



# Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday April 9, 2015

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the April 9, 2015 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:58 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 (absent), Councilman; Michael Gaston, Vice-President; David Stankovic, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. In attendance: Al Acker, Brian Filchner, Terry Ahner, Sandra Hopkins, Nancy Treskot, and Tim Dennis.
4. Scott Everett from D & L and Christopher Strohler from Wildlands Conservancy discussed the new signage along the street, canal, river and the process of the new boat launch. They gave council a few handout of what everything will look like.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
  - A. Brian Filchner-President of WPA- asked a few questions and informed council of a few events/projects
    - Senior night will be May 6<sup>th</sup> for NL softball
    - WPA would like to move the fence from 260 feet to 200 feet. Council had no objections or motions to approve the move.
    - Ashtrays—when will they be placed. As soon as the weather permits and the streets department can place them in concrete, they will.
    - Dugout- there was a lot of discussion about the condition of the dugout, what should be done and when. Patrice made a motion (I was unable to hear due to all the other commotion going on at the time). It was decided the dugout will wait for the next round of grants which would be after the softball season. Mike Gaston made the motion to have public works department get proper material and clock off the dugout so no one uses it or climbs on it. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Bill made the motion to approve A-F by general consent.
  - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting March 5, 2015 and regular meeting March 12, 2015
  - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for March 2015
  - C. Zoning Officer's Report for March 2015
  - D. Build Code Officials Report for March 2015
  - E. March 2015 Profit & Loss Report
  - F. March 2015 Bill List
  - G. Police report March 2015                      Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Mike & Matt-nothing
  - B. Law –Mike

- Chief Wayda would like to recommend appointing Antonio Tramonte as a part time police officer. Mike made that motion. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. Streets – Bill & David –** the letter from PennDot about snow removal was reviewed and will be kept on file for when this issue is brought up again in a few years.
- D. Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice**
  - Garbage bills will go out in the next 2 weeks
  - Toters are ordered. The logo and recycling artwork was chosen.
- E. Recreation –Patrice & Joan-** nothing
- F. Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill-** nothing
- G. Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold**
  - Letters of interest are due next Friday. The committee and Wayne will get together to discuss after that.
- H. Solicitor’s Report –**
  - Cell tower-hear from American tower. There aren’t any new carriers since 2013
  - Need a few minutes in executive session to discuss recycling contract issue
  - Mike made a motion to have Solicitor send a letter to cell tower about the damaged sidewalk. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- I. Engineer’s Report –**
  - Mike made the motion to approval to submit of CGBG grant for 2015. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - See report attached
- 8. New Business –**
  - A.** Mike made the motion to approve interim tax bill. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 9. Unfinished Business –**
  - A.** Open seats of the following boards
    - UCC & Property Maintenance
    - Vacancy Board
    - Recreation board
  - B.** J2SW1A81033 (N Canal Street)-Annette filed the paper work
- 10. Upcoming events-**
  - A.** E-Recycling Event May 20, 2015 from 4-7 pm
- 11.** Council entered an executive session from 8:25-8:40 pm to discuss the garbage/recycling contracts. No action taken.
- 12.** Mayor’s Announcements – Wayne has been talking with the police department and street department @ the signs when there is street sweeping.
- 13.** Adjournment- Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer