



Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 8, 2011

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1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: William Turk, Vice-President.
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President; Michael Gaston, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman; Matthew Newhard, Councilman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Officer Jason Nothstein; Chief Joseph Pennisi; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Concord Public Finance- James (Jamie) Schlesinger gave an update and answered questions about refinancing the borough's loan.
 - A. Matt made the motion to authorize Jamie to get pricing/rates to refinance the borough loans. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Matt made the motion to authorize Jamie to get multiple (\$150K or \$225K excess) pricing/rates to refinance the borough loans. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Mr. Corriere will advertise for a special meeting on September 27, 2011 at 7:00 pm.
4. Officer Jason Nothstein- asked about his employment. Borough council asked for Annette and the Chief to address council with anything they came up with. Annette advised council she transferred \$13,081.00 from Sanitation into general account to help with the part time officers' budget. She also transferred money from liquid fuels to reimburse for the PPL invoices that are allowed to be paid out of liquid fuels (\$5,519.36). She will transfer September, October, November, and December once we receive the invoices. That should total about \$11,000.00. Chief Pennisi said adjustments can be made to 410.182 longevity; 410.183 overtime; 410.221 general operating supplies; & 410.250 vehicle maintenance to transfer @ \$8,000.00 into part time budget. Matt made the motion to have Annette transfer the \$13,081.00 into the part time police budget from 392.360 to 410.130. We will revisit the other totals next month. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Opportunity for Residents to be Heard
 - A. Brian Filchner had an application for use of facility form. Annette will give to recreation board.
 - B. Bill Hargreaves is putting an addition onto a home in the borough. His 3rd party inspector was in an accident and is a coma. What should he do? Mr. Corriere advised Mr. Hargreaves to get another 3rd party inspector.
 - C. Earl Snyder gave his opinion on the possible police layoffs
6. Motion to approve minutes from workshop meeting August 4, 2011 and the regular meeting August 11, 2011 made by Matt. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Motion to approve Tax Collector's Monthly Report for August 2011 made by Matt. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Motion to approve August 2011 Profit & Loss Report made by Matt. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. Motion to approve August 2011 Bill List made by Matt. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. Motion to approve Police Report for August 2011 made by Matt. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
11. Motion to approve Zoning Report for August 2011 made by Matt. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12. Standing Committees –

A. Finance – Michael Gaston

- I. Budget—there was a little more of a discussion. Mike asked everyone to watch their spending.
- II. BW Horn invoice table till next month
 - Harold made a motion to solicit for prices for next year. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Law – Harold Greene

- I. Letter from Chief Pennisi requesting extra help
 - Lamar mad the motion to have extra police coverage for trick or treat and the Halloween Parade. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Streets – Lamar Lauer no report

D. Solid Waste – Matthew Newhard no report

E. Recreation – Michael Gaston no report

Joan asked if the playground can move their stuff back into the room. They don't want to have to keep moving stuff. Council advised they were told they should move their stuff already.

F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic

- Land lord ordinance—Matt made the motion to have solicitor advertise the ordinance. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Junk vehicle (advertised) Dave made the motion to approve ordinance 2011-09. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Police Pension Plan Matt made the motion to approve Ordinance 2011-07. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- For fire company to bill insurance companies—Solicitor is drawing something up.

G. Personnel –Matthew Newhard—no report

H. Grants-Michael Wentz

- I. Matt made the motion to have Mr. Wentz look into grants for both locks. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- II. Mr. Wentz asked what \$ amount should he put in for borough's portion. Council will have more answers at end of month.
- III. PPL grant...council will have more answers at end of month
- IV. Mr. Wentz will look into grant for trees for next month's meeting

I. Centennial Committee—Matt Newhard—no report

J. Solicitors Report

- I. Sent letter to Nimaris Construction
- II. Waiting on the Nickeloid for the easement agreement
- III. Will send out the agreement of sales for Elk lighting property

K. Engineers Report

- I. 215 building...Jason will hold off another month due to \$ issues
- II. Elk Lighting...Jason contacted Brad Smith to let him know the Solicitor will be contacting him in regards to the sales agreement.
- III. Phase II...recommends council pays Nimaris all but \$5,000.00

- IV. Hurricane Irene...Jason is working with PEMA, FEMA, and Northampton County to see what can be done to fix the damage Hurricane Irene did to the canal
 - V. Emergency response plan needs to be updated
13. Unfinished Business –
- A. Codification- in planning commission hands
 - B. Street lights-Michael Corriere is handling
 - C. Payment to Nimaris—letter from Fedetz—Harold made the motion to pay Nimaris \$19,813.31, retaining \$5,000.00 for the work that needs to be done. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - D. Joan made a motion to pay ACE electric \$5,544.34 (after this paid in full) & pay KC Mechanical \$3,777.50 (after this paid in full). Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
14. Mayor's Announcements –Trick or Treat will be Wednesday October 26th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm rain or shine
15. Adjournment – Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer