



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday April 7, 2016

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the February 4, 2016 workshop 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 (absent); Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public: Marilyn Kaul, Doug Bohrer, and Tim Dennis.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-nothing
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance -- Nancy brought up a few topics to discuss
 - Swift reach-we are not using this enough to warrant paying \$750.00 a year. Either we need to use it for more things or we need stop paying for it.
 - Dugout- Annette received an invoice for \$8,100. The proposal was \$5,200. There was a discussion on how the grant will work and keeping track of in kind services etc. Annette is to pay the \$8,100 invoice.
 - Nancy received an email from Centennial Committee members. When are we having a meeting to discuss how much money is left in account and what the committee wants to do with money? Matt will look into setting up a meeting Sunday evening.
 - B. Law – Harold & Pete
 - Ledo's pay rate was never adjusted with his contractual raise since he is back from being hurt. Motion to adjust his pay rate by .50 and pay him back for his comp time made by Bill. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Ledo's Comp time-Harold made the motion to have Annette pay Officer Ledo (at last year's rate) his comp time he was not able to use due to being out on workers' comp for 9 month. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - The civil service had a brief meeting. They will be getting together the dates, and advertise for testing for new full time officer
 - C. Streets – Bill & David- Street sweeping is going good only have about 3 more streets to get done.
 - D. Solid Waste – Matt
 - Will start working on contract soon
 - Garbage bills going out next week
 - E. Recreation – Joan nothing
 - F. Ordinance Review – David & Bill nothing
 - G. Personnel – Joan, Harold, & David nothing
 - H. Secretary Notes/Announcements-
 - Newsletter will go out next week. Annette will have costs next week.

I. Grants-Michael Wentz-

- Dug out was discussed earlier
- Salt shed-no words yet...
- Traffic light-no word yet...since budget was passed hoping to hear about these 2 soon
- Chamber grant is a matching grant-thinking of defibulatter for police since the current ones are out of date. Can sell old ones for parts and use as part of our matching, training and supplies count towards matching funds
- Block grant for 2017 is due next Friday. Motion to have Mike and Engineer send in for CDBG 2017 grant for First Avenue-water main, storm sewer, paving, etc. about \$240K made by Bill. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. New Business –

A. David asked why Mike Wentz wasn't allowed to go on fire calls anymore. Rumors going around that council said he wasn't allowed to go. Bill made the motion that Mike Wentz can go on fire calls (and get paid) during work hours as long as Rick okays it. He can go to them within borough or outside borough if he is needed. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Nancy informed council about

- Spirit award (Chamber event) is April 16th, \$35/person, and Nick Smith will be receiving the award. All proceeds from 50/50 drawing will be going to WCA
- Mayor of the year award went to Chris Olivia of Borough of Palmerton. Wayne should make sure he goes next year...
- August 3rd is the chamber's free picnic at the canal. From 5-7
- July 4th at the first Baptist Church in Slatington

7. Unfinished Business – none

8. Mayor's Announcements~ thank you for the sympathy card. Wayne set Trick or treat date for October 26, 2016 with a rain date of October 27th.

9. Adjournment – motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 made by Joan. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer