



## Borough of Walnutport Workshop/Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday September 11, 2014

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- 1.** Michael Gaston, Vice- President called the September 11, 2014 meeting at 417 Lincoln Avenue; Walnutport, PA 18088 to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 pm. Matthew Newhard arrived after the pledge of the allegiance.
- 2.** Roll Call: Matthew Newhard, President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman; Michael Gaston, Vice-President; David Stankovic, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
- 3.** Bill Lerch from Advanced Disposal was requested to be here. Council and Mr. Lerch discussed some of the issues and complaints that have come up about the garbage service. Advanced Disposal will be sending out recycle stickers to all the home owners in the Borough of Walnutport to put on their recycle bins. They will also mail out a letter explaining how to handle complaints and the stickers. Annette printed out address labels for them to use.
- 4.** Mike Petruski explained what he learned about our PPL utility bills. He could save us about \$2,000 a year if we switch. Council will review contract and get back to him.
- 5.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
  - A.** Doug Boehrer from the WCA was here to discuss the following...
    - Hedmeck family wants to give property to WCA along canal-Mike made the motion to have Solicitor do property search, deed, etc. to make sure there aren't any liens on it. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
    - Boat house along North Canal Street-they will like to verify with council it is okay to take down. It is falling apart and before anyone gets hurt they want to remove it. Council is fine with it.
    - Lock 24-WCA would like to know where we stand with the permits. Annette is waiting on final letter/permit from DEP. It will be ready to bid in spring.
    - Lock 23-there is a leak and a lot of noise. Mike made the motion to have engineer investigate/study the acoustics/noise that is coming from the lock. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. The noise is dependent on the water flow. Sometimes it is louder that other times.
  - B.** Brian Filchner-WPA-here for update on the dugout. Jason did not have time to review. He will try to get there in next few weeks and get back to WPA.
  - C.** Robert Treskot, tax collector-
    - The annual tax collector convention is coming up and would like to know if council would reimburse him for going. Mike made the motion to reimburse Bob \$503.75 out of tax collector supplies. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
    - Bob wants to applaud Brian Filchner, David Lear, and everyone else who is working on sodding the field. They are working really hard and it looks really nice.
- 6.** Bill stepped out of the meeting 7:53-8:00 pm He did not vote on #7
- 7.** Motion to approve A-G by general consent made by Joan. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - A.** Minutes of the workshop meeting August 7, 2014 & regular meeting August 14, 2014
  - B.** Tax Collector's Monthly Report for August 2014
  - C.** Zoning Officer's Report for August 2014
  - D.** Build Code Officials Report for August 2014
  - E.** August 2014 Profit & Loss Report
  - F.** August 2014 Bill List

**G.** Police report July 2014

**8.** Standing Committees –

**A.** Finance – Mike & Matt

- Earned income cannot be raised. It is capped at 1%
- Listing something on ballot-it is too late for this November
- We will start working on the budget for 2015

**B.** Law – Harold & Mike

- Motion to reimburse Sgt Nothstein \$290.00 for education made by Joan. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C.** Streets – Bill & David

- Bill asked Mike Wentz when the roof at pavilion will be fixed. Mike said the contractor said weather permitting next week
- Bill also mentioned there is still a light out at the playground. Mike Wentz reminded Bill the light bulbs are on back order; as soon as they are here it will be replaced.

**D.** Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice-covered earlier

**E.** Recreation –Patrice & Joan

- Motion to accept Donald Eckhart's resignation from Rec Board made by Joan. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Still looking to fill 6 seats on board –
- Yearly letter from WCA @ canal festival-Mike made the motion to allow the fire police to direct traffic for the events. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Tennis courts-Mike Wentz is looking into it

**F.** Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill

1. Bank foreclosure/Real Estate registry Ordinance – RPF's will be back for October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. Dave made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-03 recycle totes. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Recreation Authority – everything looks ok. Solicitor will contact Ed Healy's office to discuss details.

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

**H.** Grants-Michael Wentz

- DEP called to inform 2012 904 grant- will have money \$8,107.00 within 4-6 weeks. Mike also reminded council what that money could be used for. When money comes in it should be deposited into sanitation savings account
- The tennis court grant was from James Rhoads. It was walk around money. There aren't any strings to it. However, Bellview Pump will be coming over to take a look at tennis courts. He might be able to fix it doing something totally different. Mike will let council know what the quote is when he gets it.
- Trying to get finally numbers for the salt shed grant. That will be casino money

**I.** Solicitor's Report –

- 1986 there was a mortgage done for several properties in the borough. It was HUD money before the county was involved. The one property is up for sale and we need the lien satisfied. The terms were all met but the lien was never removed. Joan made a motion to allow Matt to sign to have lien satisfied. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried
- Jones- waiting on a few improvements before plan can be signed and improvements agreement executed.
- Loan is all ready to be disbursed next week-Annette informed council that Neff's was in to talk to her. They would like some of the Borough's deposit accounts. Annette let them know what Susquehanna does for them, no fees, good interest rate. They will look into it and get back to council

**J.** Engineer's Report –

- Motion to approve/ratify Payment #2 ~ (change app was approved last month for this) for 2014 Street improvement project to Bracalente Construction in the amount of \$122,868.24 made by Bill. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve pay ap #3-final for Bracalente Construction in the amount of \$2,170.00 made by Bill. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- LOMO-Jason still hasn't heard anything else. Solicitor will send another letter
- Blue Ridge Auto/Advanced Auto- started some excavation. Still waiting on Penndot permit. They would like to be opened mid-December
- 2014 Street project-Bracalente is done. Livengood will start 9-15-14 weather permitting.

**9. New Business –**

- A.** Motion to pay \$333.00-put on next month's agenda
- B.** Financial Fitness 3-Day workshop-CANCELED

**10. 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.** Open seats of the following boards (to be advertised in 2014)
  - UCC & Property Maintenance
  - Vacancy Board
  - Recreation board
- E.** Recycling containers/Tubs/Totes-Mike Wentz is working on grant
- F.** Signs for sponsorship at the pavilion-Annette will get prices
- G.** E-recycling event look into it for spring

**11. Mayor's Announcements – Wayne will be performing his second wedding ceremony on Saturday.**

**12. Adjournment- Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer