



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 7, 2012

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1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Matthew Newhard, President called the June 7, 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 (entered at 7:15 pm), Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene (entered at 7:50 pm), Councilman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Henry Kline, Mayor—Absent.
3. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard--none
4. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance –
 - Joan made the motion to release budgeted donation to Diamond Fire Company for \$15,000.00. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Joan made the motion to reimburse the Diamond Fire Company \$1,636.00 for their training from January – June 2012. (Budgeted item). Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Law – Mike & Harold (revisited once the 2 were in attendance)
 - The cameras were installed at 215 building. They are online waiting on training. Mike made the motion to allow the 3 full time officers to get trained during the day (1-2 hours), coordinating with ABE computers, and The Wire Guys. They will then train the part time officers. They can stay an hour late or come in an hour early to train the part time officers. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Letter from the Chief requesting extra part time police coverage during June, July, and August. Harold made the motion to have Annette send the chief a letter denying coverage. If he wanted the extra coverage it should have been included and explained in his budget. If he can prove their in an increase in calls in June they will reconsider for July and August. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Streets – Lamar Lauer –flags are hung
 - D. Solid Waste – Bill Turk
 - Motion to exempt 249 Main Street from garbage (water was shut off 5-24-11) until water is turned back on was made by Dave. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - E. Recreation Board– Joan Rehrig- did not have meeting. There wasn't a quorum.
 - F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic
 - Flood Insurance Rate Map (see engineer & solicitor)
 - ordinance to pass Codification 2012-08 (advertised for adoption on June 14, 2012)
 - Zoning ordinance change (letter from Planning Commission approving recommendation)
 - G. Personnel – Joan Rehrig- nothing
 - H. Grants-Michael Wentz
 - Made gave any update on CGBG grant, PPL grant, Sands Casino grant, and Monroe County grant.

- I. Secretary's Announcements/Notes –
 - Concord public finance— 11th annual Reading Phillies Picnic Sunday June 17th
 - Sunshine act—agenda needs to say "opportunity for residents & taxpayers to be heard"
 - Slatington Lions Club invite to outdoor Dinner Steak Fry Tuesday July 3rd
 - Sojourn Sunday June 24th
 - Chamber summer picnic is July 18, 2012 at Walnutport Canal Park from 5:30-8:30 pm— let Annette know who will be attending
 - Training/meeting for DCED about Act 71 changes...anyone interested in going?
5. Unfinished Business/issues–
 - A. Street lights-Solicitor working on
 - B. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork
 - C. Emergency Management Coordinator & Deputy (for June 14th meeting)
 - D. Replacement of TCC representative (letter attached from Bob Treskot)—looking for second alternative Resolution 2012-06
 - E. Received e-mail from Kip Fedetz-he will contact NiMaris again about dead trees and caulking
6. New Business –
 - A. Letter from Northern Lehigh Community Center asking permission to do a coin toss
 - Joan made a motion to allow NLCC do a coin toss on June 16, 2012 from 8:00 am -4:00 pm. Diamond Fire Chief John Kirchner supports the event. They have their proper insurance attached to request. Dave seconded the request. Motion carried.
 - Looking for a letter of financial support from borough—council wants to discuss with solicitor first
 - B. Slatington Public Library—certificate of appreciation
7. Law committee/personnel committee requested executive session—8:05-8:20 pm—no action
8. Adjournment- motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joan at 8:35 pm. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer