



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday February 5, 2015

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- 1.** Matthew Newhard, President called the February 5, 2015 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:55 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 (Absent); 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 (Absent); and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
- 3.** In attendance from the Times News, James Markley; Tim Dennis; Robin Blocker; Bo Treskot; Jeannie Boehrer;& Mary Surdovel.
- 4.** Walnutport Canal Association-Mary Surdovel @ "Float you boat"-Patrice made the motion to allow WCA to have their "Float you Boat" event. Council supports this fundraiser. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard- none
- 6.** Standing Committees –
 - A.** Finance – Mike & Matt- no report
 - B.** Law – Harold & Mike no report
 - C.** Streets – Bill & David – the guys are doing a great job with snow removal
 - D.** Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice
 - Secretary is getting A LOT of complaints she is informing them to come in to her office and fill out complaint form.
 - E.** Recreation –Patrice & Joan
 - Still looking to fill 6 seats on board –
 - F.** Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill- no report
 - G.** Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold- no report
 - H.** Secretary Notes/Announcements-
 - 61 certified letters (garbage and business licenses)
 - Annette handed out a list of all businesses in the Borough of Walnutport. She explained who hasn't paid for licenses yet. If not received with next two weeks they will be cited.
 - I.** Grants-Michael Wentz-
 - Recycling containers/Tubs/Totes---waiting on grant info—DEP awarded us & \$56K. we are waiting on paperwork to proceed.
 - Block grant-won't know will March/April
 - LV Planning Commission has come into money. They asked for a "wish list" Rick and Mike helped Annette complete and send in. They listed the traffic light at Route 145 & Main Street, and bunch of roads in the borough that should be done.
 - Casino \$-no answer yet. Should make a decision @ 3-11-15

J. Centennial Committee- the history committee met and decided to reduce the price of books to \$30.00. They will try to sell some on line and other ways to see if they can move more books.

7. New Business –

A. Letter from day care-Annette will get lease so council can discuss further next week.

B. Motion to refund the following taxes- Harold made the motion to table this topic for a later date (put on next week's agenda under new business). Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 840 Best Ave-Church \$1,939.70 2013 taxes
- Third Street-MJF Realty Inc \$7,708.68 2014 taxes
- 210 Spruce St-Moyer \$576.24 2014 taxes

C. Letter from NOVA—council says Congratulations!

D. Information from Slatington Library there YTD reports for 2014

E. TCC weighted votes (see attached) – council sees the voting percentages.

F. Motion to approve 3 of the board members for Walnutport Authority who's terms expired

- Richard Thomas, member 2 year term 12-31-16
- Chris Green, member 3 year term 12/31/17
- Susan Schneck, Treasurer 5 year term 12-31-19

Motion made by Bill. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

G. Matt received information in mail from LV Planning commission. Annette will file it if anyone wants to review it.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Open seats of the following boards

- UCC & Property Maintenance
- Vacancy Board
- Recreation board

B. e-recycling event May 20, 2015 from 4-7 pm

- need questions answered so we can start letting people know & DEP application
- where? 417 Lincoln Ave
- who will be "working/volunteering event?" Matt said he will be there after he gets off of work. We will see who else once we are closer.
- Annette will work on flyer to hopefully get in mail in March

9. Mayor's Announcements – we have been putting snow emergencies on when needed. Mr. Weidner also explained that if he declares a disaster emergency, it helps us with funding if we have a break down or disaster because of the storm.

10. Adjournment- Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40. Dave seconded the motion. Motion adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer