



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 4, 2014

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- 1.** Michael Gaston, Vice-President called the December 4, 2014 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:01 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Gaston led the Pledge of allegiance.
- 2.** Roll Call: Matthew Newhard, President (arrived at 7:50 pm); Michael Gaston, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
- 3.** Public in attendance-Nancy Treskot, Ron Bauer, Sharon Stanley from Times News.
- 4.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A.** Ron Bauer questioned council about the .5 mil tax increase and the NL Rec Authority. He wants council to make sure they have a reserve fund and if they will need to raise taxes to do it, don't raise little by little. Get it over all at once.
- 5.** Standing Committees –
 - A.** Finance – Mike & Matt- budget (updated YTD totals) review for next week
 - B.** Law – Harold & Mike – nothing this week. Will have for next week.
 - C.** Streets – Bill & David – guys did a good job with leaves and the first snow fall.
 - D.** Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice
 - Bill made the motion to exonerate (2015) garbage at 788 Lehigh Gap Street due to no water/sewer service. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - E.** Recreation –Patrice & Joan
 - Still looking to fill 6 seats on board –
 - F.** Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill- NL Rec Authority next week after hearing.
 - G.** Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold-nothing
 - H.** Secretary Notes/Announcements-
 - Advertisements of meetings for 2015-Annette asked council how they wanted to handle meeting in January and July when meeting falls on holiday. They all agreed on one meeting in January and one meeting in July (starting at 6:00 pm). Annette will give everyone a copy at next week's meeting.
 - I.** Grants-Michael Wentz-
 - Recycle tote—waiting maybe March/April
 - Still answering questions about salt shed grant
 - Block grant for next year-apply in April/May
 - Traffic light—did not apply for
 - Relight enforcement will be available next year. Maybe till then Penndot will have all the repaving and improvements done that it will be earlier for is to apply/get approved.

- 6. New Business –**
 - A.** Motion to approve tax collector shredding made by Dave. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B.** Motion to approve deputy tax collector made by Bill. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. Annette will have Solicitor look into who pays for her to be bonded.
 - C.** Patrice brought up about her mail box being hit by leaf collection. She would like boro to pay for it to be fixed. Mike Gaston asked her to put it in writing and they will discuss it next week when solicitor is present.
 - D.** Annette will be updating the complaint form since we received notification that all complaints must be in writing and signed. Our current form doesn't have room for signature.
- 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.** 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---waiting on grant info
 - D.** e-recycling event May 20, 2014 from 4-7 pm
 - E.** Bill made the motion to send fire police their budgeted \$1,000.00 donation. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - F.** Budget talk---Annette explained what each report is that is handed out and where we stand, reminding council we should have a carryover of @ \$200K every year to help start the new year and so we have loan payment funds going into new year. We will have hearing next week to pass 2015 budget.
 - G.** Matt came into meeting (7:50 pm)
 - H.** Direct TV-Annette will ask Solicitor if we can get direct tv to pay franchise fee since they are in borough also.
- 8. Mayor's Announcements~**
 - A.** Washington Street might be opened for weekend.
- 9. Adjournment –** motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joan at 7:55 pm. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer