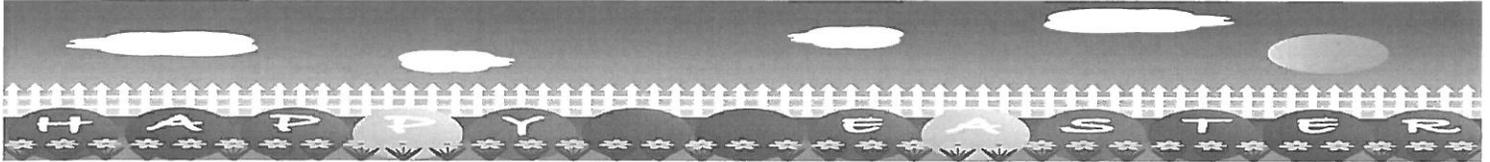




# Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday March 12, 2015

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the March 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 (7:15 pm); David Stankovic, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. In attendance: Al Acker, resident; Lori Sywensky, resident and Northampton County; Bryan Cope, Northampton County; Ed Zeigler; and Joey Scott, Advanced Disposal.
4. Representatives from Advanced Disposal- Joey Scott and Borough council discussed some of the "issues" and will look into fixing some of the problems that haven't been addressed.
5. Public outreach for MS4 requirements (Storm water Management)
  - A. Slide presentation presented by Jason Newhard. We are required to have public outreach to our residents for our MS4 permit.
  - B. Dave made the motion to close the hearing at 7:29. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Lori Sywensky & Brian Cope Open Space Coordinator from Northampton County asked for support for feasibility study of a 35 mile trail system that would run from Walnutport to Portland. Joan made a motion to have Matt sign the letter of support. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Cope let council know that the deadline for their grant is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Walnutport has \$34,762.46 available. The grant is a 50/50 match and in-kind services do count towards the match.
7. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-none
8. Motion to approve A-G with general consent made by Dave. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting February 8, 2015 and regular meeting February 12, 2015
  - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for February 2015
  - C. Zoning Officer's Report for February 2015
  - D. Build Code Officials Report for February 2015
  - E. February 2015 Profit & Loss Report
  - F. February 2015 Bill List
  - G. Police report February 2015
9. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Mike & Matt-nothing
  - B. Law – Harold & Mike-nothing
  - C. Streets – Bill & David –

- Meeting was cancelled about snow removal/bridge
- Dump truck (Rick) - Solicitor will send a letter to Kovatch and Ford stating the problem we are having with the truck.

**D. Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice**

- 6 property owners cited for nonpayment of 1<sup>st</sup> ½ 2015.

**E. Recreation –Patrice & Joan-nothing**

- 6 Open seats

**F. Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill-nothing**

**G. Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold**

- PT secretary-Harold worked on the job description and what to advertise. Looking into carrier builder. Mike made the motion to advertise in the Times New. They decided to table to next month to look into posting to carrier builder.

**H. Grants-Michael Wentz**

- Monroe County was deadlocked. They will make decision May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Motion to have Jason send letter of intent for block grant for Lehigh Street (jointly with Walnutport Authority) made by Mike Gaston. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussion on recycle toters grant. Annette will look into additional quantities and price for future. Harold made a motion to have Annette get new bid/quote for 800, 96 gallon, machineable toters to have Mike then submit to his contact. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Mike Gaston made motion to put the rest of the old small toters on municibid as make an offer. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**I. Solicitor's Report –**

- Ppl poles...received response. They are taking care of the poles
- Waiting on signatures on foreclosure agreement
- Waiting on response about Edwards zoning matter
- Need executive session for 2 matters

**J. Engineer's Report –**

- See report attached
- Joan made the motion to allow Matt to sign agreement for the MS4 mapping for the budgeted amount of \$11,900.00. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**10. New Business –**

**A. Letter from County of Northampton @ J2SW1A81033 (N Canal Street)**

- Mike made the motion to have Annette send a letter to NC objection the sale. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried. In this letter Annette will explain that it has been the borough's plan to obtain as many of these lots next to the canal as they come available. That we are trying to avoid these properties from becoming parking lots, preventing the possibility of pollution from parked vehicles into our water way.
- Mike made the motion to have Annette make an offer to purchase the above property for \$125.00 if you have to pay for the property. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. Mike made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-01 (to shred documents per municipal records manual approved 7-16-93). Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**C. Church exemption---solicitor will file an assessment appeal**

- D.** Cable by road for cell tower...Annette will contact whoever pulled the permit to do the work to fix the sidewalk
- 11.** Borough council entered into an executive session to discuss potential litigation and a personnel matter.
- A.** Harold made the motion to advertise for the pt secretary asap with the changes that were discussed earlier. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B.** Mike made the motion to have Mike Wentz submit to NC that has grant money available for volleyball court and repair/replace dugout. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 12.** Unfinished Business –
- A.** Open seats of the following boards
- UCC & Property Maintenance
  - Vacancy Board
  - Recreation board
- B.** Cell tower carriers- Solicitor waiting on response from company
- 13.** Upcoming events-
- A.** E-Recycling Event May 20, 2015 from 4-7 pm
- B.** WPA Easter Egg hunt April 4<sup>th</sup> @1:00
- C.** WPA annual flower sale April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- 14.** Mayor's Announcements –
- 15.** Adjournment- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joan at 9:31 pm. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer