



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday September 3, 2015

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- 1.** Matthew Newhard, President called the September 3, 2015 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:59 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 Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
- 3.** Jeanne Boehrer was here from the WCA about boy scouts camping along canal-Mike made the motion to allow the boy scouts to camp at the canal on October 11th into the 12th. They will be permitted to have a fire to cook their food as long as they have water nearby. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-there wasn't anyone else present at the meeting. Until Tim Dennis arrived at 7:05 (after solid waste committee gave their report)
- 5.** Standing Committees –
 - A.** Finance – Mike & Matt-
 - 2016 budget-you have a very rough draft. We are starting to get numbers together.
 - B.** Law – Harold & Mike - nothing
 - C.** Streets – Bill & David – waiting for Livengood to start work that was approved
 - D.** Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice- letter was sent to WM from Solicitor (8-20-15). Waiting on them to set up meeting date and time.
 - E.** Recreation –Patrice & Joan- pavilion was rented 2 times this year.
 - F.** Ordinance Review – Dave & Bill
 - Business license update 2015-01 (advertised to be adopted 9-10-15)
 - G.** Personnel – Joan, David, & Harold-nothing
 - H.** Secretary/Treasurer report/notes
 - Phone service-Blue Ridge will be here September 22nd to switch our service from Verizon to Blue Ridge.
 - Phone system for building- Motion to accept quote from Desa Communications made by
 - Motion to approve 2016 MMO made by Joan. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Internet-waiting on prices for 15Mbps. We only have 8 Mbps and it is slow with police, zoning, authority, and secretary all on one modem. Council wants police on separate modem.
 - I.** Grants-Michael Wentz-
 - Waiting on answer for traffic signal
 - Submitted salt shed grant for \$250K
 - Mike is meeting with senator Scavello in 2 weeks for support of grants
 - Waiting on KME for quotes for truck grant
 - Dugout grant—should have prices from engineer next week

J. New Business –

- Bill made the motion to approval tax collector to shred documents according to records. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Tax collector asking to reimbursement to tax collectors convention and membership-table till end of year. Take a look at budget at that time.
- Council will need to work on a resolution for “new” tax collector when time is allowed. The resolution to list what is paid for under budget and what isn’t paid for.

7:50 pm-Harold came into meeting

6. 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-

E. Mike made a motion for Annette to do a GL transfer (for budget) of \$10,000 from 410.125 to 410.130. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Upcoming events-

- E-Recycling event September 16, 2015
- Walnutport Canal Festival Sunday October 18, 2015
- Trick or Treat Wednesday October 28, 2015; 6-8 pm; RAIN OR SHINE
- Halloween parade October 31st

8. Mayor’s Announcements~ Wayne wishes everyone a happy, healthy, safe Labor Day Holiday.

9. Adjournment – motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm was made by Joan. Patrice seconded them motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer