



Borough of Walnutport Reorganization/Workshop Minutes Monday, January 4, 2016

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1. Mr. Robert Hawke (magistrate) swore in the reelected borough councilman.
 - Matthew Newhard
 - David Stankovic
2. Mayor Wayne Weidner called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Joan Rehrig, Harold Greene, Matthew Newhard, William Turk, Patrice Hunsicker, David Stankovic, Michael Wentz, Eric Strohl, Sergeant Jason Nothstein, Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Debbie Paules, and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
4. Present from the public- Timothy Dennis.
5. Nomination and Election of Council President: (upon completion, Mayor turns the gavel over to the President)
 - Wayne asked for nominations for president. Joan nominated Matt. David seconded that nomination.
 - Harold made motion to close nominations. David seconded that motion. Motion carried.
6. Matt informed council of a letter of resignation from Michael Gaston.
 - Joan made the motion to accept Mr. Gaston's resignation. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council has 30 day to fill the seat.
 - Harold made the motion to have solicitor advertise for the vacant seat by 1/14/16. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council will see if we get any interested candidates by next meeting. If not, there will have to be a special meeting the first week of February.
7. Nomination and Election of Vice President:
 - Matt asked for nominations for vice president. Joan nominated Harold.
 - Joan made a motion to close nominations. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Joan made the motion to elect Harold as vice president. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Nomination and Election of President Pro Tem:
 - Matt asked for nomination for pro tem—this is the person who will run the meetings if president and vice president are not able to attend a meeting.
 - Harold nominated Bill. Joan seconded that nomination.
 - Harold made motion to close nominations. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Joan made the motion to appoint Bill as president pro tem. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Other Appointments:

A. Reappointments-

- I. Harold made the motion to retain The Engineering Firm of SSM to serve as Borough Engineer. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- II. Bill made the motion to retain the Solicitor: Corriere & Andres Esquire. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- III. Bill made the motion to retain Eric Strohl to serve as Code Enforcement officer for the Borough. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. David made the motion to retain Sean Corey to serve as Zoning and Building Code Officer. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- V. David made the motion to confirm Fire Police (letter attached) for the Diamond Fire Company and the Borough of Walnutport for the year 2016. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- VI. Bill made the motion to authorizing the Diamond Fire Company to engage in fund raising activities, participate in mutual aid with any fire company and authorizing the fire police to serve during non-emergency functions during 2016. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- VII. Bill made the motion to retain Solicitor, Engineer, and recording secretary for Planning Commission. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- VIII. Joan made the motion to reappoint Kevin Rex, Michael Newhard, and Henry Kline to the Planning Commission. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IX. Harold made the motion to retain Anderson & Assoc., to manage Police & Borough Pension Plan. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- X. David made the motion to retain HA Thomson to manage our insurance policies. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- XI. Bill made the motion to retain Labor Council, Scott Blissman. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- XII. Bill made the motion to reappoint Michael Wentz as Grant Coordinator. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- XIII. Bill made the motion to reappoint Don Evans to Zoning Hearing Board. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- XIV. Harold made the motion to reappoint Earl Snyder as alternate to Zoning Hearing Board. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard- none

10. Standing Committees

- A. Finance-nothing
- B. Law-nothing
- C. Streets-nothing
- D. Solid Waste-nothing
- E. Recreation -nothing
- F. Ordinance Review-nothing
- G. Personnel-nothing
- H. Secretary notes-

- Annette handed out the Ethics form reminding council to get back to her.
- Annette also let council know, meeting dates were advertised and a copy is there for all of you.

I. Grants

- Casino grant is in the review process-the state budget is not holding this one up. We will hear something by March
- Traffic light grant is being held up by the state budget
- Other casino grant \$50K will hear something by March

11. Unfinished Business –

- A. CRAJ-waiting on their attorney
- B. 911 info-waiting on LC
- C. Canal street property-Waiting on NC
- D. Land development time line-working on with Jason and Annette
- E. Letter to PennDot and school reminding them of their duties with snow removal on bridge-Solicitor is checking on status

12. New Business

- A. NL Events Committee-Halloween Parade-requesting council chambers (letter attached)-Annette looked at calendar and it can't be 3rd Wednesday or any Thursdays. Joan made the motion to allow NL Events Committee to use council chambers for meetings. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13. Executive session- legal matter- no action taken

14. Mayor's Announcements – nothing

15. Motion to Adjourn: Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer