



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 12, 2012

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1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Matthew Newhard, President called the January 12, 2012 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:56 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; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Opportunity for Residents to be Heard-none
Lamar made the motion to approve #4 - #9. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. minutes of the workshop meeting December 1, 2011 and regular meeting December 8, 2011
5. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for December 2011
6. Police Officer's Report for December 2011
7. Zoning Officer's Report for December 2011
8. December 2011 Profit & Loss Report
9. December 2011 Bill List
10. Borough council entered into an executive session to discuss police personnel and potential litigation. 7:00 – 7:40 pm.
11. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston - nothing
 - B. Law – Harold Greene – police contract is settled avoiding going to arbitration.
 - C. Streets – Lamar Lauer – send Chief a letter. He needs to do a traffic study on all the alleys to put up stop signs.
 - D. Solid Waste – Bill Turk - nothing
 - E. Recreation Board– Joan Rehrig - nothing
 - F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic
 - Motion to approve 2012-01 made by Dave. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Motion to approve 2011-11 made by Joan. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - G. Personnel – Joan Rehrig - nothing
 - H. Secretary's Announcements/Notes –
 - D&L National Heritage Corridor -Lamar made the motion to make the donation. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - PA Recreation & Park Society, Inc- do not made donation
 - Collection agency/Magistrate- Joan made the motion to no longer use the collection agency. We will send to magistrate after 60 day late instead of waiting for collection agency. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Ordinance for garbage—lower fees- mike made the motion to change the fees to a min of \$150.00. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - I. Solicitor's Report –
 - Motion to approve 2012-02 made by Harold. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Joan made the motion to allow Solicitor to advertise business license ordinance to have the ordinance say "\$25.00 per unit". Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Elk Lighting...waiting for signed agreement

- American Nickeloid—storm water easement

J. Engineer's Report –

- See report
- LOMO—Darren Heckman from Lehigh Engineering gave borough council an summary of the plans.
 1. Dave made the motion to grant the waiver for section 5.9 requiring a Traffic Impact Study per the SALDO. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 2. Joan made the motion to grant conditional/preliminary/final approval for the LOMO land improvement plan with the understanding the comments are taken care of on zoning letter and the engineering letter from Jason at SSM. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12. Unfinished Business –

- A. Mercantile tax issue with Mr. Warren James—waiting on Mr. James to get the borough the documents needed.
- B. Codification—waiting on general code...should have the finished product in February
- C. Street lights-waiting on MEM
- D. ZHB Solicitor---waiting on the ZHB
- E. Lease with WCA—borough council and the Kaul's discussed the agreement. Mr. Corriere will draw up the changes and get to council to review.
- F. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork.
- G. Police schooling January 2012- needs approval—Mike made the motion to approve the January 2012 schooling. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13. New Business –

- A. Letter from Tax collector to shred his "old files" Motion to allow Robert Treskot to shred the document according to the record retention schedule made by Lamar. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Motion to send delinquent taxes to collections (reports attached) made by Mike. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. Letter from Northern Lehigh Future Focus—table till May 2012
- D. Harold made the motion to waive the garbage for 445 Main Street. The water/sewer had been shut off and the house will be demolished with the LOMO plans. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- E. Dave made the motion to authorize Borough Officials to respond to the Notice of Violation by Army Corp of Engineer regarding the Canal Lock #23 within 10 days. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- F. Harold made the motion to authorize SSM to prepare and submit the necessary permits to legalize the previous work conducted at the Canal Lock #23. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14. Mayor's Announcements – Don't forget Martin Luther King's Birthday is Monday

15. Adjournment- motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joan. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer