



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday October 10, 2013

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the October 10, 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; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator (came in at 7:15); and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Henry Kline, Mayor-ABSENT.
3. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-none
4. Motion to approve
 - A. minutes of the workshop meeting September 5, 2013; regular meeting September 12, 2013
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for September 2013
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for September 2013
 - D. Build Code Officials Report for September 2013
 - E. September 2013 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. September 2013 Bill List
 - G. Police report September 2013 by general consent made by Dave. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston –you have a starting budget. You will have a proposed budget in your mailbox until next month.
 - B. Law – Harold Greene – Harold thanked Chief Wayda for the good communication his department is now having with council. It is nice working with the department not against each other. Will need a short executive session.
 - C. Streets – David Stankovic- still waiting on Livengood to come in and fixed the approved work.
 - D. Solid Waste – William Turk
 - Bills were mailed Tuesday
 - Will have to look at recycle totals at beginning of year and decide if we should purchase totes for recycling and how we are going to handle them.
 - E. Recreation –Joan Rehrig-
 - Still looking to fill 2 seats on board – both seats expired 2012-
 - 1) 3 year term and
 - 1) 4 year term
 - 1) Wayne Weidner's current seat will be available January 2014
 - Matt, Mike Wentz, and Ricky Smith were discussing the Northern Lehigh Community Center and the possibility of creating a general recreation committee to help get grants for the area. Julie Harhart held a meeting Wednesday night with the 3 municipalities and DCNR looking for support. Mike Wentz will keep council posted. There may be a fee to help with the study that DCNR would like to do on the area. Walnutport would be responsible for \$333.00
 - F. Ordinance Review – Laura Stauffer

- Flood Insurance Rate Map
 - Bank foreclosure/Real Estate registry Ordinance 2013-07
 - 2013-06 zoning ordinance change (advertised for adoption 11-14-13)
- G. Personnel – Dave Stankovic/Joan Rehrig - nothing
- H. Grants- Michael Wentz – may be a possibility of doing a ppl grant to put LED light on street lights. He is looking into further.
- I. Solicitor’s Report –
- Looked at junk vehicle ordinance. Don’t have to make any changes
 - Lehigh River access agreement—waiting on them, we sent everything requested
 - Foreclosure ordinance/registry-looking into how other municipalities handle it.
 - Received copy of Kern Estate easement. Will check to see when we will receive our money
- J. Engineer’s Report –
- Mike made the motion to approve Nimaris pay ap #1 \$42,920.21. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Mike made the motion to approve Spotts Brothers pay ap #2 \$100,422.00. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Hoffman will be here on the 19th to do the lights
 - Rick will check with Livengood Exc to see when we can use the machine then we will set date to add dirt to field. October 26 or November 2 or November 9th.
 - There will be a change order for the roof but Jason doesn’t have it yet.
 - Lock 23- they poured the walls
6. Executive session for personnel matter and police litigation matter from 7:55-8:25 pm.
7. New Business –
- A. Slatington Library (they were here and asked to be put on the agenda for 10-10-13). Mike made the motion to give the library a donation of \$500.00. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Unfinished Business –
- A. Streets/Alley recommendations from Planning Commission
- Williams Alley extension sketch plan (will plan on having meeting with public in January) Jason reviewed the map with the properties that would be affected.
- B. License Agreement for Lehigh River access Improvements
- C. PPL lighting (revisit in 2014)
- D. Loan payment- Mike made the motion to pay the rood, day care repairs, and loan payment out of line of credit. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- E. Grant \$-extra funding????? Jason will look into what we can do.
- F. Dump Truck—paint to stop from rusting. Will cost about \$3900.00. Mike Wentz knows of another municipality might be looking at sell theirs. Will revisit next month.
9. Do forget the parade is the 26th, canal festival is the 19, 20th, and trick or treat is the 30th.
10. Adjournment- Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By.

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer