



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop/Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 5, 2012

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the July 5, 2012 workshop/regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:04 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; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; & Michael Corriere, Solicitor. Henry Kline, Mayor; Harold Greene, Councilman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; & Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer -ABSENT.
3. Walnutport Canal Association—Mr. & Mrs. Kaul
 - A. Grant for \$5,000.00 thru Northampton County to fix/rebuild bulk head, north of Main Street. Will borough put \$2,000.00 in next year's budget to help pay for it?
 - B. People are camping along canal- Can this be enforced? We need to contact Lehigh Township police because it is in the township for them to enforce.
 - C. Homeless people sleeping on the benches down at the canal. Not attractive and family friendly. Within our borough. The borough police need to be contacted at the time they are sleeping on the bench.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard--none
5. Motion to approve
 - A. minutes from workshop meeting June 7, 2012 & regular meeting June 14, 2012
 - B. Motion to approve June 2012 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. Motion to approve June 2012 Bill List made by Joan.
Motion seconded by Bill. Motion carried.
6. Standing Committees-
 - A. Finance—Mike Gaston-nothing
 - B. Law—Mike Gaston—situation from last month taken care of.
 - C. Streets—discussed bucket truck with Brian Reed, Slatington Borough. Bill made the motion to purchase a bucket truck with Slatington Borough with us only spending \$7,500.00 at the most. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cap of spending is \$15,000.00 total price.
 - D. Solid Waste—Bill Turk working on contract, complaints about garbage this week and last week.
 - E. Ordinance Review—David Stankovic
 - i. Flood Insurance Rate Map (engineer & solicitor working on)
 - ii. Zoning ordinance change (sent to LV Planning Commission) August 9, 2012 to vote
 - F. Personnel— Joan Rehrig--nothing
 - G. Engineer's Report—Jason Newhard
 - i. Restroom project grant—Northampton County will release a check for \$203,010.00 next week to meet their CDBG funding compliance.
 - ii. Preconstruction meeting will be July 10, 2010 at 8:00 am
 - iii. Still waiting on the Army Corp of Engineers for the Hurricane Irene damage.

- H. Solicitor's Report—Michael Corriere
 - i. Codification was passed and 15 day notifications done in Times News
 - ii. American Nickeloid waiting for signed contract
 - iii. Elk lighting—executive session
 - iv. Waste hauler contract—executive session
 - v. 645 Lehigh Drive—counter offer executive session
 - vi. Tax collector—lower rate can be done in election year
 - vii. Danger structure in executive session
 - viii. DRE officer will give a presentation at a future meeting
 - ix. Cell tower—notice was sent about grass
- 7. Entered into executive session from 7:50 pm – 8:39 pm to discuss sanitation contract, Elk Lighting contract/agreement, litigation 645 Lehigh Gap Street, possible danger structures—no action
- 8. New Business--none
- 9. Unfinished /Old Business
 - A. Street lights-Solicitor working on
 - B. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork
 - C. Elk lighting property swap—Motion to approve the proposed parcel plan and proposed right away plan in accordance with the Elk Lighting agreement of sale made by Bill. Seconded by Dave. Motion carried.
 - D. Lorah land lease—no address—Jason has a deed plot and tax parcel id#. Eric Strohl will talk to Mr. Lorah about portion used and chemicals.
 - E. Request Green Star to be at August 9, 2012 meeting.
- 10. Mayor's Announcements— Have a Happy, Healthy, and Safe 4th of July....Don't forget to support the WPA at their Carnival July 10-14, 2012
- 11. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joan. Motion seconded by Dave. Motion carried at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer