



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday August 7, 2014

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the August 7, 2014 workshop 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 (7:45 pm); William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Chief Peter Wayda; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Melissa Hughes from Public Financial Management, Inc.-after a brief discussion about the RFP's Joan made the motion to accept Neff's National Bank's 7 year term for initial rate of 2.730%, variable rate of 3.064%, with a cap rate of 5.50%. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Harold Greene was the only council member not present for the vote. 6-0 vote) discussion ended at 7:30
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-
 - A. Brian Filchner asked a few questions from the WPA
 - Dug out-He handed out pictures of the dugout falling down and asked council what would they like to do and are they going to help pay for it. Matt will ask Jason (our engineer) and Rick (road foreman) to look at it. we will need to see what the UBC requires.
 - They received their 501C as of July 1, 2014-asked if it is too late for the grant that would cover the LED's in the pole lighting. Mike Wentz informed him; yes it is too late for that grant.
 - The WPA would like permission to put sod down. They have volunteers to do it. Council gave them their blessing. They had suggested that a while back.

7:45 pm Harold arrived

5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Mike & Matt- already covered
 - B. Law – Harold & Mike –
 - Harold received a letter from the Chief. He would like permission to attend a class. Mike made the motion to allow Peter to go to a firearms training class at Bethlehem Police in September for 3 day for \$500.00. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Dave asked the Chief to have officers patrol inside the playground to make sure they check out the dug outs. He has noticed kids inside the dug outs after midnight.
 - C. Streets – Bill & David –
 - Complaint @ street work
 - The roads look nice. Tar and chipping will be done sometime in August.
 - D. Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice
 - 3rd and final notice will go out tomorrow (certified mail from code enforcement officer)

- Bill made the motion to waive fee for Cieri. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Matt made the motion to waive the garbage for 525 Lehigh Gap Street due to water turned off since February. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Recreation –Patrice & Joan

- Still looking to fill 5 seats on board –
- Patrice asked questions about the tennis court and gave an update on a batting cage. Mike Wentz will look into the old grant paperwork for tennis court to see if there are any requirements from that initial grant.
- Bill asked when we are going to get the signs of the donators for the playground project up. It's not fair to them that the signs aren't up.

F. Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill

- Bank foreclosure/Real Estate registry Ordinance 2013-07- Mr. Corriere will review ordinance and prepare RFP
- Street excavation(next week) 2014-01

G. Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold- nothing

H. Secretary Notes/Announcements-

- NL Events Committee would like to change their meeting day to the 2nd Wednesday of the month instead of the 3rd Tuesday...if ok need motion. Motion to allow the change made by Mike. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I. Grants-Michael Wentz-

- PPL grant for lighting is just about done
- Sands Casino grant-application was submitted (for dump truck)
- Mount Airy Casino is due September 30th waiting on cost estimates from SSM
- Totes from DEP grant—waiting on meeting with NEPA rep before he can apply
- Mike Gaston made the motion to allow Mike Wentz to sell the old recycle containers so we break even to another municipal. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. New Business –

- A.** Greater Northern Lehigh Chamber's Annual Picnic—8-12-14 please RSVP if you are planning on attending.
- B.** Mike made the motion to approve interims (from Robert Treskot). Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C.** Matt received correspondences from the day care. Annette Haas is in the process of buying out Y2Kids. She want the rent to be adjusted from winter to summer since she will lose a lot of kids that are here just in summer. Joan makes the motion to allow an amendment to the lease agreement. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried. Matt will get the borough secretary the correspondences so she can forward the changes to Corriere's office.

7. 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 (they will be here next week to discuss)

C. Drainage at garage behind 417 Lincoln Ave-Mike Gaston will help Rick look for parts

D. Open seats of the following boards (to be advertised in 2014)

- UCC & Property Maintenance
- Vacancy Board

- Recreation board
 - E.** Recycling containers/Tubs/Totes---waiting on grant info
 - F.** NL Recreation Committee/Authority
- 8.** Mayor's Announcements~ Wayne would like a nice sign made for at the police station with number to call if they are out on patrol. The sign needs to be on the outside door so they can see it when the building is locked. Wayne will also like a key for the building. Annette will call Henry to get his keys back.
 - 9.** Adjournment – Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer