



# Borough of Walnutport Workshop Meeting Minutes Thursday February 4, 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; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
  - 3.** Present from the public: Robert Treskot, tax collector; Deborah Paules, Assistant Secretary; Brian Filchner, President of WPA; Ed Ziegler.
- \*\*\*\*Nancy Treskot abstained from any motion that pertained to the tax collector. Her letter is on file in the Borough office. \*\*\*\*\*
- 4.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
    - A.** Bob Treskot asked about his reimbursement from 2015. He was told they would look to see what is left in budget at end of year....Bob didn't hear anything.
      - Dave made the motion to reimburse Bob \$535.91. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0-1
      - Bob placed a stop payment on a check and would like to be reimbursed for the \$30.00. The check fell out of the envelope when assistant secretary was opening the mail. It was found days later stuck to the wall behind the desks by one of the guys doing renovations in the office. Dave made the motion to reimburse Bob the \$30.00. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0-1
    - B.** Brian Filchner asked about the dugout progress. Since Rick was not present at the meeting, Nancy did answer by saying she knows he was calling electricians.
  - 5.** Standing Committees –
    - A.** Finance — Nancy & Matt
      - Matt brought up the issues we are experiencing with BB&T and not cooperating with the auditors. He also said we are trying to schedule a meeting with them to see how we are effected by the merger and what fees we will have to pay since the Borough never paid any banking fees before. Nancy suggested we as a Borough never talk to them one on one, that there always be at least 2 of us. Wayne asked if we thought about switching banks. That is something council may have to look into if we are going to be paying all these fees.
    - B.** Law – Harold – everything is good
    - C.** Streets – Bill & David- Bill thanked the guys for doing such a great job taking care of the streets with all the snow we got in that last storm. Matt also thanked the guys. They did a

good job. Annette mentioned all the phone calls and messages received complimenting and thanking the guys for clearing the streets for quickly.

- Mike Wentz gave an update as the acting EMC. This storm cost the borough \$10,103.11. Mike is working on submitting to the state for reimbursement.

**D. Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice**

- List of delinquents that will be going to magistrate next week.
- Toters. Mike Wentz put them on municibid. Asked council how much should we sell for? Mike will bring back to council at the workshop meeting what the offers are. He added no reasonable offer will be refused.

**E. Recreation – Joan & Patrice**

- Annette had a few people ask about rec board...she will follow up with them to see if they were going to submit letters of interest–

**F. Ordinance Review – David & Bill-nothing**

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

**H. Secretary Notes/Announcements-**

- 2016 Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber reception-3-29-16-RSVP directly to the chamber
- A list of the # of businesses in the borough was handed out.
  - ❖ 74 businesses-1 not paid-to be cited
  - ❖ 180 residential rental units-13 not paid-3 owners to be cited
  - ❖ 22 commercial rentals-2 not paid to be cited
- Per recommendation from borough engineer
  - ❖ Motion to close the William Jones escrow account made by Joan. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - ❖ Motion to open and escrow account for Crown Realty made by Dave. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**I. Grants-Michael Wentz-**

- Mike gave an update on a few grants. They are all in a holding pattern because of the state budget.

**6. New Business –**

- A.** Planning commission-alternate member-Bill made the motion to advertise for an alternate member for the planning commission. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**7. Unfinished Business –**

- A.** Roof leaking-will talk to Jason about contacting Cascade

- B.** EMC- Harold made the motion to make Mike Wentz the EMC. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**8. Council entered into executive session to discuss possible litigation from 7:49-8:09 pm. No action taken.**

**9. Mayor's Announcements~ nothing**

**10. Adjournment – Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer