



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 9, 2012

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1. Borough council met at 6:30 – 7:45 pm in an executive session to discuss a police personnel matter. No action will be taken at this time.
2. Matthew Newhard, President called the February 9, 2012 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:45 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Newhard led the Pledge of allegiance.
3. 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; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Scott Blissman, Labor attorney; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
4. IWS—representatives Ron Carlson and Kevin Davidson attended the meeting as requested by borough council from last week's meeting. They discussed a few contract issues.
 - A. Hours of operation are from 6:00 am – 4:00 pm. Mike Gaston made the motion to allow IWS to start at 4:00 am instead of 6:00 am so they are finished by 4:00 pm. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Borough council reminded IWS if there is a change to the schedule, they need to contact the Solid waste chairperson, who is Bill Turk.
 - C. Borough council also asked IWS if they have brochures with their name, address, phone number, rules, complaint procedure, etc like the contract states should be available at their expense. Kevin said he would get them to the borough secretary. They will also send her a pdf copy so she can post to the borough webpage.
5. MEM—was asked to me at meeting –did not show up. There will be an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the legal matter of this.
6. Opportunity for Residents to be Heard- none
7. Dave made a motion to pass A – F. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - A. minutes of the reorganization/workshop meeting January 3, 2012 and regular meeting January 12, 2012
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for January 2012
 - C. Police Officer's Report for January 2012
 - D. Zoning Officer's Report for January 2012
 - E. January 2012 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. January 2012 Bill List
8. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston
 - EIT—concerned about not getting our \$ from Allentown now.
 - B. Law – Harold Greene
 - Motion to approve schooling for police officers made by Joan. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Harold made the motion to hire Christopher Fredericks as the 32 hour part time police officer effective March 5, 2012. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Annette will verify letters with Mr. Blissman and send them out about the 32 hour position.
 - C. Streets – Lamar Lauer
 - Stop signs
 - Dave made the motion to ask the Chief to look at Walnut Alley to review for a stop sign. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - D. Solid Waste – Bill Turk
 - Going to start working on the contract
 - E. Recreation Board– Joan Rehrig
 - Harold made the motion to allow the WPA to use the Pavilion for their flower sales on April 6 & 7, 2012. They will provide a port a potty. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic

- Motion to approve 2012-03 made by Harold. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Motion to approve 2012-04 made by Dave. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- G. Personnel – Joan Rehrig -nothing
- H. Secretary’s Announcements/Notes –
- From last week, the letter from WPA about totals for carnival. He will let us know. Date not set yet.
 - Payment plans- revisit some of them to make them being paid off in a more timely manner.
- I. Solicitor’s Report –
- Elk lighting
 - Needs executive session for 3 issues.
 - American Nickeloid working on easement with them
 - LOMO plan is approved, waiting on cost estimates then plans can be recorded
- J. Engineer’s Report –
- See report
 - Mike made the motion to hire code master for the third party inspections for the bathroom project. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Mike made the motion to submit the applications and fees needed for the Hurricane Irene Damages. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- K. Grants—Mike Wentz shared with council that the budget was approved for both locks.
9. Unfinished Business/issues –
- A. Mercantile tax issue with Mr. Warren James
 - B. Codification—waiting on general code
 - C. Street lights-waiting on MEM—executive session
 - D. ZHB Solicitor---waiting on the ZHB
 - E. Lease with WCA—license agreement for 5 years-Corriere is working on it
 - F. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork.
10. New Business –
- A. Just an FYI-Canal Side Manor was denied their license renewal. Zoning officer is checking into details.
 - B. Walnutport Canal Association wants to put an addition on their storage shed. Joan made the motion to allow them to do so and submit the permits. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harold made the motion to waive the fees. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
11. Borough Council entered executive session to discuss potential litigation. No action taken.
12. Mayor’s Announcements – Henry wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day!!!!
13. Adjournment- Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer