



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 4, 2012

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the October 4, 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 (7:10 pm); Lamar Lauer, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Opening of the bids
 - A. JP Mascaro & Sons; 2650 Audubon Road; Audubon, PA 19403
 1. \$300,018.00
 2. \$288,486.00
 3. \$133,455.00Total Bid \$721,959.00
 - ALT 1. \$88,796.00
 - ALT 2. \$133,455.00
 - ALT 3. \$5,016.00
 - B. Raritan Valley Disposal;
 1. \$651,626.00
 2. 0
 3. \$153,324.00Total Bid \$804,950.00
 - ALT 1. \$49,831.00
 - ALT 2. \$76,662.00
 - ALT 3. \$28,749.00
 - C. IWS;
 1. \$276,401.00
 2. \$229,859.00
 3. \$119,613.00Total Bid \$625,873.00
 - ALT 1. \$326,304.00
 - ALT 2. \$101,709.00
 - ALT 3. \$13,332.00
 - D. Waste Management;
 1. \$431,503.00
 2. \$182,657.00
 3. \$102,193.00Total Bid \$716,353.00
 - ALT 1. \$74,703.00
 - ALT 2. \$102,193.00
 - ALT 3. \$0
 - E. Berger Sanitation;
 1. NO BID RECEIVED

4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A. Mr. Dan Salko, Mr. Tim Dennis, and Ed Ziegler all spoke to council about the thefts that have been going on in town. Why the public isn't made aware of these? What is being done about it? The Mayor said he would speak to the chief about it and that they were being investigated. He asked if the police were notified about the thefts. They answered some of them were. The Mayor said they can only do something if the police know about it.
 - B. Robert Treskot just wanted council to know he was going to the seminar next week for tax collectors and he gave Annette reports that show outstanding taxes. Annette has that report with tax collector's monthly report with next week's agenda.
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston - nothing
 - B. Law – Harold Greene
 - I. DRE—workers comp answer- whoever the office gets the W2 from is who he is covered on their workers comp policy
 - II. Police complaint form—Harold made the motion to change the police complaint form. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Annette will replace the one on the internet with the new one and give it to the police department with a letter stating council's decision.
 - III. Harold made the motion to pass Resolution 2012-17 with the changes. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Streets – Lamar Lauer
 - I. Tractor-check should be cut next week. We will have tractor the week after
 - II. Leaky roof—complaint from Walnutport Authority—they will have Rick have someone look at the roof
 - D. Solid Waste – William Turk
 - I. 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 solid waste contract-Solicitor will review the bids. It will be awarded at next week's meeting.
 - E. Recreation Board– Joan Rehrig
 - I. We are still looking for applicants to fill 2 vacant seats-no applications have been received
 - F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic
 - I. Flood Insurance Rate Map
 - II. Ordinance 2012-11 Bucket truck—Matt asked if anyone else from council would like to go with him to Slatington's next meeting on Monday. Mike Gaston will be going with to discuss.
 - III. Curfew Ordinance- Solicitor will be updated with a few changes.
 - G. Personnel – Joan Rehrig- nothing
 - H. Grants-Michael Wentz
 - I. PPL grant—there was a problem with the numbers. They guy came out again. Looks like everything should work out.
 - II. Tractor grant—should have money till end of next week-tractor should be here week after next.
 - III. Did not apply for Monroe county money because \$200,000.00 is still sitting waiting
6. Unfinished Business/issues–
 - A. Street lights-Solicitor working on
 - B. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork—Matt got phone call from Julie Harhart's Harrisburg office. Matt and Jason are going to work on a letter to go to Casey, Toomey & Dent's offices to get them to help. Too much back and forth with nothing being done. They need to see/hear what is going on and the wasted time, and money these agencies are spending and we are sitting here with the clock ticking.
 - C. Elk lighting property- Corriere is working on finalizing paperwork
 - D. Baseball field—Jason met with Bob, Wayne, and David Lear. Between Jason and David they are going to survey the field and come up with a plan and price. They will keep council posted. Jason will not bill for his time.

- E. Election Day—rest rooms—we are being told they should be done till then.
 - F. Timberline Road Easement—Martha Kern Estate—Solicitor and Engineer are working on this—who should Jason bill for work? Solicitor is going to talk to Estate and have them pay ½ of cost, and maybe authority pay ¼ of cost.
7. New Business –
- A. Letter from FRCA- may have to look into this in the future to keep landfill costs down
 - B. Email from Robert Treskot about seconded notices for unpaid taxes—Bill made motion to have Bob send out second notices and give Bob postage to mail them out. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Letter from Northern Lehigh Community Center looking for \$
 - D. Complaint about scooters—the kids are playing with these scooters in the streets and leaving their ramps. Council said the police should confiscate these items.
 - E. Recycling mailer—Harold made the motion to approve the mailer. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried. Annette is working on the letter to go with that mailer. Matt from GreenStar is helping. We will have it at the next meeting to review.
 - F. Budget—working on it, looking at LST, EIT, non profits, and the 215 building will need a new roof-it is leaking, the 417 building will also need roof work-it is still leaking
8. Council entered an executive session from 8:30-8:50 pm to discuss contractual issues, personnel matter. No action taken
9. Mayor's Announcements-
- A. Canal Festival Sunday October 21, 2012 12:00-6:00 pm
 - B. Trick or Treat will be Wednesday October 24, 2012 6-8:00 pm rain or shine
 - C. Parade will be October 27th at 6:30 pm.
 - D. There will be hayride on Saturday night at the canal from 4:00-10:00 pm
10. Adjournment- Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer