



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 1, 2014

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the May 1, 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; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Michael Gaston, Vice-President and Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; -ABSENT.
3. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-Channel 13 News was present. Reporter did not speak. Mr. Timothy Dennis was present and did not speak.
4. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Mike (absent) & Matt
 - Joan made the motion to release \$13,000.00 to Diamond Fire Company (1/2 of yearly donation). Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Law – Harold & Mike (absent)
 - Harold made the motion to accept letter of resignation from Corey L Frey, Patrolman. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Streets – Bill & David – the guys are making the streets look really nice with the street sweeping.
 - D. Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice
 - Bills went out last week
 - Will be meeting with Advanced Disposal before next week's meeting
 - 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
 - cats
 - G. Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold-nothing
 - H. Secretary Notes/Announcements-nothing
 - I. Grants-Michael Wentz-
 - Mike gave an update on several grants that he is looking into. Casino grant meeting was changed to June 9th. CDBG will be ready for August. Getting information on 1 or 2% interest on equipment/vehicle purchase thru state. Dave made motion for Mike to pursue a grant thru PPL to change exterior lighting on boro hall, storage building, and recreation building. It is 100% grant-no required match. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried. Looking into LED lights and costs for street lights.

5. New Business –

- A.** Harold made the motion to authorize SSM to advertise the 2014 Street Improvement Project in the Times News. (They will advertise next week to receive bids through Penn Bid on 5/30/14 Bill Seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B.** Invite from Slatington Lions Club Outdoor Dinner Steak Fry
- C.** Survey for Northern Lehigh Community Center-if you want to fill out and send in Annette can scan it to who it needs to go to. If you think someone else in town would be interested in completing give it to them

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-
- D.** 2008-2012 Municipal real estate tax for 316 Walnut Street
- E.** Open seats of the following boards (to be advertised in 2014)
 - UCC & Property Maintenance
 - Vacancy Board
 - Recreation board

7. Mayor's Announcements~ nothing

8. Adjournment – Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer