



Borough of Walnutport Workshop/Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday August 11, 2016

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- 1.** Matthew Newhard, President called the August 11, 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; Wayne Weidner, Mayor (absent); Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
- 3.** Present from the public - Greg Soltis, Matthew Cogle, Deb Paules, Evelyn Haupt, Ron Bauer, Charles Gaston, Mike Gaston, & Ed Zeigler.
- 4.** Opening of the bids~ for recycling facility
 - A.** CRI \$0 no stipulations
 - B.** Mascaro \$0 with \$24.95 owed if bid given
 - C.** Patrice made the motion to accept CRI's bid \$0/\$0. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - D.** Patrice made the motion to have Solicitor work details of contract out with CRI. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - E.** Nancy made motion to have Solicitor bid hauler contract with change of bond yearly not 4 years. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A.** Evelyn Haupt (later in agenda)
 - B.** Mike Wentz-from Diamond Fire Company
 - Mike explained how Foreign Fireman's Relief Insurance/funds work. That money is distributed by the attorney general's office. It comes into the borough's account and the borough must disburse as soon as possible. He asked if anyone has any further questions about that money. If they are not sure they can also call the attorney general's office and they will explain it also.
 - Mike explained what the fire company's insurance policy covers.
 - Nancy made the motion to disburse \$1,964.00 (the amount not budgeted because their insurance went up) to Diamond Fire Company. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Training-all fire fighters are required to take training classes. Years ago they used to be free. Now they have to pay for them through community college or other state agencies. The fire company is hoping the borough will continue to pay for the schooling like they have done.
 - Donation-the fire company has always looked forward to the donation money and thanks council for the continued support.
 - C.** Board for Diamond Fire Company wishes Matt Newhard luck.
- 6.** Motion to approve by general consent made by Joan. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- A.** Minutes of the workshop/regular meeting July 7, 2016
- B.** Tax Collector's Monthly Report for July 2016
- C.** Zoning Officer's Report for July 2016
- D.** Build Code Officials Report for July 2016
- E.** July 2016 Profit & Loss Report
- F.** July 2016 Bill List
- G.** Police report July 2016

7. Standing Committees –

- A.** Finance -- Nancy & Matt-nothing
- B.** Law – Harold-met with police about contract
- C.** Streets – Bill & David
 - Pine Circle-need to look at original plans. The trees have all the sidewalks uneven. New owner wants to know who is responsible for the trees and the sidewalks. Jason will look into this
 - David made the motion to put new air conditioners in Secretary/Treasurer's office and Police Station-quote was for \$9,400.00. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D.** Solid Waste –Matt & Patrice- @ 12 cited for non-payment
- E.** Recreation – Joan & Patrice- nothing
- F.** Ordinance Review – David
 - Shade tree/bushes time line-Solicitor will make changes
- G.** Personnel – Joan, Harold, & David-nothing
- H.** Secretary/Treasurer –
 - Pavilion questions – contract - insurance pavilion/entire park – council tabled insurance discussion for a later date. Rental is just for pavilion NOT entire park. If they want more than pavilion they need to come to a council meeting to discuss.
 - LT –ZHB billboard- per Lehigh Township office the billboard advertisements are to help them be able to keep farming the land and not have to sell.
 - General ledger transfers
 - 1.** Nancy made the motion to have Annette transfer \$18,410.00 from 410.127 to 410.126 to cover full time police officer's salary (Dean). Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 2.** Nancy made the motion to have Annette transfer \$6,000.00 from 434.502 to 430.260 to cover purchase of new tractor that was not in the budget. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I. Borough Maintenance & Property Management

J. Engineer's Report –

- See report
- Issue with Pine Circle-who owns trees and sidewalks. Jason will have to go to LV Planning Commission and see what the recorded plan say because this was before the borough had their own planning commission.
- Lock 24-lumber to be delivered Monday- They are experiencing a lot of vandalism. Police reports have been filed.
- Lehigh Street-working on services-final paving will be in October before canal festival after all heavy equipment from Lock 24 is no longer coming through.
- Rubber mulch-table till December

K. Solicitor's Report –

- Talked to county. Both counties will meet to discuss. We don't have to be included. They will let us know what they find out.
- Need a brief executive session litigation and contractual issues.

8. New Business –

- A.** Haupt property-paving-discussed at beginning of meeting. She would like to black top the paper alley to make it easier to access her garage. David made the motion to allow her to. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B.** WCA letter from Greg Soltis about kayak race-He asked for a little guidance. Council said when you do your registration form put a clause that doesn't hold Borough or WCA liable, since it is a public waterway.
- C.** WCA letter about the festival-their requests
- Harold made the motion to have the fire police to direct traffic from 12-6. Bill seconded that motion. Motion carried.
Bill made the motion for the following. Nancy seconded that motion. Motion carried.
 - Police presence during festival
 - N Canal Street on way heading north 12-6
 - N RR Street one way heading south 12-6
 - S Canal Street closed from main Street to Washington Street and all vehicles moved from street by 8 am
 - Post "no Parking" signs on S Canal Street from Main to Washington Street
 - Lehigh Street open only to residents and festival participants
- D.** Motion to approve interim tax bill list given by Robert Treskot, tax collector made by Bill. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business –

- A.** Centennial committee meeting-Matt will make a date as soon as he can
- B.** Garbage truck grant (to be revisited after contracts come back)—can be removed

10. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard

- A.** Debbie Paules asked for an update on the catch basin at her property. Council explained they approved Livengood excavator's to replace that. They will put back at borough expense.

11. Council entered into executive session from 8:52-9:11 pm to discuss possible litigation and contractual matters. No action taken

12. Letter of resignation-Nancy reluctantly made the motion to accept Matthew Newhard's letter of resignation from council effective tonight. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13. Adjournment-Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer