



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday August 6, 2015

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- 1.** Matthew Newhard, President called the August 6, 2015 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:59 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; Michael Gaston, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman (7:50); David Stankovic, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda (7:30); Jason Newhard, Engineer; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Wayne Weidner, Mayor & Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman-Absent.
- 3.** In attendance ~ Herb & Bev Green, David Lear, Brian Filchner, & Ed Zeigler.
- 4.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A.** Herb & Bev Green complained about 864 Williams Ave- council informed them we are in process of taking the steps to enforce the issues at that property. They also complained about the trees on corner of Carbon and Lehigh Gap Street. Council will let CEO know about complaint
 - B.** David Lear, Brian Flichner, Borough engineer, and council discussed options on dug out.
 - Joan made the motion to have borough engineer, Jason, get a full quote for addition room, stabilize dug out and new service on dug out. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Joan made the motion to have Mike Wentz apply for grant for the dug out with addition, stabilizing wall, roof, new service. Motion seconded by Bill. Motion carried.
- 5.** Standing Committees –
 - A.** Finance – Mike & Matt-
 - With Pathmark closing we will be losing @ \$18K in mercantile tax for year.
 - Joan made the motion to have Annette order @ 50 more toters with the \$8K left on the grant. Dave second the motion. Motion carried.
 - B.** Law – Harold & Mike
 - Chief received a complaint about parking at 2nd and Williams. Council would like Mayor to set a 90 day no parking to see how it works. If successful they will have on regular.
 - C.** Streets – Bill & David –Rick got prices for in front of Bandzi on Washington Street. Gutter sunk. He will get prices for other sections in town that need to be patched.
 - D.** Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice-need brief executive session to discuss contractual issue
 - E.** Recreation –Patrice & Joan-nothing
 - F.** Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill
 - Business license update-Motion to have Corriere advertise the change in ordinance made by Joan. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Fire prevention "as amended" no need to change ordinance
 - G.** Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold-
 - When will Debbie start? What are her hours? August 17th. 10-2. M-W-F...first few weeks M-F

H. Secretary/Treasurer report/notes

- Phone service-can save money going to digital phone. Annette should lock price in for 36 months.
- Mailer for e recycling event, what else should we include? Pete will work on a letter from police department, leaf schedule, open seats letter, ask for phone numbers.

I. Grants-Michael Wentz-

- Open space grant - rubber matting? - dug out? - Tennis court? Discussed above
- Mike gave a brief update on the red light, DEP grant
- Motion to have Mike submit casino grant for salt shed again and approve the resolution that gives him permission to submit grant made by Dave. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

J. Engineer was requested to be here for street repair work and grant project options

K. New Business –

- Joan made the motion to approve tax collector mailing out interim taxes bill. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Bill made the motion to allow Diamond Fire Company to conduct a live fire training on August 12, 2015. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Bill made to the motion
 - ✓ Fire Police to direct traffic
 - ✓ Police presence during festival
 - ✓ North Canal Street one way heading north
 - ✓ North Railroad street on way heading south
 - ✓ South Canal Street closed from Main Street to Washington Street and all vehicles moved from street by 8:00 am
 - ✓ Post "no parking" signs on South Canal Street from Main Street to Washington St
 - ✓ Lehigh Street open only to residents and festival participants. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ed Zeigler asked

- Why the gate at "the dump" is always opened when he goes by. Can anyone dump there? Road crew will make sure farmer knows to close up when he is done going through.
- There is a car on Spruce Street covered up. When driving by at night it's hard to see. Someone is going to hit the car. Chief Wayda will look into it.
- View Drive-President Newhard stopped Mr. Zeigler and explained we don't have anything to do with View Drive since it is a private development. We have discussed this several times. The road has a deed and is in the tax repository at Northampton County. It would take a lot of other tax payer money to bring that road up to meet our Ordinances IF the borough would ever take it over. They have wells and septic up there.

6. Council entered into an executive session to discuss contractual issue from 8:55 pm-9:18 pm. No action at this time.

7. Unfinished Business – some items will not be acted upon for several months ~ this is a reminder that they are a work in process

A. Open seats of the following boards

- UCC & Property Maintenance
- Vacancy Board

- Recreation board
- B.** Slatington Public Library-need a board member to represent Walnutport
- C.** J2SW1A81033 (N Canal Street)-Annette filed the paper work-waiting on Northampton County
- D.** Upcoming events-
 - E-Recycling event September 16, 2015
 - Walnutport Canal Festival Sunday October 18, 2015
 - Trick or Treat Wednesday October 28, 2015; 6-8 pm; RAIN OR SHINE
 - Halloween parade October 31st
- E.** Mike made the motion to release \$7,800.00 of budgeted donation to Diamond Fire Company. That leaves about \$10,000.00 budgeted donation left to be disbursed in next month or two. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 8.** Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joan at 9:30 pm. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer