



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday February 12, 2015

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the February 12, 2015 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 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; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Chief Peter Wayda; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. In attendance James Markley the Times News; Bob Treskot, tax collector; Brian Filchner, President of WPA; Rod Hatcher; and Timothy Dennis.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-
5. Motion to approve A-G with general consent made by Dave. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - A. Minutes of the workshop/regular meeting January 8, 2015
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for January 2015
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for January 2015
 - D. Build Code Officials Report for January 2015
 - E. January 2015 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. January 2015 Bill List
 - G. Police report January 2015
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Mike & Matt-nothing
 - B. Law – Harold & Mike-nothing
 - C. Streets – Bill & David – guys are doing nice job with snow plowing.
 - D. Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice
 - There are A LOT of complaints about the garbage.
 - Contact company about totes. Get price locked in...getting 96 gallon all blue toters.
 - E. Recreation –Patrice & Joan- nothing
 - F. Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill- nothing
 - G. Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold - nothing
 - H. Secretary notes/announcements
 - Annette had a conversation with someone from PPL about poles. Solicitor is going to have to speak to their Solicitor. They are saying they are not getting a permit to remove poles. It doesn't apply to them. Annette sent a list of poles that are throughout town that should be taken down. Bill made the motion to have Solicitor send letter to PPL about their poles. If they don't comply/cooperate we will file complaint with PUC. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - E recycling flyers are printed.
 - I. Solicitor's Report –
 - Need short executive session to discuss contractual issue, & potential litigation
 - Sent letter to At&t about what carriers are on cell tower
 - Sent letter to Direct TV about franchise fee
 - J. Engineer's Report –

- See report attached-nothing new to report or take action on.
- We will need a brief workshop for public hearing that is required for MS4 report. Solicitor will advertise meeting for March 12, 2015 during our regularly scheduled meeting.
- 2015 budget included the mapping that is required for our MS4 permit. That will need to be done soon, before leaves are on trees because they use GPS.

7. New Business –

- Motion to reimburse tax collector for postage made by Mike. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Letter from day care-(lease says council does not have to reimburse for renovations) Ask them for receipt and council would consider reimbursement for supplies, not labor.
- Motion to refund the following taxes
 - Mike made the motion to reimburse (840 Best Ave-Church, \$1,939.70, 2013 taxes) Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church during our first bill paying in March. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Mike made the motion to reimburse (Third Street-MJF Realty Inc., \$7,708.68, 2014 taxes) during our first bill paying in March. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Mike made the motion to reimburse (210 Spruce St-Moyer, \$576.24, 2014 taxes) during our first bill paying in March. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business –

- Open seats of the following boards
 - UCC & Property Maintenance
 - Vacancy Board
 - Recreation board
- Cell tower carriers-Solicitor sending letter
- PT secretary/clerk for when our secretary/treasurer is out of office sick or on vacation. Solicitor will advertise: municipal secretary experience required, need to be able to be bonded, customer service, need to be on call as needed basis, available 8-4 Monday – Friday, pay will be same as police secretary-keeping everything the same. We have to treat everyone the same. Part time streets gets paid part time police, etc. (this was all discussed by council)

9. Council entered into an executive session to discuss personnel matter, contractual issue, & potential litigation from 8:00-8:50 pm. no action taken

Patrice made the motion to have Sean work with Annette to update the zoning application to have a section stating residential or commercial applicant. Harold seconded the motion. motion carried.

10. Upcoming events-

- E-Recycling Event May 20, 2015 from 4-7 pm

11. Mayor's Announcements –

12. Adjournment- Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer