



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday June 11, 2015

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- 1.** Matthew Newhard, President called the June 11, 2015 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:01 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 (left at 7:30); Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Michael Gaston, Vice-President; David Stankovic, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman (came in at 7:55); Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Chief Peter Wayda; Mike Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Harold Greene, Councilman-ABSENT.
- 3.** In attendance- Kelly Andrade from the Times News, Wayne Rodgers, Larry & Carol Bowman.
- 4.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A.** Wayne Rodgers lives at 211 Main Street. He started off with saying Chief Wayda is doing a great job in helping...What can be done about the truck traffic hitting his house, making the wrong turn. Annette will look into changing the Nicheloid's address. Maybe that will help the drivers who use their GPS.
 - B.** Larry & Carol Bowman asked to be exempt from their garbage. They live on View Drive and their house is inhabitable. Normally council uses the fact of water service to determine if the house is inhabitable but because of the condition of the property, they know it is inhabitable. Dave made the motion to exempt 25 View Drive of garbage service until the property is brought back up to being able to be lived in. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5.** Motion to approve A-G by general consent was made by Joan.
 - A.** Minutes of the workshop meeting May 7, 2015 and regular meeting May 14, 2015
 - B.** Tax Collector's Monthly Report for May 2015
 - C.** Zoning Officer's Report for May 2015
 - D.** Build Code Officials Report for May 2015
 - E.** May 2015 Profit & Loss Report
 - F.** May 2015 Bill List
 - G.** Police report May 2015 Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 6.** Council entered into an executive session for a personnel matter from 7:1-7:30 pm. No action taken. Matt left meeting at 7:30. Mike Gaston took over meeting.
- 7.** Standing Committees –
 - A.** Finance – Mike & Matt-Mike clarified that the PT police officers received their raise on 1-1-15 so they will not get a seconded raise this year.
 - B.** Law – Harold & Mike
 - Ledo is out on workers comp and would like to be approved for his heart and lung. Council all agreed that yes if he is hurt he should be on both them insurance is paid for this.
 - Pete recommends hiring Nicholas Hartman as a pt police officer. Bill made the motion to hire Mr. Hartman. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - There is a grant from the county that will help with recycling unused prescriptions. They would like to put a locked container in the hallway to help people in our area. Dave made the motion to allow one to be placed in the hallway as long as it is locked and no one can break into it. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C.** Streets – Bill & David – nothing
 - D.** Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice

- Garbage bills due 6-24-15
 - Recycling contract- Joan made the motion to have Solicitor advertise the recycle part of the contract after Annette gets him the numbers needed. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- E.** Recreation –Patrice & Joan-reminder carnival is coming up
- F.** Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill-nothing
- G.** Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold-nothing
- H.** Secretary/Treasurer’s report-Annette just needed clarification on what council wants in the letters sent to the nonprofits. Annette will change each one for what we do for each nonprofit.
- I.** Grants- Mike Wentz
- Traffic light. Number looks better. We only have to change controller not all the poles on fixtures. Going to try to get numbers for preemptors on the light by Kmart. Jason thinks he can help Mike and get everything in by end of month.
 - Urban renewal-Joan made the motion to have Matt sign the agreement to be able to apply for CDBG monies in the future. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- J.** Solicitor’s Report –
- Gogel suite was filed
 - Waiting on chief to respond on killed in service
- K.** Patrice entered meeting at 7:55 pm
- L.** Engineer’s Report –
- See report attached—nothing to act upon
- 8.** New Business –
- A.** Tax collector is looking for \$110 reimbursement for credits-we will revisit at end of year when we know where we stand in budget for 2015
- B.** Street work on Williams Avenue where we have the “sink hole” Walnutport Authority will go ½ on repaving it. They paid to fix the issue below and put stone in it. Bill made the motion to pay \$3,400.00 towards paving project. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 9.** Unfinished Business –
- A.** Open seats of the following boards
- UCC & Property Maintenance
 - Vacancy Board
 - Recreation board
- B.** J2SW1A81033 (N Canal Street)-Annette filed the paper work-waiting on Northampton County
- 10.** Upcoming events-
- A.** WCA Float your Boat June 13th @ 3:00
- B.** Walnutport Playgrounds annual carnival July 7-11
- C.** E-Recycling event September—Annette is waiting for date from RRS
- D.** Walnutport Canal Festival Sunday October 18, 2015
- E.** Trick or Treat Wednesday October 28, 2015; 6-8 pm; RAIN OR SHINE
- F.** Mike asked Annette to call and remind all of council about July’s meeting being the 9th at 6:00 due to the carnival. She will once she is back from vacation on the 6th or 7th.
- 11.** Mayor’s Announcements – Have a safe 4th of July Holiday!!
- 12.** Adjournment- Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer