



Borough of Walnutport Reorganization Meeting Workshop Meeting Minutes January 3, 2012

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1. The swearing in of re elected borough council members (listed below) occurred at 6:56 pm by Magisterial District Judge Robert Hawke.
 - Michael Gaston
 - Matthew Newhard
 - Lamar Lauer
2. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Henry Kline, Mayor called the January 3, 2012 Reorganization/workshop meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Borough Hall located at 417 Lincoln Avenue; Walnutport, PA 18088.
3. Roll Call: William Turk, Michael Gaston, Joan Rehrig, Lamar Lauer, Matthew Newhard, Harold Greene, David Stankovic, Henry Kline, and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
4. Nomination and Election of Council President: (upon completion, Mayor turns the gavel over to the President) Henry asked for nominations for President of Borough Council. Joan nominated Matt Newhard. Matt accepted. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. At this time Henry turned the meeting over to President Matthew Newhard.
5. Nomination and Election of Vice President: Matt asked for nomination for vice president of Borough Council. Bill nominated Mike Gaston. Mike accepted. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Nomination and Election of President Pro Tem: Matt asked for nomination for pro tem (means if President and vice president are absent this person could run the meeting if there was a quorum) Joan nominated Bill. Bill accepted. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Other Appointments:
 - A. Reappointments-
 - I. Motion to retain The Engineering Firm of Spotts, Stevens and McCoy to serve as Borough Engineer made by Mike. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - II. Motion to retain the Solicitor: Corriere & Andres Esquire made by Dave. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - III. Motion to retain Eric Strohl to serve as Code Enforcement officer for the Borough made by Lamar. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - IV. Motion to retain Sean Corey to serve as Zoning Officer made by Harold. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - V. Motion to confirm Fire Police (letter attached) for the Diamond Fire Company and the Borough of Walnutport for the year 2012 made by Mike. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - VI. Motion to authorizing the Diamond Fire Company to engage in fund raising activities, participate in mutual aid with any fire company and authorizing the fire police to serve during non-emergency functions during 2012 made by Dave. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - VII. Motion to retain Solicitor, Engineer, and recording secretary for Planning Commission made by Joan. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- VIII. Motion to reappoint Kevin Rex, Michael Newhard, and Henry Kline to the Planning Commission made by Dave. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IX. Motion to retain Anderson & Assoc., to manage Police & Borough Pension Plan made by Harold. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- X. Motion to retain HA Thomson to manage our insurance policies made by Mike. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- XI. Motion to retain Labor Council, Scott Blissman made by Bill. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- XII. Motion to reappoint Michael Wentz as Grant Coordinator made by Bill. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- XIII. Motion to reappoint Shirley Chimich, Tony Rosencrance, Donald Evans to ZHB and Earl Snyder as the alternate for ZHB made by Joan. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- XIV. Motion to fill 2 seats on Recreation Board—letters of interest attached
 - 4 Year term Motion to appoint Michele Novak was made by Harold. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 3 Year term Motion to appoint Joan Rehrig, council representative, was made by Mike. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Opportunity for Residents to be Heard - no one
9. Standing Committees
 - A. Finance- Mike Gaston- nothing
 - B. Law- Harold Greene- needs brief executive session to discuss personnel and possible litigation
 - C. Streets-Lamar Lauer- meeting with Army Cor. of engineering at 10:00 am tomorrow to discuss the complaint about the canal damage.
 - D. Solid Waste- Bill Turk- nothing
 - E. Recreation- Joan Rehrig- meeting is going on now for Walnutport Playground Assoc.
 - F. Ordinance Review- nothing
 - G. Personnel- no report
 - H. Grants- Mike Wentz spoke about the canal grant. Asking \$410,000.00
10. Secretary's Announcements/ Notes- nothing
11. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Codification—waiting on general code
 - B. Street lights-waiting on MEM
 - C. ZHB Solicitor---waiting on the ZHB
 - D. Lease with WCA—will be at January 12, 2012 meeting to discuss
 - E. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork.
12. Borough council entered into an executive session to discuss possible litigation and personnel issue. 7:40 pm – 8:10 pm. Harold announced they avoided arbitration with the police and have settled their contract. Matt thanked the law committee and told them they did a good job settling the contract.
13. New Business:
 - A. Mike made the motion to advertise for a 32 hour part time police officer in the Times News, minimum of 1 year experience, fully credentials. They will speak to the Chief about the advertisement. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Bill made the motion to purchase the new copier for secretary's office. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Mike made the motion to purchase a lap top for the road foreman. This computer will be used by the road foreman and the zoning officer. Joan seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

D. Dave asked Rick if he will look at the light in the playground. It looks like it is ready to fall down.

14. Mayor's Announcements – nothing

15. Motion to Adjourn: Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried at 8:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer