



Borough of Walnutport
Workshop Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 7, 2013

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the November 7, 2013 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:01 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 (8:25 pm); William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Laura Stauffer, Councilwoman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Henry Kline, Mayor-absent.
3. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-
 - A. Brian Filchner from WPA wanted to thank council for the use of the chambers for their softball meeting. They would like to use the room the first Sundays at 6:00. Annette will add it to the schedule
 - B. Paul Gass from NLCC was here to ask if council had any questions about the DCNR information and if someone was going the meeting on the 20th. Laura, Mike Gaston, and Donald Eckhart are going. Mr. Corriere review resolution and approves. Bill made the motion to accept the resolution 2013-04. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Annette will make the discussed changes; have Matt sign next week and scan or Lorne from DCNR.
4. Executive session to discuss contractual issues and litigation. Council entered into executive session from 7:15 – 9:00 pm.
 - A. Joan made the motion to conditionally approve the reinstatement of Mr. Scott Ledo with his starting date 12-2-13 upon receiving signed documents by 3:00 pm on November 14, 2013 (\$18.20 an hour). Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston – discussed some budget items
 - B. Law – Harold Greene – Chief Wayda would like reimbursement for a training class (November 16 & 17, 2013. He will go on his own time. Mike made the motion to reimburse Chief Wayda \$525.00 out of their education fund. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Streets – David Stankovic
 - Patches are done except the concrete work
 - Complaint about mailbox – Dave made a motion to have Annette send a letter stating we do not replace mail a box, making sure it is out of the borough right of way. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Dave wanted to Compliment Officer Dean Heffelfinger and day Thank you for buying dog food with money out of his own pocket for the dog he captured. He also took the time to find the owner of the dog and reunite them.
 - D. Solid Waste – Bill Turk - nothing
 - E. Recreation –Joan Rehrig-
 - Still looking to fill 3 seats on board – nothing else
 - F. Ordinance Review – Laura Stauffer –
 - Flood Insurance Rate Map
 - Bank foreclosure/Real Estate registry Ordinance 2013-07

- G. Personnel – David Stankovic/Joan Rehrig - nothing
 - H. Secretary notes/announcements
 - Meeting dates for 2014-council decided only one meeting in January and July. Annette will get the advertisement ready. Also Honorable Robert Hawk will be here in January to swear in the new/reappointed council members.
 - I. Grants-Michael Wentz
 - Looking into the terms for the casino grant to make sure we don't lose it or miss out on additional funds.
6. New Business –
- A. Letter from library with their funding
 - B. Letter from Northern Lehigh Events Committee to use council chambers for their monthly meetings-council agrees they can use it.
 - C. Fire company property issue (paper work attached) Laura made the motion to have Michael Corriere and Leo DeVito draw up the documents to have the building put into the Diamond Fire Company's name which was agreed on several years ago but never finalized. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Unfinished Business – some items will not be acted upon for several months
- A. Streets/Alley recommendations from Planning Commission
 - Williams Alley/Spadt extension
 - B. PPL lighting
 - C. Agreement for Lehigh River access Improvements Boat Ramp by canal
 - D. Dump truck
 - E. Drain piping at the storage garage behind borough hall (417 Lincoln Ave)
8. Adjournment – Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 pm. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer