



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday September 13, 2012

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the September 13, 2012 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:02 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; Harold Greene, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Officer Jason Nothstein; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. William Turk, Councilman; & Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman —ABSENT.
3. Officer Jason Nothstein gave a presentation to council on the DRE program. He is one of 108 Officers in the State of PA. He answered questions council had on how the program worked and what his duties are.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A. Bob Treskot gave an update on taxes for 2012. We have about 95% of money collected. Bob will be in New York for 3 days in October for the tax collectors convention.
5. Motion to approve
 - A. minutes of the workshop August 2, 2012 & regular meeting August 9, 2012
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for August 2012
 - C. Police Officer's Report for August 2012
 - D. Zoning Officer's Report for August 2012
 - E. August 2012 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. August 2012 Bill List made by Harold. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston – working on budget
 - B. Law – Harold Greene made motion to approve Officer Nothstein request for disbursement of education fund balance of \$588.00. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - There will be a meeting with the Chief on Sunday to discuss some of the complaints and other issues with the police department.
 - Police complaint form needs to be changed. People do not want to pay to have their signature notarized just to file a complaint. The Solicitor will send Annette the legal wording to be added instead of the notarized part.
 - C. Streets – Eric Strohl—road repairs request, still working on machine and mover for grant, new, used police car is here. Need to get lights and other stuff on it so it can be used.
 - D. Solid Waste –
 - Mike made the motion to exempt 111 Main Street from garbage due to no water service. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - E. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic
 - Flood Insurance Rate Map
 - Bucket truck ordinance 2012-11

- F. Personnel – nothing
 - G. Sign in sheet—discussion about a sign in sheet for building. They contractors are going thru day care. We need to improve security in this building. We are the landlord; we need to take some responsibility. Rick will have a discussion with contractors working on bathroom. They should not be using day care entrance. Rick will also look into new lock/door for the entrances into day care from borough hallway.
 - H. Secretary's announcements/notes
 - Annette asking council to be more aware of the recording when talking over each other. It is hard to determine what the correct motions should be when there is talking over each other. Thank you!!
 - I. Solicitor's Report –
 - Working on joint agreement with Slatington—Dave made the motion to accept the agreement and have Corriere present the agreement to Ed Healy, Solicitor for Slatington Borough. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Elk Lighting needs to be recorded yet
 - American Nickeloid waiting to be recorded because of out of state notary
 - Needs a few minutes in executive session—litigation issues (MEM & Kuntz)
 - J. Engineer's Report –
 - See report
 - Mike made the motion to approve pay application #2 for 215 Lincoln Ave for \$5,400.00. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Mike made the motion to approve pay application #2 for 417 Lincoln Ave for \$12,330.00. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Unfinished Business/issues –
- A. Street lights-Solicitor working on—attached are ball park figures
 - B. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork. It is in the hands of the historical preservation. Mike Wentz is in touch with Dave Argall's office to get help with this issue.
 - C. WPA- Mr. Weidner
 - D. Grid map of borough for police department—council asked Officer Nothstein on the reasons for this request.
8. New Business –
- A. Letter from Walnutport Authority—Code Enforcement will send letter about living there without water service.
 - B. Mike made the motion to approve resolution 2012-15 (Boiler). Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Harold made the motion to approve resolution 2012-16 (BRC). Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - D. NL Events Committee is requesting permission to
 - Have parade in town on October 27th
 - Use the pavilion after the parade
 - Mike made the motion to allow NL Events Committee to have the parade with the exception that the road will not be closed until 6:00 pm. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Mike made the motion to allow the NL Events Committee to use the pavilion after the parade with the notation that they must clean up before they leave. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- E. Don't forget the canal festival Sunday October 21, 2012 from noon - 6:00 pm
- F. Recreation Board—if we know of anyone interested. We have 2 seats open. Have them get a letter to Annette. Council would like the recreation board to be creative, imaginative to come up with ideas to bring in money, to organize something to get people involved. Money will be in budget next year to get the board started.
- G. Street repairs- Motion to allow Rick to have some street repairs done spending up to \$7,500.00. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Borough Council had an executive session to discuss personnel matter & potential litigation from 9:30-9:55 pm.

10. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Harold at 9:57 pm. Dave seconded the motion. Motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer