



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

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1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Matthew Newhard, President called the February 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; Harold Greene, Councilman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Mike Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Kevin Fister, Outdoor Recreation Manager from Wildlands Conservancy—they are looking for
4. Opportunity for Residents to be Heard-none
5. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Michael Gaston
  - B. Law – Harold Greene
    - Harold spoke to Blissman. Michael Corriere will type up letter @ vests to all officers. All officers must sign letter before they can have their next paycheck.
  - C. Streets – Lamar Lauer spoke to Borough of Palmerton about stop signs in Alleys. Table till next week to discuss with Mike Corriere
  - D. Solid Waste – Bill Turk
    - Complaints about garbage not being picked up
    - Complaint letter from resident on Lehigh Gap Street
    - Annette will contact IWS to be at next week's meeting.
  - E. Recreation Board– Joan Rehrig
    - Letter from WPA & co Chairmen of carnival...council wants to know when the meeting will be. Annette will check into it and get back to council.
  - F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic-nothing
  - G. Personnel – Joan Rehrig
    - Received 2 letters of interest for 32 hour position.
  - H. Borough Council entered into an executive session to discuss police personnel from 7:30 pm – 8:15 pm. No action taken.
  - I. Secretary's Announcements/Notes –
    - State ethic forms—please complete and get back to Annette by May 2012
    - Motion to approve Resolution 2012-01 made by Harold. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - J. Grants- Mike Wentz
    - \$200,000.00 for canal lock grant...we may need to get another line of credit. Looks like this grant will work the same way. We have to pay 1<sup>st</sup> and will get reimbursement in about 45 days.
    - Looking into a historic grant. Can get up to \$25,000.00.

6. Unfinished Business/issues–
  - A. Mercantile tax issue with Mr. Warren James
  - B. Codification—waiting on general code
  - C. Street lights-waiting on MEM
  - D. ZHB Solicitor---waiting on the ZHB
  - E. Lease with WCA—
  - F. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork.
7. New Business –
  - A. Motion to send delinquent per capita list dated 1-17-12 to collections made by Harold. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - B. Southern Pennsylvania Resource Conservation & Development Council @ planting trailer-letter attached...brochure was given to council for their review.
8. Mayor's Announcements – nothing
9. Adjournment-motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joan at 8:40 pm. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer