



# Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 5, 2013

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the September 5, 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 (7:15); Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman (7:15); William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Laura Stauffer, Councilwoman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Pete Wayda; Jason Newhard; Engineer; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Henry Kline, Mayor-Absent.
3. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
  - A. Brian Filchner wanted to inform borough council he is the new president of WPA. David Lear is the new vice president. Earl Fenstermaker is the new secretary. Bob Treskot is still he treasurer. He also wanted council to know the last day there is a game scheduled on the field is October 5, 2013. He cleared the schedule so the field and lights can be fixed. Brian and Bob thanked Matt and Jason for attending their meeting to help answer questions on what will be done with the "fixing".
  - B. Bob Treskot wanted to council to know that he hung a sign stating he will no longer be accepting cash. There have been way too many cases of counterfeit money going on. If he accepts counterfeit money he is out the money.
    - They also asked about the baseball team meeting in borough hall the first Sunday of the month. Council said to put it on the calendar.
    - Keys for the rec center will be given to the WPA's president, vice president, and treasurer. There will be a log kept for who has keys (suggested by Chief Wayda)
    - Jason reported the lights will be done on a Saturday.
4. Council entered into an executive session from 7:10 -8:10 pm to discuss litigation and contractual issues.
  - A. Harold made the motion to promoter Jason Nothstein to sergeant without a pay increase for 2013. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - B. Mike made the motion to have the engineer contact the company Sergeant from Jim Thorpe to have them come into rear of building to remove the carpet, dispose the carpet, and seal the tile as long as the price does not exceed \$4,000.00. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Michael Gaston – will be starting to work on the 2014 budget
  - B. Law – Harold Greene – already covered what needed to.
  - C. Streets – David Stankovic
    - CO detectors for in 417 Lincoln (day care section) 1 or 2? Table until Harold gets more information.
  - D. Solid Waste – Bill Turk –
    - Reports are in front of you. New billing goes out in October

- Annette will contact Green Star to see where the reports are.
- 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
  - Joan thanked Matt and Laura for attending their last meeting.
- F. Ordinance Review – Laura Stauffer –
- Flood Insurance Rate Map
  - Bank foreclosure registry
  - Parking unregistered/not inspected vehicles on the street
- G. Personnel – David Stankovic/Joan Rehrig - nothing
- H. Secretary notes/announcements
- 2014 MMO—Mike made motion to approve the 2014 MMO prepared by Thomas J Anderson & Associates. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - National Labor Relations Board asked to use council chambers on October 3, 2013 from 12:45- 3:00 pm. It will be for a local company’s voting. Joan made the motion to allow them to use the facilities as long as they do not interrupt normal operations and there isn’t any other conflict in the use of the room. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- I. Grants-Michael Wentz
- Sands casino grant money—there isn’t any for this round. There wasn’t a surplus
6. New Business –
- A. Day Care repairs-discussed in executive session
  - B. Letter from Slatington Public Library—appoint Hali Kuntz, Doris Smith, and Donald Eckhart to represent the Borough of Walnutport on the board for Slatington Public Library-table till next week
7. Unfinished Business –
- A. Streets/Alley recommendations from Planning Commission
    - Williams Alley extension
  - B. PPL lighting
  - C. Boat Ramp by canal
  - D. Loan payment
  - E. Lock 23-there will be a preconstruction meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the lock. Nimaris informed the engineer there is a lag time of 8-14 weeks for the material to finish the wall. They will be starting soon but there may be a delay finishing because of the material.
  - F. Reminder to boro employees and council members the people from Afflack will be here September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am & 1:00 pm to discuss the costs and plans. If anyone is interested in Afflack it is at your own cost.
8. Adjournment – Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer