



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday April 13, 2017 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the April 13, 2017 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Turk led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President; Harold Greene, Vice-President (absent); Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Nancy Treskot, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Aaron Kromer, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda (absent); and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public- Al Acker, Ron Bauer, Ricky A Smith, Timothy Dennis, Ed Zeigler, Mike Gaston, Channel 13 News, Kelley Andrade-Times News, Don Eckhart, & Larry Wittig.
4. Larry from Tamaqua Transfer-
 - A. With discussion with council he agrees they are not the recycle police. He will train his guys to pick up the recycle and take to Cogle's.
 - B. Dumpster(s) at fire company...Larry will look into switching out the 4 yard recycle dumpster for a 6 yard. He will also look into giving them another 6 yard dumpster for their garbage, giving them 3 dumpsters there. The 4 yard recycle isn't big enough for what they put out. They used to have an 8 yard for garbage and filled that. Tamaqua Transfer does not have anything bigger than a 6 yard. He will get back to Patrice with information.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard – none
6. Nancy made the motion to approve A, B, D, E, F, & G. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting March 2, 2017 & regular meeting February 9, 2017
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for March 2017
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for March 2017
 - D. Build Code Officials Report for March 2017
 - E. March 2017 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. March 2017 Bill List
 - G. Police report March 2017

After a brief discussion about CARES that is operating without permits. Nancy made the motion to approve C. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance -- Nancy-nothing
 - B. Law – Harold & Nancy-nothing
 - C. Streets –David & Harold- Mike is doing a good job street sweeping.
 - D. Solid Waste – Patrice & Aaron- discussed earlier. Bills are out in the mail.
 - E. Recreation –Aaron & Joan- nothing
 - F. Ordinance Review – David & Patrice
 - Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-03 moving permits (to remove mayor from ordinance) made by Dave. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - G. Personnel –Aaron, Nancy, & David – nothing

- H.** Secretary/Treasurer-Annette nothing
- I.** Code Enforcement Officer – Eric Strohl
 - Inspection/violations, made phone calls. Erchen's asked about the land he questioned make doing a 99 years lease. Solicitor would prefer doing a shorter lease option.
- J.** Borough Maintenance & Property Management- Nancy & Eric
 - Mulch at 215 Lincoln Ave-Rick will get prices-they will need volunteers to spread it once it is delivered. There is a boy who would do this for his Boy Scout project.
 - Air conditioners—now that weather is getting nicer they will be installing them soon
- K.** Engineer's Report –
 - See report
 - Salt shed-Nancy made the motion to accept the bid from Raymond Orchard Construction for \$263,667.00. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - First Ave-out for bid. Due 5-9-17 will award at May 11th meeting
 - 2017 Street project-waiting for start date
 - CDBG grant-after a brief discussion with council and the audience...
 - ✓ Nancy made the motion to authorize SSM Group to do the necessary work and submit the grant application. Dave seconded the motion. Bill opposed. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Nancy made the motion to approve the Resolution approving the filling of the CDBG grant. Dave seconded the motion. Bill opposed. Motion carried.
- L.** Solicitor's Report –
 - Street vacation petition
 - Michael is still working on the 911 issue with Lehigh and Northampton Counties
 - There is a hearing for Gogel on June 12th in Northampton County
 - Joan made the motion to direct Solicitor and Annette to send letters out and advertise the hearing to vacate Cherry Alley. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 8.** New Business – nothing
- 9.** Unfinished Business – nothing
- 10.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard – none
- 11.** Mayor's Announcements-Flower sale Friday & Saturday. Egg hunt Saturday promptly at 1:00
- 12.** Adjournment- Nancy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer