



# Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 2, 2012

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1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Matthew Newhard, President called the August 2, 2012 workshop 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; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Harold Greene, Councilman; & Henry Kline, Mayor—ABSENT.
3. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-- none
4. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Michael Gaston stated we started working on next year’s budget. You all have a copy of the Chief’s requests.
  - B. Law – Michael Gaston discussed
    - the issues with the cameras. They will be taken care of tomorrow under the warrantee.
    - How does council want the police to handle the garbage pickers...cite them, have Rick send the letters, warnings? Council will discuss next week with solicitor and make decision next week.
  - C. Streets – Lamar Lauer
    - the bucket truck was purchased. Annette will contact Michael Corriere to reach out to Mr. Healy to get started on the joint agreement with Slatington Borough. Council would like the agreement signed as soon as possible.
    - Bulk head at the Frances Lock. The authority paid for it so the work could be done now before hurricane season. We still need to budget the \$ for next year and reimburse the authority.
    - FEMA/PEMA—Matt is working on the press release. He is not happy with it yet. Will rewrite it so it isn’t so negative and get out in Augusts issues of the gazettes.
  - D. Solid Waste – Bill Turk
    - Joan Motion to exempt 319 Williams Ave from garbage service. Water was turned off December 2011. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
    - 2013, 2014, 2015, & 2016 contracts-review the two contracts so we can discuss next week and approve so this can be put out to bid the next day.
  - E. Recreation Board– Joan Rehrig
    - Lamar made the motion to accept the resignation from James Evans. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
    - Annette will do the free advertisements to fill his spot. We will appoint someone at the October 4, 2012 meeting.
  - F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic
    - Flood Insurance Rate Map
    - Zoning ordinance 2012-07 (advertised and ready to adopt 8-9-12)
  - G. Personnel – Joan Rehrig- nothing

H. Grants-Michael Wentz gave a few updates on the below topics

- Contract for PPL grant is done and in process. We should know within the next month
- Sands casino grant was submitted. We should know by September
- Block grant-waiting...doesn't look good
- Canal grant--\$200,000 is sitting there waiting on FEMA/PEMA's decision
- FYI—the Phase III playground grant is sitting in limbo. We were never denied but not approved. There are some places who didn't use their money yet and the talk is they are turning their money back in. We may be that money...keeps fingers crossed. Mike will keep everyone posted.

I. Secretary's Announcements/Notes –

- Sponsor booklet for Walnutport Canal Festival sponsorship \$80.00—Mike made the motion to have Annette send the money in. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Unfinished Business/issues–

- A. Street lights-Solicitor working on
- B. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork/permitting
- C. Lease for farm land in Lehigh Township (Lorah Farm-leasee/renter)
- D. Nickeloid easement –Matt will sign next week

6. New Business –

- A. Donation for use of band shell-Bill made the motion to have Annette send \$500.00. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Joan made the motion to authorize Mr. Treskot to mail out interim tax bills (see attached report). Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. WPA-Annette will contact Mr. Weidner from the WPA and ask him to be at next week's meeting.
- D. WPA—next year's PPL bill-we will charge them the difference of the June –July's bill to the WPA for the carnival expenses.
- E. Kuntz property. We are still getting complaints. We were told the county board of health will be going to visit the occupants again.

7. Council entered into an executive session from 8:20-8:40 pm to discuss personnel/law issues. No action taken.

8. Adjournment- motion to adjourn the meeting made Joan at 8:45 pm. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer