



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 6, 2017 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk, President called the April 6, 2017 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:03 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; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Nancy Treskot, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Aaron Kromer, Councilman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Chief Peter Wayda; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public-Ron Kuntz, Walnutport Authority; Ed Zeigler; Ron Bauer; Brian Filchner, Walnutport Playground Association; Ricky Smith; Donald Eckhart; Tim Dennis.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-
 - A. Ron Kuntz wanted council to remember they must communicate with each other. They discussed the new tractor, the backhoe, & hunting on borough properties that include the properties that the authority rents/leases from the borough. Ron also wanted to Thank Mike Wentz for all the work he does in applying and getting a lot of grant money for the borough and authority. Wayne agreed and thanked Mike also.
 - B. Brian Filchner handed in the application for use of facility for senior night. Annette now has the release forms, and proof of insurance.
 - C. Ed Zeigler said every time he goes by the Alder Drive quarry, the gate is opened. He told borough council he has told them that many of times. Ron Kuntz said he will take care of it since it is a Walnutport Authority quarry. Borough council told Ed we told you that before.
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance -- Nancy
 - Tractor bid on Penn Bid came in at \$20,100.00
 1. Patrice made the motion to sell 1987 Ford 7710 for the bid price of \$20,100.00. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 2. Patrice made the motion to have Annette issue Walnutport Authority a check for \$10,050.00; ½ of the bid price for the money they gave us to purchase the new tractor when monies are available. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Law – Harold & Nancy
 - Harold let council know that he received 2 complaints about the geese on the canal. He spoke to Pete. They do have the permit and will start taking care of them.
 - Pete would like to be able to give Officer Hartman 32 hours with no benefits or insurance. It will help with scheduling and keep him here. Aaron made the motion to make Officer Hartman a 32 hour police officer with no benefits, same pay rate. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Streets –David & Harold

- We received notification we are awarded the grant for the new truck. This truck is to replace '88 for dump truck we bought used. Nancy made the motion to accept the grant for \$100,000.00. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Bill thanked Mike for doing all the work on all the grants he had got the borough for the years. Wayne also said thank you!

D. Solid Waste – Patrice & Aaron-

- There was an executive session before meeting tonight. They discussed the garbage contract and a few of the issues in that contract. Larry will be here at 7:00 to discuss some of the issues with council and residents that want to speak about complaints. Nowhere in contract does it say what size dumpster needs to be at any of sites. All complaints will go to Patrice from now on. Annette will be emailing her with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

E. Recreation – Aaron & Joan –

- Batting cage needs a new net. It's a weird size so Aaron is going to contact Mike from NL Rec authority to see if he has any connections or if there is money out there to have that replaced.
- NL Rec Authority has someone who wants to teach a free Yoga class in the grass at 215 Lincoln Ave. Aaron is trying to coordinate dates.
- Roof on one of the buildings by dug outs need a new roof. Wade Wanamaker will replace roof for just the cost of products @\$1,500.00
- Since no one has been going to the recreation board meetings the 4th Thursday of the month, they are going to cancel all meetings since they will just keep going to the NL Recreation Authority meetings. Annette will post the door each month in case they want to meet.

F. Ordinance Review – David & Patrice

- Moving permit update-ready for next week adoption

G. Personnel –Aaron, Nancy, & David –

- Aaron would like a meeting with employees and personnel committee. He wants to stop all of this he said she said stuff. He asked Annette to set up a date.

H. Secretary/Treasurer- Annette Lacko

- Moving permit questions Annette asked if we can remove the per capita part from the moving permit. The secretaries can't help what the people check off. Bob will be told not to ask or tell the secretaries if they marked the wrong thing. He will be told to call the residents.
- Annette should have the proof for the newsletter soon
- Garbage bills go out in the mail next week
- Reminder nonprofit donations will be paid out in June like they are every year. Annette received a phone call asking when we someone can expect their money.

I. Grants-Mike Wentz –

- Salt Shed-out on bid
- 1st Avenue is out on bid
- Canal Street was denied
- Traffic light grant for \$25K is ready to go out on bid
- NL recreation authority is working on the memorial open space grant
- There was a discussion and some disagreements with council and Mike stated he was done with grants.

- J. Borough Maintenance & Property Management- Nancy & Rick - nothing
6. New Business –
- A. Letter from tax collector for reimbursement-Nancy abstained since tax collector is her husband. Motion to reimburse Bob was made by Dave. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Hunting on borough property-need motions- Harold abstained since Bryce is his son. Aaron abstained since Kyle is his brother.
 - Patrice made the motion to approve hunting permits for
 1. Bryce Greene
 2. Kyle Kromer
 3. Matthew Kuntz
 4. Brian Lutz. Joan seconded the permit. Motion carried. 4 yes, 1 non (Nancy), & 2 abstain
7. Unfinished Business –
- A. 911 issue with Lehigh County & Northampton County-need motion for Bill to sign letter
 - Nancy made the motion to have bill sign letter and Annette mail of ASAP. Dave seconded the letter. Motion carried.
8. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
- A. Ron Bauer wants council to communicate better whether it be with WA, the public, other council members, or its employees. Communication is key and by the way things went tonight that is evident. He also wanted to say we do need to stick to a budget. Our taxes go up enough. And finally he asked council to sit down with Mike Wentz and work out the differences because he has gotten this borough, and Fire Company a lot of grant money and it will be a shame if he doesn't do this anymore. It will be a shame to have to pay our engineer to do these grants. That will be a lot more money with will increase our spending.
9. Mayor's Announcements~ they mayor wanted everyone to know we set trick or treat date. It will be October 25th with a rain date of October 26th.
10. Adjournment – motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:15 by Harold. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer