



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday January 10, 2013

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the December 6, 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. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Matthew Newhard, President.
3. Roll Call: Matthew Newhard, President; Michael Gaston, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Harold Greene, Councilman & Eric Strohl, Road Foreman-Absent
4. IWS/McAuliffe Hauling @ garbage issues-Kevin Davison & Ron Carlson discussed some of the issues/complaints that have been received. They are correcting the issues. They are also giving us credit for some of the commercial recycling. That is the mix up when GreenStar reported that the truck didn't only have Walnutport's recyclables on it.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-
 - A. Robert Treskot reported on the TCC. Berkheimer is trying to catch up from the Central Tax issues. People may have to refile their 2011 taxes. They will probably get their 2012 return before their 2011. BCIU would like to combine per capita taxes. Bob doesn't want to combine because he uses two different banks. He will keep council posted. Real estate and per capitas for borough will go in mail last week of January. He will be run for reelection this year. He will still keep doing the same job he has done in past even though council lowered his rate for 2014.
 - B. Jack Remaley questioned council about the dumpster permit. The Solicitor will look into it.
6. Matt asked if there is no objection he would entertain a motion to approve A-F. Dave made that motion. Bill seconded it. Motion carried.
 - A. minutes of the special meeting December 4, 2012, workshop December 6, 2012 & regular meeting December 13 2012
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for December 2012
 - C. Police Officer's Report for December 2012
 - D. Zoning Officer's Report for December 2012
 - E. December 2012 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. December 2012 Bill List
7. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston - nothing
 - B. Law – nothing- Harold is on a fire call.
 - C. Streets –
 - Meeting about bridge-Mike Gaston will look to see if he can get off of work to go. If not Mike Wentz can go. Maybe Rick will be ok to go.
 - Traffic light at Route 145 & Main Street- Dave made the motion to have Annette call Telco to come and verify the trip sensors. It's been really slow. Maybe it was affected by the power outage in October/November. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - D. Solid Waste – William Turk
 - 240 Spruce Street
 - 400 Lehigh Street Mike made the motion to exempt the two address from garbage since we received a letter requesting exemption and the water was shut off. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - E. Recreation Board- Joan Rehrig
 - Article was dropped off by Walnutport Canal Association
 - Still looking to fill 2 seats on board-both seats expired 2012
 - 1) 3 year term
 - 1) 4 year term
 - F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic

- Flood Insurance Rate Map
 - 2012-16 Solid Waste update (ready for adoption)
 - a. Joan made the motion to change section 4 of 377.26 to say Residential recycling materials instead of recycling materials. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - b. Joan made the motion to adopt ordinance 2012-16. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- G. Personnel – Joan Rehrig
- Pt streets labor-2 letters of interest
 - a. Mike made the motion to hire Dennis Green and Jason Smith BOTH as needed to help the streets department. Maximum of 20 hours total unless in a snow emergency. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Annette will call them both tomorrow to get them set up in the payroll system.
- H. Secretary's notes/announcements
- Letter from EMA-we just received notification that Walter is our EMC
 - Advertised meetings-as a reminder of when the meetings are advertised for the rest of the year, workshop, regular, and recreation board
 - Code of ethics papers- please get back to Annette as soon as possible
- I. Solicitor's Report –
- Elk lighting-we had closing. Waiting for final docs
 - Kern Estate-waiting for them to sign, have settlement then we will be reimbursed for expenses
 - Going to satisfy the lien for the Terrace next week. We received money last week
 - Sent up what needs to be done to fill empty council seat
 - Will need brief executive session
- J. Engineer's Report –
- See report
 - Mike made the motion to approve pay application #6 for contract #1 @ 215 Lincoln Ave for \$18,900.00. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Mike made the motion to approve pay application #6 for contract #2 @ 417 Lincoln Ave for \$5,976.00. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. 8:35-8:55 pm- council entered into an executive session to discuss possible litigation. No action
9. Unfinished Business/issues –
- A. Canal FEMA/PEMA—Jason is working on paperwork for bid specs
 - B. Refinance (February)
 - C. Pavilion rental (February/March)
 - D. Empty council seat (February workshop)
 - E. Street/Alleys-recommendations from planning commission (March workshop)
10. New Business –
- A. Mike made the motion to approve reappointments on Walnutport Authority board (see letter). Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Joan made the motion to send delinquent taxes (real estate, interims, and per capita) to collection. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
11. Ed Ziegler came in. He asked council about sewerage...council stopped him and explained he needs to go to Walnutport Authority. Their meetings are the seconded Tuesday of every month.
12. Mayor's Announcements – nothing
13. 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