



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday, December 6, 2012

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the December 6, 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; Harold Greene, Councilman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Jason Newhard, Engineer; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Henry Kline, Mayor-absent.
3. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A. Robert Treskot spoke about his disappointment in the decrease in the tax collectors salary for 2014.
4. H.A. Thomson Insurance—BJ and council discussed insurance coverage and any changes that need to be made to the policy
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston
 - i. BUDGET—moved to back of agenda (under unfinished business)
 - ii. Refinancing-Joan made the motion to have Concord get bids for \$800K financing for February’s meeting. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Law – Harold Greene - nothing
 - C. Streets – Lamar Lauer
 - i. Rick says Hi! and he misses being here. He is bored not being able to get around.
 - ii. Backhoe is 20 years old and will cost about \$9,000.00 to fix what needs to be done. Dave made the motion to leave (for 5 years) the backhoe. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - iii. Christmas lights-there is a problem with the banner across Main Street. PPL knows about it but they are still fixing things from the hurricane. Christmas lights are less important.
 - iv. Help for Mike while Rick is out. Lamar made the motion to advertise for a part time/temporary/seasonal employee being hired at \$12.50 an hour. Letters of interest and resumes should be in to Annette by January 8, 2013 by 12:00 pm. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - D. Solid Waste – William Turk
 - i. Joan made the motion to exempt 634 Lehigh Gap Street from garbage...water turned off... Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ii. Another letter was received on an address. They turn their water off inside their house while they go away for several weeks in the winter. They want their garage waived. Council said no, that’s not what the ordinance states. Residents will be here to discuss with council.
 - iii. 2013 bills are due next Friday. Looks like a lot of people are taking advantage of the yearly payment option.

- E.** Recreation Board– Joan Rehrig
 - i.** We are still looking for applicants to fill 2 vacant seats-no applications have been received
- F.** Ordinance Review – David Stankovic
 - i.** Flood Insurance Rate Map
 - ii.** Curfew Ordinance 2012-12 adopt on 12-13-12
 - iii.** 2012-16 solid waste updates
 - iv.** 2012-14—mil rate for 2013 adopt on 12-13-12
- G.** Personnel – Joan Rehrig- nothing
- H.** Engineer’s report
 - i.** Mike made the motion to approve the change orders for title in 417 building and door at 215 building. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ii.** February workshop will discuss the alleys in town
- I.** Grants-Michael Wentz
 - i.** Electrician is working on the lights in this building
- 6.** Unfinished Business/issues–
 - A.** Street lights-Solicitor working on
 - B.** Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork
 - C.** Elk lighting property
 - D.** Easement with 4683 Timberline Road (Estate of Martha Kern)
- 7.** Mike made the motion to take a 10 minute recess to have Annette refigure out the budget 2013. Will be back at 9:00 pm. Once back everyone looked at numbers and that is what they agreed on for next week’s final vote.
 - E.** Joan made the motion to put radios under unfinished business. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - F.** The insurance company denied the claim for the unfortunate accident on Main Street.
- 8.** New Business –
 - A.** Police car- police were told to use the unfinished car for court. Will discuss options once we find out when Rick will be back. Might have to hire ECCO to finish radio and lights. Next year’s budget.
- 9.** Mayor’s Announcements- the mayor was not here again. Council discussed how disappointed they are since it is the budget time and he is not here to hear what is going on. He had said he will veto the budget if there is any tax increase. It was said “how can he make the decision if he isn’t here?” That will only cost tax payers more money because we will need to have a special meeting.
- 10.** Adjournment-Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded it. Motion carried at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer