



Borough of Walnutport  
Workshop Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 1, 2012

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1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Matthew Newhard, President called the March 1, 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, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman (enter at 7:10 pm); Lamar Lauer, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Mike Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Jason Newhard, Engineer; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Henry Kline, Mayor-Absent.
3. Jason Newhard & Tina Fackler from SSM Group @ volunteer challenge project
  - A. Tina presented the volunteer project. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the challenge between private firms. They compete against each other. The idea is to give back to the community and work with non profits. The project has to be done by May 1, 2012. SSM would like to finish the borough's walking path. Mike made the motion to enter into the partnership with SSM. He also asked them to allow for conduit be placed so in the future or if enough money is raised that they can put some lighting up. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Opportunity for Residents to be Heard-none
5. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Michael Gaston- nothing
  - B. Law – Harold Greene-needs a few minutes in executive session
  - C. Streets – Lamar Lauer
    - Letter from Chief about traffic study—Annette will give to Solicitor to draw up Ordinance.
    - The road crew is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way finish with the demotion at the 215 building to get ready for the bathroom renovation project.
  - D. Solid Waste – Bill Turk
    - Bill asked how the garbage was since the discussion with IWS. Everything seems to be fixed. The cans are placed back where they belong and they out of town at a reasonable time.
  - E. Recreation Board– Joan Rehrig
    - Letter from WCA for permission to do a control burn—tabled till next meeting
  - F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic- nothing

- G. Personnel – Joan Rehrig- nothing
  - H. Secretary's Announcements/Notes –
    - Need resolutions signed for FEMA/PEMA
    - Harold made the motion to approve DAP 1 & DAP 2 and the Resolution to appoint Annette as the agent for the Borough. Joan seconded the motion. Motion approved.
  - I. Grants- Mike Wentz gave an update about the PPL grant. Waiting for pricing from them.
6. Council entered into an executive session to discuss personnel, regulations and possible litigation issues.
7. Unfinished Business/issues–
- A. Mercantile tax issue with Mr. Warren James—will discuss next week with Solicitor
  - B. Codification—waiting on general code—books should be delivered within the next couple days
  - C. Street lights-waiting on MEM—will be meeting with them and out Solicitor till next meeting.
  - D. ZHB Solicitor---waiting on the ZHB—Annette will send the ZHB a letter that council wants this resolved in the next couple weeks.
  - E. Lease with WCA—
  - F. Canal FEMA/PEMA—Jason & Annette met with FEMA on Friday February 24, 2012
8. New Business –
- A. Letters from Walnutport Authority—discussed in executive session under personnel
  - B. Harold asked if a firefighter can purchase on the old, old light bars from the police car. Council will table till next week. Want to discuss with Solicitor to see if they need to put out on bid.
  - C. NIZ—Matt wants to discuss EIT with the Solicitor at next week's meeting
  - D. Mike Gaston got prices on a 3 bay sink about \$2,000.00. He'll get final prices for next week's meeting.
9. Adjournment- Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Harold seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer