



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday August 4, 2016

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the August 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 (ABSENT); Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Nancy Treskot, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman, Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Chief Peter Wayda; Sargent Jason Nothstein; Officer Dean Heffelfinger; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public Evelyn Haupt
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A. Mrs. Haupt would like to pay part of the paper alley next to her house. They use it for enter their garage. (100 feet x 12 feet)-council will discuss next week with solicitor.
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance -- Nancy & Matt
 - Nancy discussed some changes coming to Neff's National Bank in a few months that will make it easier for Annette to make deposits and not have to go out there. The service charges from BBT are getting over \$200 already. We will need to do something.
 - Nancy reminded everyone that all of council needs to vote on a purchase. It doesn't have to be all members voting but majority MUST vote. She needs budgets from all department. Police, street, Fire company
 - B. Law – Chief Wayda
 - Nancy made the motion to hire Dean Heffelfinger, Jr. as a probationary full time police officer at 80% of the current full time patrol officer rate with all the benefits as per the current Police contract. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Joan made the motion to for Dean to have his sick time & personal days shall be prorated to his date of hire. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Dean finished #1 in civil service testing and cleared a thorough background investigation and credit check. DOH will be today but his schedule change will be Monday (new pay week)
 - Also, Chief Wayda informed council and the rest of the public. He received a text on his personal phone the week of the carnival from a lady who lives in Slatington. She was very happy with Dean. He took time to show her grandson stuff about a police officer. His flashlight, handcuffs (which he left the little boy handcuff himself to Dean). She was so pleased with Dean in a time when all we hear is bashing police officers and you have him take the time with this little boy. Thank you Dean!
 - C. Streets – Bill & David

- Catch basin (3rd & Washington)-David made the motion to hire Livengood Exc. to fix catch basin for a total of \$7,500.00. There is too much damage that the streets department is not able to fix on their own. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Fence @ boat launch-Dave made the motion to accept Sillettco fencing price of \$1,400 to fix the area where people are driving and shouldn't be. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Railroad street flooding. Nancy made the motion to have Rick contact Engineer to get an answer on how the flooding on Railroad Street/Twin Alley can be fixed. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice

- We are going to have to think about making contract 1 instead of 2 or we might be able to negotiate a price since we only received one bid last month.
- Annette is having problems when houses are being sold, the settlement companies are not contacting office for final garbage bills. I don't think it is fair that we have to have the buyer pay late fee. If I keep having the issue with these 3-4 homes can I waive the late fee...since it is the settlement companies fault not the buyer? Nancy made the motion to waive those late fees if Annette has to. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Recreation – Joan & Patrice- nothing

F. Ordinance Review – David & Bill-going to speak to Solicitor about changing shade tree ordinance. The time line says 30 days. It needs to be less.

G. Personnel – Joan, Harold, & David-nothing

H. Secretary Notes/Announcements-

- A few motions
 1. Bill made the motion to have Annette transfer \$127,505.38 from general to grant (from grant lock 23). Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 2. Sanitation transfer \$1,488.53 to checking from savings to cover Times News (bids) & postage (newsletter)

I. Grants-Michael Wentz- Mike Wentz gave an update on the below grants

- Traffic light was approved
- Salt shed was approved
- Sands-waiting on time line to open
- Police car \$32,318.89...asking for max \$25K. Borough will be responsible for \$7,318.89
- Dug out grant-completed. They will release the funds when WPA reimburses borough \$3,000.00
- 1st Ave was approved ¼ million dollar project

J. Borough maintenance & Property Management:

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6. New Business –

- A. Lehigh Township Board of Supervisors ZHB notice-Annette will contact Lehigh Township office**

7. Unfinished Business –

- A. Newsletter will be mailed 3rd week in August**

- B.** E-recycling event September 21st –remember volunteers needed to help unload vehicles and direct traffic
 - C.** Centennial Committee-
 - D.** Garbage truck grant-
 - E.** 2016 non-profit donations BUDGETED (as a reminder for when council wants to disburse)
 - Diamond Fire Company \$14,500
 - NOVA \$ 1,000
 - Library \$ 2,000
 - Fire police \$ 1,000
 - 8.** Mayor’s Announcements~ nothing
 - 9.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - 10.** Matt handed in his letter of resignation. It will be effective after next week’s meeting 8-11-16 he wants to spend more time with his boys
 - 11.** Matt passed along all the information for the teamsters to Bill and Patrice. They will need to contact them to work on the contract.
 - 12.** Adjournment – Joan made the motion at 8:45 pm to adjourn the meeting. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer