



# Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday September 10, 2015

The public is advised that the Borough of Walnutport Public meeting is being recorded for transcription purposes only and is intended only for the use of a Borough Secretary in transcribing the official meeting minutes. The tape is made solely for the employees own personal use and does not have an official purpose.

1. Matthew Newhard, President called the September 10, 2015 regular 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; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman (Absent); 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, Road Foreman; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. In attendance: Kathy Reudinger, Hometown Press; Kelly Andrede, Times News; Ron Bauer, resident; Brian Filchner, resident and president of WPA; & Ed Ziegler.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-
  - A. Kathy Reudinger spoke about doing a newsletter. Borough would only have to pay for postage and supply address list. They get all advertisements to cover costs.
  - B. Ron Bauer wanted to compliment Bob Treskot on going out of his way to help them with their tax error this year. Bob worked with his Mortgage Company and county to help get his assessment and escrow fixed.
5. Motion to approve A – G by general consent made by Joan.
  - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting August 6, 2015, and regular meeting August 13, 2015
  - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for August 2015
  - C. Zoning Officer's Report for August 2015
  - D. Build Code Officials Report for August 2015
  - E. August 2015 Profit & Loss Report
  - F. August 2015 Bill List
  - G. Police report August 2015 Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Mike & Matt
    - 2016 Budget started
    - Mike made the motion to have Annette make a journal entries transferring \$2,000.00 from 411.315 to 411.502. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - B. Law – Harold & Mike- nothing
  - C. Streets – Bill & David - nothing
  - D. Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice – Secretary's office received a lot of complaints about garbage. Annette is trying to get ahold of contact from Advanced Disposal to have taken care of. Solicitor is waiting for response from WM about recyclable contract.
  - E. Recreation –Patrice & Joan- nothing
  - F. Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill
    - Business/Rental license update (advertised for adopted tonight 2015-01) Dave made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-01. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - G. Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold- nothing
  - H. Secretary/Treasurer's report
    - Bill made the motion to shred documents according to adopted state record retention manual. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - I. Engineer's Report
    - Dug out- Mike made the motion to authorize Mike Wentz to submit the grant for the dugout for \$17,150.00 by September 30, 2015. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Discussion with Brian Filchner was the WPA would pay for ½ original price (@ \$3,000.00) and help with grading, seeding, etc. to help cover in-kind services.
- Lock 24- we finally got permit. We will wait to bid out over winter to be ready for spring construction since October/November is too late to do the concrete work and work in water.

J. Solicitor's report

- 233 Main Street- we withdrew the appeal since the property was sold
- ZHB we haven't received official decision but they did grant waivers. Once we receive the written decisions Solicitor will discuss options with council on how to proceed.
- 911 invoices- just received answers from Northampton County. Line count is 790. Solicitor will send letter to Lehigh County to have them review their records for over billing. Solicitor will also ask Northampton County to review their records since we did not receive payment a few years back.

7. New Business –

- A. Doors on back of 417 Lincoln Ave. Dave made the motion to replace the doors for \$5,290.00 (409.250). Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Door for truck #5 at 100 Carbon Street- David made the motion to approve purchasing door opener for \$895.00 (430.242). Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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)
- 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-waiting on their solicitor

D. 911 invoices- Solicitor working on

E. Roof Leaking- Jason and Rick will get in contact with roofing company.

9. Upcoming events-

- A. E-Recycling event September 16, 2015
- B. Walnutport Canal Festival Sunday October 18, 2015
- C. Trick or Treat Wednesday October 28, 2015; 6-8 pm; RAIN OR SHINE
- D. Halloween parade October 31<sup>st</sup>

10. Mayor's Announcements – nothing

11. Adjournment-Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, secretary/treasurer