



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday November 14, 2013

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1. **Matthew Newhard, President called the November 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; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Chief Pete Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Henry Kline, Mayor-ABSENT.**
3. **Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard**
 - A. **Brian Filchner President of WPA asked when the lights will be fixed on the field. Jason advised he is waiting to hear when they are available to come in (when it isn't windy) it will be this year yet.**
4. **Motion to approve (with general consents)**
 - A. **minutes of the workshop meeting October 3, 2013; regular meeting October 10, 2013**
 - B. **Tax Collector's Monthly Report for October 2013**
 - C. **Zoning Officer's Report for October 2013**
 - D. **Build Code Officials Report for October 2013**
 - E. **October 2013 Profit & Loss Report**
 - F. **October 2013 Bill List**
 - G. **Police report October 2013 made by Dave. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
5. **Standing Committees –**
 - A. **Finance – Michael Gaston –**
 - **Budget**
 - a. **Dave made the motion to purchase the new police car thru lease/purchase program. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
 - b. **Council went thru the budget, made some adjustments and Annette figured out the numbers to reflect the changes.**
 - c. **Mike made the motion to approve and advertise the preliminary budget for 2014 with a tax increase of one mil to be a total of 18 mils. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
 - B. **Law – Harold Greene –nothing**
 - **Settlement agreement with Mr. Ledo is signed. Bill made the motion to accept and approve the settlement with Mr. Scott Ledo. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
 - C. **Streets – David Stankovic –**
 - **Picking up leaves**
 - D. **Solid Waste – William Turk- nothing**
 - **Next year we will look into bigger totes**
 - E. **Recreation –Joan Rehrig- nothing**
 - **Still looking to fill 3 seats on board –**
 - F. **Ordinance Review – Laura Stauffer**
 - **Flood Insurance Rate Map**
 - **Bank foreclosure/Real Estate registry Ordinance 2013-07**

- 2013-06 zoning ordinance change – Is there any public comment in the zoning ordinance change was asked from audience. No comments. Nothing from council. Motion to adopt made by Joan. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Street openings for excavation ordinance need to be updated. It is 50-60 years old. Fees should be updated. Doesn't provide for oversight.

G. Personnel – Dave Stankovic/Joan Rehrig-need small executive session

H. Secretary Announcements/notes—

- Kirk, Summa & Co., LLP—letter to have them start 2013 audit- Mike made the motion to have Matt sign the agreement with Kirk, Summa & Co to start 2013 Audit. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I. Solicitor's Report –

- Laura made the motion to approve and have Matt sign the License agreement with Lehigh River access Improvements. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Michael is waiting on getting dates when the organization to going to come speak to council about the bank foreclosure ordinance and their experience.

J. Engineer's Report –

- Joan made the motion to waive the plan required scale of 1"=50 or 1"=20' under section 395-17.A of SALDO for the Borger Minor Subdivision. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Harold made the motion to approve the lot line adjustment on plan dated 10-1-2013 for the Borger Minor subdivision. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Mike made the motion to approve Nimaris pay ap #2 \$49,569.83. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Joan made the motion to approve Nimaris change order #1 for lock 23 \$17,500.00. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Mike made the motion to approve Spotts Brothers change order #1 for \$6,000.00. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Baseball field-the turf was put down and looks like it is working well. There aren't any visible ruts.
- See report

6. New Business –nothing

7. Executive session –Day care contractual matter which will be settled December 5, 201; litigation issues; and personnel matters-looking to update handbook after New Year. (8:10 – 9:15 pm)

8. Unfinished Business – some items will not be acted upon for several months ~ this is a reminder that they are a work in process

A. Streets/Alley recommendations from Planning Commission

- Williams Alley extension sketch plan

B. PPL lighting

C. Drainage at garage behind 417 Lincoln Ave~ Mr. Gaston looking for parts to fix.

D. Diamond Fire Company property transfer ~ waiting on the deed to sign motion was already made. Harold made the motion to allow Matt to sign and transfer the property discussed over to the Diamond Fire Company. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Dump truck~ will revisit

9. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joan at 9:22 pm. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer