



Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 13, 2014

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- 1.** Matthew Newhard, President called the November 13, 2014 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; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Jason Newhard, Engineer; William Turk, Councilman; & Chief Peter Wayda-ABSENT.
- 3.** Brian Filchner, Chris Makovsky, Al Acker, Sharon Stanley (Times News), & Tim Dennis were all present.
- 4.** Chris Makovsky @ View Drive issues-the discussion between Chris and council lasted about one hour. Chris will try to talk to neighbors in development about taking care of road and trying to find the owner of that tax parcel. The Borough cannot do anything because it is a privately owned tax parcel. The Borough agreed to drop off cinders and salt for the residents to spread themselves. Mike made the motion to have streets department drop cinders off at a safe location and a barrel of salt for the residents to be able to take care of their "road". Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A.** Al Acker would like to know, along with a few of his neighbors why the neighbor behind them have so many "treasurers" all over the place. Does he have a seconded business selling "treasurers" Council advice Mr. Acker the Zoning officer will look into it.
- 6.** Harold made the motion to approve (by general consent) A-G. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - A.** Minutes of the workshop meeting October 2, 2014 & regular meeting October 9, 2014
 - B.** Tax Collector's Monthly Report for October 2014
 - C.** Zoning Officer's Report for October 2014
 - D.** Build Code Officials Report for October 2014
 - E.** October 2014 Profit & Loss Report
 - F.** October 2014 Bill List
 - G.** Police report October 2014
- 7.** Standing Committees –
 - A.** Finance – Mike & Matt-Budget & list of possible projects for 2015-will discuss at end of meeting
 - Installment for taxes. Looked into it. It would cost extra to print bills and postage. The percentage of residents (@5-7%) who take advantage of the installment plan for school taxes is very minimal. It's not worth borough doing it.
 - The state says a tax collector needs to be certified to be elected as tax collector going forward.
 - B.** Law – Harold & Mike- everything all good
 - C.** Streets – Bill & David –
 - Dave received a phone call complaining about the street near the Carbon triangle on Washington Street. The shoulder holds water. They want to know what we are doing about it. It is on the wish list to do in future if we had \$ to do so.
 - D.** Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice
 - They will be at December's meeting

- E.** Recreation –Patrice & Joan-nothing else
 - 6 Open seats
 - NL Rec- there will be a vote in December. Matt made phone calls to inform the others where we stand and that we will put on ballot in May if we can.
- F.** Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill-nothing
- G.** Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold - nothing
- H.** Secretary notes/announcements
 - Joan made the motion to approve auditor for 2014’s audit (Kirk Summa-same as last several years) and have Matt sign the agreement. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- I.** Solicitor’s Report – need brief executive session to discuss Edwards matter.
- J.** Engineer’s Report –
 - See report attached-nothing new
- 8.** New Business –nothing
- 9.** Entered into brief executive session to discuss zoning litigation and ongoing litigation. 8:25-8:36 pm. No action taken.
- 10.** Unfinished Business – **some items will not be acted upon for several months ~ this is a reminder that they are a work in process**
 - A.** Streets/Alley recommendations from Planning Commission
 - Williams Alley extension sketch plan
 - B.** Open seats of the following boards
 - UCC & Property Maintenance
 - Vacancy Board
 - Recreation board
 - C.** Recycling containers/Tubs/Totes-Mike is working on grant (maybe April)
 - D.** E-recycling event-they will send Annette prices and dates available for Spring- Council decided on May 20, 2015 from 4-7:00pm Annette will contact RRS and start the process of what we need to do.
 - E.** ABC Learning-new lease-ready to be approved and signed Joan made the motion to authorize Matt to sign the lease with the few changes requested. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - F.** WPA new lease (5 years)-ready to be approved and signed- Mike made the motion to extend the lease and have Matt sign the lease with WPA with the few changes discussed. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - G.** NL Recreation Authority on agenda for 12-11-14
 - H.** Budget-council reviewed proposed budget line item by line item. Dave made the motion to accept and advertise the proposed preliminary budget for 2015. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - I.** David wanted to Thank Sharon from Times News and say she did a great job in reporting the true story from the fire fighters and members of the fires house about the fire.
- 11.** Mayor’s Announcements – Wayne wanted everyone to know the bell and the bell tower have come down. The road will still be closed until the roof is off the building. Not sure when that will happen.
- 12.** Adjournment- Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm. dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer