



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday April 11, 2013

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the April 11, 2013 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:57 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; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Laura Stauffer, Councilwoman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Michael Wentz; Grant Coordinator; Chief Pete Wayda, and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Magisterial Judge Robert Hawke swore in the new Chief of Police Pete Wayda.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A. Robert Treskot
 - Discussed the exemption/refund procedure for per capita bills. Harold made the motion to use the existing form with the change of wording at top to be exemption/Refund. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried
 - Bob asked what procedure council wanted him to following with people saying they paid their per capita if they didn't pay it. Council said to let it up to Bob's discretion.
 - B. Pam Bowers questioned the letter she received from the Solicitors office. Matt explained that we received a complaint letter about people parking on someone's property. Council wanted to inform everyone on that side of the street that they do not own that property and it is public property.
5. Matt asked if there is no objection he would entertain a motion to approve A-F.
 - A. minutes of the workshop March 7, 2013 & regular meeting March 14, 2013
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for March 2013
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for March 2013
 - D. March 2013 Profit & Loss Report
 - E. March 2013 Bill List
 - F. Police report March 2013. Dave made that motion. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston
 - Mercantile taxes are due Monday the 15th
 - Dave made the motion to allow Police secretary, Lynnette, to help borough secretary, Annette, with extra filing in April because April is usually a really busy month. It will cut down on OT for Annette. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Bill made the motion to disburse \$1,000.00 to NOVA and \$10,000 to Diamond Fire Company (budgeted amounts). Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Law – Harold Greene- nothing
 - C. Streets – David Stankovic
 - Going to ask Livengood Exc. when they are going to fix the streets we approved last year. If possible, can we look at doing them end of June. Till then we should know how we are financially maybe we can do more than patching...
 - D. Solid Waste – William Turk
 - Bills are printed and will be taken to Lehigh Post office Friday or Monday
 - Recycle at Fire Company—Annette will make phone call to see what can be done.
 - E. Recreation –Joan Rehrig-Wayne Weidner

- Still looking to fill 2 seats on board –
 - both seats expired 2012-
 - 1) 3 year term and
 - 1) 4 year term
 - 215 building
 - Shelves—WPA can use shelves in garage as long as they keep things in there where they don't have to be coming and going. The stuff is to be kept inside the cabinets not outside the cabinets. Example is stuff for the carnival that is used once a year.
 - Heat—they can use their room but council will not be heating that building just for them to have a meeting. The 417 building should be used for meetings.
 - WPA rooms they rent. If they get man power would council pay for some renovations...like flooring, new drywall, paint etc. They will get a plan to council with pricing.
 - Pavilion rental—the rec board will come up with a plan and bring it back to council.
- F. Ordinance Review – Laura Stauffer
- Third Street realignment—adopt in July
 - Flood Insurance Rate Map
- G. Personnel – Dave Stankovic/Joan Rehrig- nothing
- H. Solicitor's Report –
- Elk lighting—waiting on courthouse for recording (probably Friday)
 - Green Star/ Waste Management—sent letter to get some answers about metal recycles and who our new contact would be
- I. Engineer's Report –
- See report
 - Mike made the motion to approve change order #5 contract 1 for \$3,920.00. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Mike made the motion to pre approve final application for payment #8 for \$28,513.50—Annette will hold check until punch list is completed. Joan seconded the motion. Motion approved.
7. Council entered into an executive session to discuss litigation, personnel from 8:05 – 8:45 pm. No action
8. New Business –
- A. Bill motion made to exempt Scott Kline (per capita). Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Letter from NOVA @ round table discussion 4-29-13—they will be spreading mulch that day. Henry used to go to meetings and stopped going.
9. Unfinished Business –
- A. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork
 - B. DROP-(keep on until we get answers)
 - C. Pavilion Rental
 - D. Roof bid-advertise @ 4/20/13-on June's workshop meeting for approval
 - E. Streets/Alley recommendations from Planning Commission
 - F. Per Capita Tax- letter from Solicitor attached
 - G. Paint-fix -breaks-cylinder dump truck-Dave made the motion to fix truck (\$800-\$1,000). Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - H. Ball field (lume)—council discussed some options. Will cost a lot of \$ to fix field correctly
10. Mayor's Announcements – nothing
11. Adjournment- Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer