



# Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday October 1, 2015

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- 1.** Matthew Newhard, President called the October 1, 2015 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:02 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; 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; and Deborah Paules, Assistant Secretary.
- 3.** In attendance-Brian Filchner, President of WPA
- 4.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard  
Brian Filchner requested information on Grant for dugouts. Mike will give report under Grants.
- 5.** Standing Committees –
  - A.** Finance – Mike & Matt-
    - Motion to release the rest of budgeted money to Diamond Fire Company \$10,000.00
    - Motion was made by Harold Greene. Motion seconded by Joan Rehrig.
    - Matthew Newhard asked if anyone heard if the Day Care is planning on applying for a Non-profit status. He suggested that it be looked into and requesting a meeting with Annette form Day Care.
    - Prices to replace doors on the old Borough building were submitted by Mike Gaston.
    - Motion made by David Stankovic to have work done. Seconded by William Turk.
    - Mike informed Council that they will have a revised budget for November meeting.
  - B.** Law – Harold & Mike –
    - Pete Wayda informed Council that new phone system has been installed and he now has his own modem.
  - C.** Streets – Bill & David –
    - Bill said he noticed the curb painting throughout the Borough and thanked the Streets dept.
    - Pete informed Council that paperwork for the flashing lights has been signed He is waiting for permits before making any calls since it is expected that repairs will be needed as well.
  - D.** Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice –
    - Matt informed Council that is may be necessary to go to court re: Waste Management. Matt also informed them that no response has been received to the letter that was sent. It was questioned as to the poundage regarding the E cycle event.
  - E.** Recreation –Patrice & Joan – Nothing to report.
  - F.** Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill – Nothing to report.
  - G.** Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold – Nothing to report.
  - H.** Grants-Michael Wentz-

- Mike asked for a motion to change the Grant amount that was sent in on Oct. 2 from 17,000 to 19,915.00 dollars. Motion made by Mike Gaston. Motion seconded by Bill Turk. Motion passed.
- An update on the dugout grant was given.
- Mike informed Council the DEP has Grants available for street lights. He informed them that PPL was not on the list but he called and they will get back to him. Discussion was put on hold until Mike receives that information.

**6. New Business – None**

**7. Unfinished Business – some items will not be acted upon for several months ~ this is a reminder that they are a work in process.**

**A. Open seats of the following boards**

- UCC & Property Maintenance
- Vacancy Board
- Recreation board

**B. Slatington Public Library-need a board member to represent Walnutport**

**C. J2SW1A81033 (N Canal Street)-Annette filed the paper work-waiting on Northampton County**

**D. Hedmeck property**

**8. Upcoming events-**

- Walnutport Canal Festival Sunday October 18, 2015
- Trick or Treat Wednesday October 28, 2015; 6-8 pm; RAIN OR SHINE
- Halloween parade October 31<sup>st</sup>

**9. Mayor's Announcements~ Nothing**

**10. Adjournment – Motion by Joan. Seconded by Patrice. Motion carried.**

\*\*Council went into executive session at 7:35 returned at 8:04 When meeting was resumed it was reported that No action will be taken at this time.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah L. Paules  
Assistant Secretary