



# Borough of Walnutport

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### Thursday December 11, 2014

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- 1.** Matthew Newhard, President called the December 11, 2014 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, Councilman; Michael Gaston, Vice-President; David Stankovic, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Chief Peter Wayda; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Wayne Weidner, Mayor-Absent.
- 3.** David Schnaars, Al Acker, Debbie Paules, Bill Lerch, Ryan Carroll, Ron Bauer, Sharon Stanley, Tim Dennis, David Mosey, Bekki Licini, and Ed Ziegler were all present.
- 4.** Advanced Disposal- Ryan Carroll and Bill Learch were here to address complaints from the audience and council. They will get council a new letter to clarify some of the mistakes that were made in the first letter. Once approved they will resend out to all the residents. They will also address the issues brought up with their workers. Mrs. Paules, Mr. Bauer, Mr. Wentz, and some of council gave complaint to Mr. Carroll and Mr. Learch.
- 5.** Hearing for NL Recreation Authority
  - A.** Matt opened up the discussion to council. There was some discussion.
  - B.** Matt opened up the discussion to the audience. There was some discussion. Mr. Schnaars, Mr. Bauer, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Ziegler all spoke to council. Matt closed the floor for discussion. Bill made the motion to close the hearing. Harold seconded the motion. Matt stepped away as president to say he doesn't want down the road for council to say we should have done what we didn't do.
  - C.** Joan made the motion to approve Ordinance 2014-05 NL Recreation Authority. Mike seconded the motion. Harold made the motion for a roll call vote. Mike-no, Joan-no, Harold-no, Matt-no, Dave-no, Bill-no, Patrice-no. Ordinance did not pass. The motion was denied with a 0-7 vote.
- 6.** Budget hearing-
  - A.** Matt opened up the discussion to council...and closed discussion
  - B.** Matt opened up discussion to the audience.
    - Mr. Dennis gave a few words of advice.
    - Mr. Bauer thanked council for all they do and not passing the NL Recreation authority.
    - Matt closed the discussion
  - C.** Mike made the motion to keep the milage rate at 18 for 2015. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - D.** Joan made the motion to adopt the 2015 budget (our blue copy) \$1,656,598.76. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - E.** Joan made the motion to approve ordinance 2014-06 setting the milage rate at 18 for 2015. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried. (8:12 pm)
- 7.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard

- A.** Ed Ziegler let council know he paid the land the NL Community Center is on. And Kelly Construction owns the building.
- 8.** Matt asked if there are no objections he would entertain a motion by general consent to approve
- A.** Minutes of the workshop meeting November 6, 2014 & regular meeting November 13, 2014
  - B.** Tax Collector's Monthly Report for November 2014
  - C.** Zoning Officer's Report for November 2014
  - D.** Build Code Officials Report for November 2014
  - E.** November 2014 Profit & Loss Report
  - F.** November 2014 Bill List
  - G.** Police report November 2014. Joan made that motion. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 9.** Standing Committees –
- A.** Finance – Mike & Matt-nothing further.
    - Motion to approve 2015 budget
    - Motion to approve Ordinance 2014-06 (setting milage rate)
  - B.** Law – Harold & Mike
    - Mike made the motion to pay for Sergeant Nothstein's lodging in February when he goes to the DRE training program in Hershey, PA. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - C.** Streets – Bill & David – Bill asked guys if they can pick up the last few piles of leaves that are lying around town. Rick informed him once there isn't a car parked on top of them, they will take the back hoe to pick them up.
  - D.** Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice
    - Discussed totes, the bills are due next week, and we will have to start discussing the new contract next year.
  - E.** Recreation –Patrice & Joan
    - 6 Open seats
  - F.** Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill-nothing
  - G.** Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold - nothing
  - H.** Secretary notes/announcements
    - Complaint forms were changed. If anyone has a complaint, please refer them to the form or to the website so they can come in and complete it. It must be signed. And remember the complaint form is not public record it does not comply with the right to know act.
  - I.** Solicitor's Report –
    - Contract for real estate registration-Joan made the motion to allow Matt to sign once the changes are made per discussion tonight. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
    - Letter to PSAB @ referendum- The NL rec authority issue cannot be placed on the ballot.
    - Lorrh lien was satisfied.
    - Hedmeck-we are waiting on them to be able to run title search
    - Direct TV- Patrice made the motion to allow Solicitor to reach out to Direct TV about a franchise agreement. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.
    - Bonding for tax collector-we do not have to pay for deputy's bond. We will see how much it is when we receive the paperwork. Annette will bring to council at that time.
  - J.** Engineer's Report –

- Patrice made the motion to approve the revised final plan reflecting changes as required for the PennDot permit for the Blue Ridge Auto/ Advanced Auto Parts development. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Harold made the motion to authorize signing the final Blue Ridge/Advanced Auto Parts plans. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Patrice made the motion to submit sewage planning exemption documents to the PA DEP for the William Jones Minor Subdivision. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- See report attached

**10. New Business –**

- A.** Real estate taxes-Moyer Solicitor will look in to it and get back to Annette. Per council the money will have to be withdrawn from tax collector's commission.

**11. 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.** Open seats of the following boards

- UCC & Property Maintenance
- Vacancy Board
- Recreation board

**C.** Recycling containers/Tubs/Totes-Mike is working on grant

**D.** E-recycling event-May 20, 2015 from 4-7 pm

**E.** tax collector/deputy tax collector bonding fee

**F.** Mail box-there was a discussion about Hunsicker mailbox post.

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

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer