



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday January 14, 2016

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the January 14, 2016 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:04 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; David Stankovic, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Chief Peter Wayda; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. In attendance from public-Deborah Paules, Michael Wentz, Al Acker, Ed Zeigler, Nancy Treskot, Brian Filchner, Kelly Andrede, Times News
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A. Brian Filchner, President of WPA asked for a few clarification on the dugout project. He will get together with Rick.
5. Appoint new council person-one letter was received. Matt opened and read letter of interest from Nancy Treskot.
 - A. Bill made the motion to accept Nancy Treskot's letter and appoint her to the vacant seat. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Joan made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-01. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Nancy handed Annette her affidavit of residency and Wayne swore her in. Nancy took a seat at the counter.
6. Motion to approve A-G by general consent made by David. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting December 3, 2015, and regular meeting December 17, 2015
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for December 2015
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for December 2015
 - D. Build Code Officials Report for December 2015
 - E. December 2015 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. December 2015 Bill List
 - G. Police report December 2015
7. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Matt asked Annette to give an update.
 - She informed council the auditor will be here at the end of January. They will make the final recommendations for any general ledger transfer to be done then 2015 will be closed. She will give everyone most updated numbers once she has them.
 - Neff's National Bank account signers are changed. Still waiting on everything from BB&T to be finalized with change of signers
 - B. Law – Harold let council know the smashed SUV is fixed and back on the road.
 - C. Streets – Bill let council know Washington Street is crack sealed.
 - D. Solid Waste –
 - List of past due garbage bills
 - Dave made the motion to exempt 27 Main Street from garbage service. There isn't a building there now and once built they will have a dumpster for the business.
 - E. Recreation –nothing
 - F. Ordinance Review –nothing
 - G. Personnel – nothing

- H. Secretary/Treasurer's report
- Answer from insurance about fire police motions-council will keep doing thing the way they have been
 - Codification for 2015 is complete and updates were given to those who have books
 - E-recycling event flyers are complete
- I. Engineer's Report
- See attached report-no action needed this month
 - Next month we should have information about the boat launch
- J. Solicitor's report
- 911 invoices (Solicitor working on)-Matt talked to the fire company and the police chief for a letter explaining why they want to stay with Lehigh County radio instead of Northampton County.
 - Will need short executive session on CRAJ Inc settlement and personnel matter
 - Edwards fried will be filed tomorrow
 - Working on Gogel matter with zoning officer
8. Council entered into an executive session 7:20-8:30 pm. No action taken
9. New Business –
- A. Joan made the motion to have Annette send delinquent per capita taxes to collections. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Bill made the motion to have Annette send delinquent real estate and interims real estate taxes to collections. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. Letter/email from DEP about radon test kits and sending out information to our residents. David made the motion to have Annette send them a residents list and allow them to send them the information for a free radon test kit. Joan seconded the motion.
- D. NLYAAS would like to use council chambers for a meeting the last Wednesday of every month. David made the motion to allow them to use the chambers. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- E. Harold made the motion to accept Walt Ingles resignation as EMC. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Wayne asked Mike Wentz, who is the deputy EMC if he would be interested. He will let council know. He will also see if there are any younger guys at the fire company who would be interested in doing this.
10. Unfinished Business – some items will not be acted upon for several months ~ this is a reminder that they are a work in process
- A. J2SW1A81033 (N Canal Street)-Annette filed the paper work-waiting on Northampton County
- B. Newsletter-Harold made the motion to have Annette contact the company about putting a newsletter together for the borough. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Annette asked who they would like to see have something in it...WCA, Diamond Fire Company, WPA, Police Department, Borough, Streets, VFW...
- C. Ed Zeigler asked council about
- Who is going on with the Pathmark building? Council informed him we do not own the building or parking lot. Nothing has come across the secretary's desk so we are unaware of any changes.
 - Slatington Authority and their sewage issues. Council advised Mr. Zeigler he needs to talk Walnutport Authority. The borough has nothing to do with the water/sewer. He was unaware.
11. Mayor's Announcements – nothing
12. Adjournment-Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer