. Harold made the motion to hire Kirk, Summa & Co for 2011 audit. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II. Joan made the motion to allow Annette to fix the addresses on Lehigh Gap/Gap Street addresses. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Mike made the motion to increase Annette's bond insurance to \$500,000.00 from \$60,000.00. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Solicitor permit...permits issued for last weekend's parade...do they need new permit or do they carry over to this weekend? Council said they carry over due to rain date.

5. Unfinished Business –

A. Codification- waiting on general code

B. Street lights-need motion to disburse check per Mr. Corriere's e-mail

I. Matt made motion to hold the check and tell MEM council wants them here next week to answer questions. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Want to know how many polls & where

C. ZHB Solicitor—list of solicitors who are interested.

6. New Business –

A. Farm land in Lehigh Township—Mr. Stumpf can no longer farm it. Mr. Lorah would like to farm it.

7. Borough council entered into executive session at 8:17-8:45 pm to discuss contractual items. Not action.

8. Adjournment – motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joan. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko