



# Borough of Walnutport

## Workshop Meeting Minutes

### Thursday March 6, 2014

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the March 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; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; and Chief Peter Wayda. Michael Gaston, Vice-President and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer-ABSENT
3. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
  - A. Brian Rubright—American Nickeloid is in permit process to start up some more production. They will be hiring about 7 new employees
4. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance –Matt wanted to discuss truck 5. Looking into lease/purchase a F350 instead of a dump truck. Looking out for the future.
  - B. Law – Harold & Mike
    - Harold made the motion to approve Scott Ledo’s training for \$195.00 out of his education fund. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
    - Hire pt police officer & swearing in IF hired ~ Motion to Hire Ryan A. Hawke made by Harold. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
    - Mr. Weidner swore in Ryan A. Hawke.
  - C. Streets – Bill & David – Bill wanted to thank the guys for a good job with snow removal this year. And wanted to thank Lehigh Township for the helping of removal of the snow. Wayne is waiting to see if we will get any reimbursements back for the declaration that was declared for the big snow storm.
  - D. Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice – Annette finally received final reports from Green star and Advanced Disposal. They will be here next week.
  - E. Recreation –Patrice & Joan
    - Still looking to fill 5 seats on board –
    - Patrice won’t be able to attend meetings since she coaches
  - F. Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill
    - Flood Insurance Rate Map
    - Bank foreclosure/Real Estate registry Ordinance 2013-07
    - Snow removal ordinance 2014-02
    - cats
  - G. Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold - nothing
  - H. Secretary Notes/Announcements-
    - PA State Association of Boroughs- TEAM program \$300.00 – Joan made the motion to drop the team program. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - I. Grants-Michael Wentz

- Mike will no longer be grant coordinator. "He is done." No more discussion. Personal issues.
5. New Business –
- A. Correspondences from day care- did not sign rental agreement yet. Annette Haas is buying out Y2Kids
  - B. Letter from Slatington Public Library ~ motion to appoint Donald Eckart to the library board of directors to represent Walnutport made by Joan. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - C. 2014 LVEDC Annual Investor's meeting Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup>
  - D. PSAB's 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference & Exhibition on April 6-9, 2014 at Penn State Conference Center in State College
  - E. Peer to Peer study need to appoint representatives- Patrice and Matt will go to the meeting.
  - F. Requesting exoneration on a property in the tax claim unit collections department-tabled until next week when Solicitor is here to explain.
  - G. Lehigh Gap Street-parking in the turn-there isn't any accident there but the sight is the issue-Chief Wayda will look into it.
  - H. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-03 made by Harold. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. 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-should be fixed by end of January
  - D. Dump truck
  - E. Open seats of the following boards (to be advertised in 2014)
    - Civil Service
    - UCC & Property Maintenance
    - Vacancy Board
    - Recreation board
7. Mayor's Announcements~
- A. Thank you for coming out to our community dance. It only cost the fire company \$50.00 to hold the event.
  - B. People are parking in front of their drive ways and mailboxes when it snows. We need to look into if these are legal. It makes it harder for the snow plow drivers.
8. Adjournment – motion to adjourn the meeting made at 8:10 pm by Joan. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer