



# Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday March 9, 2017 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the March 9, 2017 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Turk led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President; Harold Greene, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Nancy Treskot, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Aaron Kromer, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, (left at 8:15) Road Foreman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Deborah Paules, Assistant Secretary.
3. Present from the public – Kristie Wilk, NOVA; Brian Filchner, WPA; Don Eckhart; Ozzie Paules; Ron Bauer; & Thomas Johns.
4. Tom Johns-about Cherry Alley –Mr. Johns needed information regarding vacating an alley. Atty. Corriere explained to him what needed to be done. Mr. John's agreed to do what needed to be done by him and get back to Council.
5. Kristie Wilk from NOVA- Introduced herself as the new Director at Nova. She gave a quick report regarding the number of calls for this year and total for next year. She plans on attending meetings to keep in touch.
6. Diamond Fire Company- Ricky Smith spoke to council regarding the issue they are having regarding the repairs to the Fire Company. He asked Council to request a letter from the Zoning Officer regarding this matter. Mr. Corey was asked to come into the meeting to hear exactly what was being discussed. Nancy said she will talk to Annette on Monday to prepare a letter of support from the Borough. Motion was made by Nancy and seconded by Joan to give this support to the fire company. Motion carried.
7. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard – None
8. Motion to approve A-G was made by Nancy. Motion was seconded by Patrice. Motion was carried.
  - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting February 2, 2017 & regular meeting February 16, 2017
  - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for February 2017
  - C. Zoning Officer's Report for February 2017 –Nancy had a question on this regarding the Church on 145 and the Adult Care program. Mr. Corey explained that he has been in contact with the Church and it is not their program they have rented the space. Sean is in the process of following up on this since they will need permits.
  - D. Build Code Officials Report for February 2017
  - E. February 2017 Profit & Loss Report
  - F. February 2017 Bill List
  - G. Police report February 2017
9. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance -- Nancy – Nancy stated she has started to work on next year's budget. She will be ready to discuss items in July. She requested that Mike and Rick be prepared to discuss items with her. She needs from Annette a cost of copier from Annette.
  - B. Law – Harold & Nancy Nothing to discuss.

- C. Streets –David & Harold-**
- Council was informed that the tractor will be picked up by Livengood. Not sure if there will be a cost involved.
  - A motion was made by Nancy to award the bid for 2017 street project Contract I to Intercounty Paving Associates, LLC. Seconded by Harold. Motion carried
  - A Motion was made to award the 2017 street project Contract II to Shiffer Bituminous Service Co. Item 4 was removed from this bid. Motion was seconded by Harold. Motion were carried.
- D. Solid Waste – Patrice & Aaron-**
- Complaints/pictures/dumpster – After a lengthy (approximately 45 minutes) discussion (between Council and residents) regarding several items listed. Patrice will be meeting with Tamaqua Transfer and try to resolve the matters.
- E. Recreation –Aaron & Joan- Mr. Filchner was here he presented to council the calendar of events for the year from the playground. Regarding the letter for support for the Grant Motion was made by Nancy to approve the letter written with a change in the signature on the letter. Motion was seconded by Bill. Motion was carried. Aaron indicated he and Mr. Eckhart will meet with Mr. Kukitz.**
- F. Ordinance Review – David & Patrice**
- Dog ordinance – Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-1 was made by David. Seconded by Nancy. Motion was carried.
  - Police pension – Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-2 with the amendment was made by David. Motion was seconded by Nancy. Motion was carried.
  - Moving permits-to remove mayor from ordinance - Motion was made by Aaron to have the moving permit section 272-I changed to have the Mayor removed. Motion was seconded by Patrice. Motion carried.
- G. Personnel –Aaron, Nancy, & David – Nothing**
- H. Secretary/Treasurer-Annette**
- Email from Mike Kukitz-letter of support. This was discussed earlier under recreation.
  - Additional phone line Nancy said this will have to be put on hold.
  - 2014 act 101 recycling program \$4,753.00 reflects 414.8 tons of material- letter was received. We have not received the money as of this time.
- I. Code Enforcement Officer – Eric Strohl - Atty. Corriere has questions regarding a subject on Codes that will need some update due to the fact the Fire Co. is asking the Borough's assistance in helping to recover monies from calls. Mr. Strohl had left the meeting at approximately 8:15 and was not available for discussion.**
- J. Borough Maintenance & Property Management- Nancy & Eric - Nothing**
- Mulch at 215 Lincoln Ave
- K. Engineer's Report –**
- See report
  - Salt shed – Motion to advertise for salt shed was made by Nancy. Seconded by Joan. Motion was carried.
  - First Ave – County has not yet received clearance
  - 2017 Street project – discussed earlier in meeting.
- L. Solicitor's Report - Gogel – Filing in court. Asking for hearing date ASAP.**
- 10. New Business –**

- A.** NL Events Committee-permission for parade through town-Annette will prepare letter to PennDot - Motion was made by Aaron to give permission for parade through the Borough. Seconded by Joan. Motion was carried. Annette will type letter to PennDot.
- 11.** Unfinished Business – Aaron had a few questions regarding NIMS.
- 12.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard – None
- 13.** Mayor’s Announcements - NOTHING
- 14.** Adjournment- Motion to adjourn was made by Joan. Motion was seconded by Harold. Motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

  
Deborah Paules, Asst. Secretary