



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 5, 2012

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1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Matthew Newhard, President.
2. Roll Call: Matthew Newhard, President; Michael Gaston, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Harold Greene, Councilman-Absent.
3. Opportunity for Residents to be Heard-none
4. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston
 - Painting the building—leaking at spots. Mike will get 2 more quotes
 - Meeting on Tuesday with the company about camera at 215 Lincoln. A lot of vandalism
 - B. Law – Michael Gaston – need executive session
 - C. Streets – Lamar Lauer - nothing
 - D. Solid Waste – Bill Turk –
 - Garbage bills will go out in the next week or two
 - Motion to approve resolution 2012-04 made by Joan. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Dumpster at canal- IWS dropped off a roll off for all the garbage. The canal filled it and IWS picked it up already.
 - E. Recreation Board– Joan Rehrig
 - Asked about the curb cutoff—they should talk to Rick about going opening up the gate and going around the macadam.
 - Will they have their stage for the carnival? Mike will look into it
 - Fence is broken—Rick has a call into the fence company already. They are fixing next week.
 - Stuff in the garage- they need to clean out ASAP. They don't rent that room
 - F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic
 - Zoning ordinance—needs to go to planning commission first
 - G. Personnel – Joan Rehrig- executive session
 - H. Secretary's Announcements/Notes –
 - Joan made the motion to not renew our membership to PA Recreation & Park Society. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - E-mail from Mr. Treskot about the presentation for the carnival will be April 16th at 7:00 pm. Now meeting needs to be postponed. I will let everyone know when it is rescheduled.
 - Updated list from SSM about the path project with expenses and sponsorship
 - Tax Assessor keeps calling/sending letters. I took care of "issue" with SSM
5. Executive session to discuss personnel matter and possible litigation. No action taken

6. Unfinished Business/issues—

- A. Motion to approve Resolution 2012-05 made by Mike. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Mercantile tax issue with Mr. Warren James—see attached—Dave made the motion to allow Annette to refund Mr. James \$422.18. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. Codification—books have arrived. Will discuss ordinance to adopt next week
- D. Street lights-waiting on MEM
- E. ZHB Solicitor---letter from ZHB-
 - Council asked Annette to call Solicitor and ask if we can cut off the ZHB at the budgeted amount, what happens, etc.
 - Send Mr. Cheng a thank you letter
- F. Lease with WCA—council asked Annette to give copy to Mr. Kaul and ask him to be at next week's meeting to discuss.
- G. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork—council asked Annette to ask Solicitor how we can get Charlie Dent involved in helping this along. If there is anything he can do.

7. New Business –

- A. Letter from Ladies Auxiliary to the FW Fritzinger VFW Post 7215
 - Joan made the motion to allow VFW ladies Aux. to use council chambers with the following restrictions...
 1. Officer on duty will let the President in. They will not leave door unlocked. The President can let the rest of the attendees in when they arrive.
 2. There will be a time when the facilities will not be available due to construction.
 3. Borough business needs to come first. If there is a Zoning hearing, they get the room first and the VFW needs to make other arraignments. The VFW will have to be flexible.
 4. Must leave the building they way they find it.
- B. Towing - there have been complaints about Blue Ridge Service Center taking a long time to get to an accident scene. Mike made the motion to have Annette send them a letter stating their services will be suspended until they meet with council to come up with a resolution to the problem. The letter will go the Chief of Police and 911 Center. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Mayor's Announcements- He is not resigning! Have a safe and Happy Easter!

9. Adjournment-Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer