



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 1, 2016 7:00 pm

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- 1.** William Turk President called the December 1, 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. Turk led the Pledge of allegiance.
- 2.** Roll Call: William Turk, President; Harold Greene, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Nancy Treskot, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Aaron Kromer, Councilman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
- 3.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-
 - A.** Tim Dennis asked to speak during Finance.
- 4.** Standing Committees –
 - A.** Finance -- Nancy
 - Nancy received a big thank you from NOVA and North Whitehall township for paying the invoice towards workers comp coverage on time
 - Letter from SSM with pricing (annual letter)
 - Tim Dennis asked council to look into decreasing taxes instead of raising them. He gave everyone a form from Northampton County with a list of township and municipality and school taxes. Council and Mr. Dennis had a discussion about why some other townships/boroughs can have lower rates. Walnutport doesn't have the industrial business as some other places have.
 - Aaron made the motion to approve resolution 2016-04 increasing the tax collectors compensation to 4% effective January 1, 2018. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. Nancy abstained due to conflict of interest.
 - B.** Law – Harold & Nancy-nothing
 - C.** Streets – David-nothing
 - D.** Solid Waste –Patrice & Aaron
 - Letter from hauler-Annette will call them and let them know council does not want the day changed. That will cause too much confusion.
 - Dave made the motion to exempt 111 Main Street from garbage service. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - E.** Recreation – Joan & Aaron
 - They had their meeting. Only 3 people showed up.
 - F.** Ordinance Review – David & Patrice
 - Dog 2016-10-table this till next week when Rick is here. He requested the changes
 - G.** Personnel –Harold, Joan, & David- need a brief executive session
 - H.** Secretary Notes/Announcements
 - 2017 meeting dates-Annette will advertise

- Letter from Kirk Summa & CO—need approval to retain them for 2016 audit...they would like to start next week...council agreed to have Annette sign agreement
 - Resolution 2016-03 (yearly thing) police pension- Harold made the motion to approve. Aaron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- I. Grants-Michael Wentz-**
- Mike updated council on some of the outstanding grants.
 - Nancy made the motion to have Mike apply for @ \$20K from the Open Space grant to then be used at the memorial site on Washington Street. The Centennial committee would like to use the money they have left to make some improvements at that site. Aaron seconded that motion. Motion carried.
- J. Borough maintenance & Property Management- Nancy & Rick**
- Nancy is looking for update on when ac units will be installed.
 - We will need to get prices to do rewiring in this building (5 year plan)
 - Will need new heating system in this building this coming year. Waiting on prices.
- 5. New Business –**
- A.** Letter from resident requesting Oak Street be plowed as soon as possible since husband is on dialysis. Council explained that the snow emergency route needs to be done first. That route is Washington Street, Cherry Street, and Spruce Street. The Streets department will get to their street as soon as they can. Walnutport is a small town. It does not take them days to clear the streets. All streets are normally done within 12 hours.
- B.** The ducks are getting bad on North Canal Street. There is a lady up there feeding them.
- 6. Unfinished Business –**
- A.** Centennial Committee- they had a meeting this past Sunday. They want to move forward with removing the trees from the memorial site.
- B.** Open seats of the following boards
- UCC & Property Maintenance (2 seats)
 - Vacancy Board (1 seat)
 - Recreation board (7 seats minus Donald Eckert, Linda Coleman, Aaron Kromer)
 - Representative on the Slatington Public library (1 seat)
 - ZHB-alternate
- 7.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-nothing
- 8.** Brief executive session from 8:30-8:45 to discuss a personnel matter. No action taken.
- 9.** Reminder there isn't a meeting next week. We will meet 12-15-16 at 7:00
- 10.** Adjournment – Nancy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. Aaron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer