



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday October 8, 2015

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the October 8, 2015 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:07 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(arrived late), Councilman Michael Gaston, Vice-President; David Stankovic, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Chief Peter Wayda; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl (absent), Road Foreman; and Debbie Paules, Secretary.
3. In attendance-Bob Treskot, tax collector, Timothy Dennis.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be heard:
 - Bob Treskot questioned the letter received exempting Diamond Fire Co. from taxes. He had several questions and was given a copy of the letter by Mike Wentz.
5. Motion to approve A-G by general consent made by David. Seconded by Bill.
 - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting September 3, 2015, and regular meeting September 10, 2015
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for September 2015
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for September 2015
 - D. Build Code Officials Report for September 2015
 - E. September 2015 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. September 2015 Bill List
 - G. Police report September 2015
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Mike & Matt
 - Mike advised that a revised budget will be ready by next meeting.
 - B. Law – Harold & Mike Nothing to report
 - C. Streets – Bill & David Nothing to report
 - D. Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice:
 - Motion to changed ordinance to 24 hours on limit of putting out trash and recycling. Made by David. Seconded by Joan.
 - Debbie reported that she had one complaint regarding trash that was not picked up. She called and it was promised to be taken care of that day.
 - E. Recreation –Patrice & Joan Nothing to report regarding work for dugout. Still trying to get approval for work to be done early.
 - F. Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill Nothing to report.
 - G. Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold
 - Debbie informed Council that she has been in contact with Annette and because Council was expecting her to handle things in the near future, told Council it maybe a while until she is back full time, (per Annette healing could be 6-8 weeks). She will be trying to come into the office on a daily basis to help with things Debbie does not understand.
 - H. Grants – Mike Wentz
 - Reported that PPL is not on the list for the Grant for street lights. A discussion was held as to why and Mike said he had an answer that because of PPL negotiations with PUC they are on hold. He will continue to follow-up on this matter.

I. Secretary/Treasurer's Report –

- A motion was made by Bill to have Debbie put on the signature cards at the Bank. First by Joan. Seconded by Patrice. Debbie will call bank to see what needs to be done.

J. Engineer's Report - Jason had nothing new for tonight.

- He has sent 2016 budget numbers to Mike and Matt.
- He is working on the D&L sediment project north of Beers Bridge.

K. Solicitor's Report -

- Annette brought to the Solicitor's attention that the ordinance for mercantile tax needs to be revised to include an extension period. Motion was made by David. Seconded by Mike.
- Computer services contract no problem with it.
- Regarding cable agreement we need to ask

7. New Business –

- A. Wayne said the Centennial Committee if they could give books to people who applied for a moving permit. Council again informed Wayne they had no control over what was done with the books.

**Council went into Executive Session at 7:30. Returned at 8:00 Results of session a motion was made to file an appeal for the Craj zoning.

- B. Motion was made by Joan. Seconded by David.

8. 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 (2 seats) Suggestion made by Matt to look outside the Borough to fill these seats. It was suggested that we look to Lehigh Township.
- Vacancy Board (1 seat)
- Recreation board (7 seats)
- Representative on the Slatington Public library (1 seat)

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

C. Hedmeck property – they would like support from Borough if they need to go to ZHB in Lehigh Township for density change.

D. 911 invoices Request sent requesting information on number of lines on record. Waiting for call back.

9. Upcoming events-

A. Walnutport Canal Festival Sunday October 18, 2015

B. Trick or Treat Wednesday October 28, 2015; 6-8 pm; RAIN OR SHINE

C. Halloween parade October 31st

D. Matt reminded everyone that Homecoming Parade is Oct. 9th starting at approximately 5:30.

10. Mayor's Announcements – NONE

11. Adjournment- Motion made by David. Seconded by Patrice.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Deborah Paules, Assistant Secretary