



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday April 14, 2016

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the April 14, 2016 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; Harold Greene, Vice-President Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Nancy Treskot, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Chief Peter Wayda; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public: Cindy Miller, Ed Zeigler, Al Acker, Doug and Jeanne Boehrer, Kelly Andrede, Times News, and Marilyn Kaul.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-
 - A. Cindy Miller is running for District 183 of the House of Representatives. She wanted to introduce herself to everyone.
5. Motion to approve by general consent was made by Joan. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting March 3, 2016 and regular meeting March 10, 2016
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for March 2016
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for March 2016
 - D. Build Code Officials Report for March 2016
 - E. March 2016 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. March 2016 Bill List
 - G. Police report March 2016
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance -- Nancy & Matt
 - Newsletter is to be mailed this week. There was a fee of \$300.00
 - B. Law – Harold - nothing
 - C. Streets – Bill & David - nothing
 - D. Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice
 - Bills went out
 - We will start working on contracts next month
 - E. Recreation – Joan & Patrice - nothing
 - F. Ordinance Review – David & Bill - nothing
 - G. Personnel – Joan, Harold, & David - nothing
 - H. Engineer's Report –
 - Lock 24- Joan made the motion to award Eagle Contracting Inc the contract for \$232,450.00. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Lehigh Street- since the grant for this project was for 198,334.50 and it was joint with Walnutport Authority (WA), WA recommends we do not award any alternates since most alternates were their projects. Mike asked the county if there was any way we can get extra

money since we have returned money in the past. They said no there isn't any money left. Joan made the motion to conditionally award to Livengood Excavators for \$223,674.34. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Bill made the motion to have Annette transfer the money from our capital account at Neff's to the grant account at BB&T. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I. Solicitor's Report –

- Will need brief executive session to discuss Edwards, Gogel and CRAJ INC.
- Garbage contract-will have up to Annette by workshop meeting. Let Annette know of changes and she can get back to Solicitor.

7. New Business –

- A.** Motion to approve interims from tax collector made by David. Motion was seconded by Patrice. Motion carried.
- B.** Letter from NL Events Committee
- C.** Tree \$850.00 (Matt) - tree needs to be removed for paving. PPL will be moving the pole to about the place the tree is. This will help with narrowness in road.
- D.** Chamber will be doing a website to help benefit municipals and nonprofits.
- E.** There will be a farmers market going in by the trail head. The chamber will use those funds to purchase additional camera that will be added to Slatington's existing camera system.
- F.** Chamber is going to have medical coverage through market place free of charge. Council agreed to allow Nancy to compare prices
- G.** Fire Company-Harold made the motion to allow SSM to review the plans and be the 3rd party to make a structural assessment. This neutral party will hopefully more along the project. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- H.** Joan made the motion to have a letter sent to Mr. Edwards in regards to him needing to pay mercantile tax and obtain a business license. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Council entered into an executive session from 7:40-8:30 to discuss litigations.

9. Unfinished Business – nothing

10. Mayor's Announcements – Wayne wanted to remind everyone about the Spirit award this Saturday at NOVA. Annette prepared a proclamation for Wayne to sign. Unfortunately Wayne cannot be at event but Nancy will present Mr. Smith with the proclamation at the event. Saturday April 16, 2016 will be known as Nicholas Smith Day.

11. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at by Joan. Motion was seconded by Harold. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer