



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 1, 2013

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the August 1, 2013 regular 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 (arrived at 8:20 pm); William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Laura Stauffer, Councilwoman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Henry Kline, Mayor-ABSENT.
 3. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard- no one attended
 4. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston
 - Taxes for a commercial property that is bought by church. If a church buys a commercial property, that is allowed and they do not need to change the use. They can ask for tax exemption thru the county. If that is approved we would no longer receive real estate taxes from that property. If they are not 501c then they need to pay real estate taxes and mercantile taxes.
 - Dave made the motion to relieve Hill Street Day Children’s Center from rent for August and September 2013. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Law – Harold Greene-need executive session
 - C. Streets – David Stankovic
 - Mike made the motion to have Livengood Exc. do the concrete work on roads for a maximum of \$8,400.00. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Mike made the motion to have Livengood Exc. do the patching/paving for \$7,730.00 and are responsible for barricades, cones, etc. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - D. Solid Waste – Bill Turk
 - 335 Oak Street (looking for late fee waived)-Joan made the motion NOT to waive the late fee and have Annette send him a letter stating such. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Updated report handed out
 - E. Recreation –Joan Rehrig-
 - Still looking to fill 2 seats on board –
 - both seats expired 2012-
 - 1) 3 year term and
 - 1) 4 year term
- They did not have a meeting because not everyone showed up.

F. Ordinance Review – Laura Stauffer –

- Flood Insurance Rate Map
- Bank foreclosure registry-Annette will call Allentown, & Easton for their ordinance

G. Personnel – David Stankovic/Joan Rehrig-nothing

H. Secretary notes/announcements

- Loan payment—look into how much you want to take a draw from loan for.
Payment due November/December
- Day care will be here at next week’s meeting to talk during executive session about their contract and their decisions
- Walnutport Canal festival booklet-Motion to do full page ad for \$80.00 sponsor booklet made by Mike. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Lehigh Gap Street addresses—Laura made the motion to have Annette renumber the portion of Lehigh Gap Street. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Recreation account-Mike made a motion to open recreation account (budgeted item) for \$1,000.00. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I. Grants-Michael Wentz

- Oak Street was approved for about \$180K piggy backing with Walnutport Authority
- We received reimbursement for Hurricane Sandy
- EMA-Matt is working on getting a plan together with Slatington.

8:20 pm Harold came into meeting

5. New Business –

- A. Pavilion rental—need a few things answered—Laura made the motion to approve with all the discussed changes. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Chief Wayda informed council of Jason Nothstein’s alertness after he was on his way home he saw the “suspect” breaking into a business. With the help of Officer Dean Heffelfinger, Slatington & Lehigh Township police they were able to arrest the “suspect”.

6. Unfinished Business –

- A. Canal FEMA/PEMA out on bid-we will need a special meeting to accept bids
- B. DROP-(keep on until we get answers)
- C. Streets/Alley recommendations from Planning Commission
 - Williams Alley extension
- D. Ball field –need to decide when the clay will be done
- E. Renovation of rooms rented at 215 Lincoln Ave-will be removed from agenda

7. Executive session was entered at 8:55 – 9:35 pm to discuss possible litigation and personnel.

8. Adjournment – Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 pm. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer