



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 6, 2014

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the February 6, 2013 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 (7:25 pm); Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Ashlie Eckert from SADD ~ she would like to use pavilion for their festival on May 17, 2014 from 1-5:00 pm. This festival is a program for school age kids learning about SADD. Dave made the motion to allow them to use the pavilion, waiving the fee. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried. Matt reminder Ms. Eckert that with the fee being waived SADD will be responsible for cleaning the pavilion and restrooms (if they choose to use them) and would be responsible for any damages to the facility. Ms. Eckert will let Annette know what time they want to be let in to the facility and what time they will be done.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard ~ Tim Dennis and Sharon Stanly (Times News) were in attendance.
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Mike & Matt - you have your reports for next week already
 - B. Law – Harold & Mike - police car is ready. We are just waiting for paperwork for the delivery.
 - C. Streets – Bill & David –
 - Asked Annette to look into using swift reach (phone system) more often and how much it will cost per call if we use it for snow emergencies, etc.
 - Annette will call Telco to adjust the light at the fire company crossing. Fire Company will get me a list of when the light should be blinking. Chief Wayda will have his officers turn blinkers on IF the fire company needs for one event here or there.
 - D. Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice – Matt asked Annette to contact WM and Advanced Disposal to see if they are available to attend our regular meeting in March.
 - E. Recreation –Patrice & Joan -
 - Still looking to fill 5 seats on board –
 - F. Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill
 - Flood Insurance Rate Map
 - Bank foreclosure/Real Estate registry Ordinance 2013-07
 - Snow removal ordinance 2014-02 will review next week with Solicitor and Code Enforcement officer
 - Asked Annette to check what other boroughs do with feral cats.
 - G. Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold
 - H. Secretary Notes/Announcements-
 - Mike made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-01 allowing Annette to sign lease/purchase documents for police SUV. Joan seconded the motion. motion carried.

- Harold made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-02 shredding documents. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- I. Grants-Michael Wentz
- Mike asked council “what do they have on their want/wish list for the Sands money?”
6. New Business –
- A. Dave made the motion to approve appointments and terms to the Walnutport Authority Board. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Dave made the motion to send delinquent real estate taxes to collections. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Dave made the motion to send delinquent per capita taxes to collections. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - D. Upgrade server in police department- Pete will get 2 more quotes
 - E. Canal storage shed is now heritage center. Was not permitted for anything other than a shed. Mike and Matt will be attending the WCA next meeting.
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
 - C. Drainage at garage behind 417 Lincoln Ave-Mike cannot find the pieces needed in the garage. He will purchase what is needed to fix.
 - D. Dump truck-getting new transmission. Mike Wentz will look into possible Sands money.
 - E. Open seats of the following boards (to be advertised in 2014)
 - Civil Service
 - UCC & Property Maintenance
 - Vacancy Board
 - Recreation board
8. Mayor’s Announcements~
- A. Declared a Disaster Emergency for the 2-5-14 snow storm
 - B. 2/28/14 Friday night at the Bingo hall the fire company will be holding a meet your public officials from 7:00-10:00 pm. Council, police, employees and their families are invited.
 - C. Fire siren is working again
 - D. There was a discussion on the part time cleaning person.
9. Adjournment – Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer