



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday May 9, 2013

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the May 9, 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 (came in at 8:00); William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Laura Stauffer, Councilwoman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Chief Pete Wayda; Michael Wentz; Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Slatington Public Library—Hali Kuntz & Donald Eckhart handed out a summary of the libraries expenses and services. They discussed how they get funding. They ask for borough council to reconsider reinstating their funding. Council will look at budget towards end of year.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A. Ed Ziegler question why the color of the cell towers light is blinking white now instead of red. Council doesn't control the tower. They do not know. Ed also asked about recycling. Why doesn't council go after a grant to get/pay for bigger bins? Council explained that we are working on it but now a day you need matching funds.
5. Matt asked if there is no objection he would entertain a motion to approve A-F.
 - A. minutes of the workshop April 4, 2013 & regular meeting April 11, 2013
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for April 2013
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for April 2013
 - D. April 2013 Profit & Loss Report
 - E. April 2013 Bill List
 - F. Police report April 2013. Dave made that motion. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston
 - Mike asked Mr. Corriere if they can change when the tax collector gets paid. Can they pay him weekly or monthly? Right now he is paid monthly. Can they change that to as he pays us we would pay him in the next week's payroll? Mr. Corriere will get an answer.
 - B. Law – Mike Gaston
 - New hire-Dave made the motion to hire Stephen Kiefer III as a part time police officer. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Kiefer is from Bethlehem. He currently is a supervisor for Bucks Ambulance and wants to change uniforms. Council welcomed him.
 - Council received a letter from the police they are getting ready to start contract discussions.
 - Another part time is going to be leaving soon. He was hired full time somewhere and doesn't know what his availability will be.
 - Chief Wayda asked Engineer about a stop sign at corner of 5th and Lehigh Gap Streets and 6th and Lehigh Gap Street. Jason informed council that the grade and cite will not allow for a stop sign there.
 - C. Streets – David Stankovic
 - Keeping busy with cutting grass etc.
 - D. Solid Waste – William Turk - nothing

E. Recreation –Joan Rehrig-

- Still looking to fill 2 seats on board – (Annette will post to Facebook again) both seats expired 2012-
 - 1) 3 year term and
 - 1) 4 year term
- Wayne Weidner and Michele Novak came to discuss the rental agreement. They would also like some of council to come to their next meeting (May 23, 2013) to discuss the recreation building, the pavilion etc. They would like to know what the space looks like so when the rent it out they know what they are talking about. They also want some of council to help with the changes to the agreement. Laura and Mike will be at their meeting.

F. Ordinance Review – Laura Stauffer

- Third Street (adoption July 11th)
- Flood Insurance Rate Map
- Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-02 fee schedule made by Joan. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

G. Personnel – Dave Stankovic/Joan Rehrig - nothing

H. Solicitor's Report –

- Only thing that is not on the agenda is there is a garbage hearing on June 7, 2013.

I. Engineer's Report –

- See report
- Restroom project complete. Waiting on reimbursement from county for about \$33,000.00.
- Will start working on Lock 23 again. Was held up with roof bidding/specs
- Lock 24 submitted Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permit Application to NCCD.
- Roof bids will be advertised on 5-14-13. Pre bid meeting will be 5-29-13. Will open bids 6-10-13 so we can have results for June 13th meeting.
- Joan made a motion to allow Matt to sign grant application. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried. We should know by end of June if we will get money. If so, project will be done next spring.

7. New Business –

- A. Cell Tower—Mr. Corriere will contact cell tower leaser to find out if they put another carrier on tower and if so, we should be getting money for that.
- B. Landscaping-looking at long term fixes instead of mulching every year. Adds up to lots of money.
- C. Trailhead dedication- Henry will attend. Everyone else has to work. Annette will notify Jason with head count.
- D. Camera- the camera are all up and running for both buildings.

8. Unfinished Business –

- A. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork
- B. DROP-(keep on until we get answers)
- C. Pavilion Rental
- D. Roof bid
- E. Streets/Alley recommendations from Planning Commission
- F. Ball field/room renovations-Wayne said they are working on ideas
- G. Exempt Scott Kline (per capita)—last month's motion was unclear. Is he exempt from 2013 or 2012 (meaning he needs to be reimbursed) the paper he signed is for exemption for per capita tax for year 2012. Joan made a motion to reimburse Mr. Kline for his 2012 per capita. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- H. Shopping mall curbing—someone drilled holes in the curbing so the water is washing down onto the ball fields. Rick is trying to contact the person who does the maintenance on the parking lot. He will keep council up to date on when it will be fixed.

9. Council entered an executive session from 8:35 – 9:35 pm to discuss personnel, possible litigation and litigation in process. No action taken.
10. Mayor's Announcements – Henry reminded everyone to not forget our Veterans this Memorial Day. And don't forget all the mom's, wives, girlfriends etc. this Mother's Day.
11. Adjournment- motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joan at 9:35 pm. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer