



# Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 12, 2012

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the April 12, 2012 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Newhard led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Matthew Newhard, President; Michael Gaston, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Lamar Lauer, Councilman-ABSENT.
3. The Wire Guys-Michael Miller & Keith Smith gave a presentation on the camera system they discussed with Bill and Mike. Bill made a motion to have the Wire Guys get us another quote with Rick and Mike running the wires and only 2 cameras (instead of 4). Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Christine Stafford gave council an update on the EIT. They are still meeting monthly. She will be retiring September 1<sup>st</sup> so council will have to appoint someone else to replace her.
5. Matt Daniels, Business Recycling Consultant from Greenstar recycling explained some option to council about recycling in their new contract. He will get information to Annette for councils review and discussion. The contract can tell the hauler where the recycles have to go and the borough can receive the money for the recycles. He is going to get us information for the business/commercial accounts.
6. Opportunity for Residents to be Heard-
  - A. Bob Treskot asked the following questions...
    - When is the fence up the back going to be fixed? Why is it locked? Council informed him the fence is scheduled to be fixed next week and the fence will remain locked. The borough doesn't want to encourage people to use property that is not the boroughs. The borough doesn't want to open up liability for people using the uneven pavement. There is an opening in the fence down further.
    - Is the borough going to have a port a potty placed by the playground? There are a lot of children playing there and need to use the restroom. When renovated will the restrooms be opened to the public? Council asked Bob if any other park has public facilities opened for their playgrounds and who will pay for it? They agreed no port a potty especially with all the vandalism that is going on there.
    - Is the borough getting a band shell for the carnival this year? Mike Gaston is taking care of it.
    - Tax collector—we are having a good month. You will be getting more money in the next few weeks.
7. Motion to approve
  - A. minutes of the workshop meeting March 1, 2012 and regular meeting March 8, 2012
  - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for March 2012
  - C. Police Officer's Report for March 2012
  - D. Zoning Officer's Report for March 2012
  - E. March 2012 Profit & Loss Report
  - F. March 2012 Bill List made by Joan. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Michael Gaston
    - Painting quotes—Mike called several other people. No one called him back.
    - Bill made the motion to paint 417 Lincoln Ave, & basketball courts totaling about \$4,564.00. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
    - We are holding our own with money
    - Line of credit—we need to go thru the process—we shouldn't go after a line of credit for the bathroom because of the costs of bidding it out. We will use our life line we didn't touch yet.
  - B. Law – Harold Greene—under unfinished business
  - C. Streets – Rick informed council
    - All the salt was delivered and will be stored in Lehigh Township till next winter.

- Started cutting grass
  - Dump truck is almost done
- D. Solid Waste – Bill Turk
- Bills will go out next week
  - We received a complaint about garbage. This resident witnessed the hauler put the garbage and recycling in the same truck at the same time.
  - Mr. Dittmer from Northampton County will be here at next month's meeting to talk about our contract.
- E. Recreation Board– Joan Rehrig—nothing to report
- F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic
- Flood Insurance Rate Map (see engineer & solicitor)
  - Ordinance to pass Codification 2012-08 Joan made the motion to introduce and advertise the Codification Ordinance 2012-08 for the June meeting's adoption. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - 2012-05 stop sign at Walnut Alley & Lehigh Gap Street & Walnut Alley & Lincoln Avenue- Dave made the motion to pass Ordinance 2012-05. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - Zoning ordinance change—Dave made the motion to have Solicitor send the zoning ordinance changes to the planning commission. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- G. Personnel – Joan Rehrig- nothing
- H. Secretary's Announcements/Notes –
- Spirit award ceremony is Monday evening. Greg Soltis is getting the award. Henry prepared a proclamation and declared Monday April 16, 2012 to be Greg Soltis Day! The chamber is still looking for people to attend the meeting.
- I. Solicitor's Report –
- Toth—we received the first payment in the settlement
  - Lien was placed for 425 Main Street
  - Waiting on American Nickeloid to sign agreement
  - Made a few changes to the lease with the canal. Will get back to Annette and have WCA sign
  - ZHB—will speak to Mr. Healing and ask him to come to the May 10, 2012 meeting to discuss their budget
- J. Engineer's Report –
- See report
  - Council asked Annette to call Architect to tell him there are a lot of shrubs that are dead and the block that was missed was never caulked when they finished it.
9. Unfinished Business/issues –
- A. Codification—ordinance review to pass
- B. Street lights-waiting on MEM—meeting scheduled with PPL April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at boro hall
- C. Lease with WCA— Kaul's are present to discuss. Mike made the motion to approve the lease agreement with the WCA. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paper work
- E. Old light bar (sealed bids due April 27, 2012)
- F. Towing issue
- Harold made the motion to rescind the suspension of Blue Ridge auto service and to terminate their services. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harold made the motion to have Erschens Garage as our primary towing service for the borough effective as soon as Annette sends the letters. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. New Business –
- A. Mulch for playground—Matt called LaBarre. It is \$33.00 a yard. He would like a motion to be able to get a truck load of mulch for this weekend. Having all the volunteers there already they can spread that at the same time. Dave made the motion to purchase the truck load of mulch. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Buddy Kaul wanted to let council know that WCA provides a port a potty to the people using the tow path. They pay for it. It's about \$60.00 a month.
- C. Mike made the motion to have Annette reimburse the general account from liquid fuels for any invoices that need to come out of there (ex. PPL, winter maintenance, vehicle repairs, etc)
11. Adjournment- Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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