



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday March 14, 2013

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the March 14, 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; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Laura Stauffer, Councilwoman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Chief Joseph Pennisi, Sergeant Pete Wayda, Officer Jason Nothstein; Officer Christopher Fredericks; Officer Dean Heffelfinger; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Police awards presentation- Chief Pennisi presented Sergeant Peter Wayda and Officer Christopher Fredericks with accommodations for their arrest on a robbery on September 25, 2012. Chief Pennisi presented Officer Dean Heffelfinger with accommodation for his help in the arrest of the suspects that stole from several Wal-Marts in several states totaling more than \$200,000.00.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard- none
5. Matt asked if there were no objections to make a motion to approve
 - A. minutes of the workshop February 7, 2013 & regular meeting February 14, 2013
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for February 2013
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for February 2013
 - D. February 2013 Profit & Loss Report
 - E. February 2013 Bill List
 - F. Police report January & February 2013. Joan made that motion. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston - nothing
 - B. Law – Harold Greene- Laura made the motion to accept the letter from the civil service commission approving the hiring/promoting of Pete Wayda to Chief effective 4-4-13. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Streets – David Stankovic- nothing
 - D. Solid Waste – William Turk - nothing
 - E. Recreation –Joan Rehrig- next recreation board meeting is March 28, 2013 at 7:00 pm
 - Still looking to fill 2 seats on board – both seats expired 2012-
 - 1) 3 year term and
 - 1) 4 year term
 - F. Ordinance Review – Laura Stauffer
 - Flood Insurance Rate Map
 - Dumpster- Laura made the motion to accept ordinance 2013-04. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - G. Personnel – Dave Stankovic/Joan Rehrig- nothing
 - H. Solicitor's Report –

- Sent letter to Blissman about DROP
 - Elk lighting- will file consolidation of tax parcels
 - Metal from recyclables-looking into fan
 - 3rd street realignment-notify abutting property owners. Will be ready 1st meeting in May
 - Grants-Mayor Callahan is willing to come to a meeting to discuss grants or anything council would need help with.
- I. Engineer's Report –
 - 215 Lincoln Ave-changes were approved for grant. Will process them
 - J. Short executive session to discuss potential litigation 7:20-7:30 pm. Harold made a motion to have Solicitor send letters to the home owners on South Canal Street about the property lines, who owns what on canal side. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. New Business –
- A. Joan made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-02 for Hurricane Sandy (required by PEMA) – (needs to be signed by all 7 council members). Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Mike made the motion to reimburse Corriere and Andres for appeal \$200.00 (Elk Lighting property swap). Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Joan made the motion to approve interim tax bill (Robert Treskot). Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - D. Painting of 215 Lincoln Avenue—cinder block in kitchen area—Mike made the motion to approve Ashwood Ent. to paint the kitchen area at 215 Lincoln Ave spending up to \$1,260.00. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - E. Police entrance- Harold made the motion to have the police entrance locked when there isn't an officer in the building and getting professional signs made up stating such (due to tightened security...). Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Unfinished Business/issues –
- A. Canal FEMA/PEMA—Jason is working on paperwork for bid specs
 - B. Pavilion rental (February/March)
 - C. DROP- waiting on Labor attorney
 - D. Roof-Jason is working on bid specs
 - E. Streets/Alleys
 - F. Paint/fix dump truck (April workshop)
 - G. Per capita tax exemption form
 - H. South Canal Street property line
 - I. Lights burned out in playground. Can they be replaced?
9. Mayor's Announcements –



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10. Adjournment- motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joan at 8:00 pm. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer