



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday June 9, 2016

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the June 9, 2016 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:02 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 (Absent); Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public- Don Snyder, Mike Fegley, Jeff Rosa, Dave Altricher, Kelly Androide-Times News, & Ed Zeigler.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-nothing other than what is on agenda
5. Motion to approve A-G by general consent made by Joan. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting May 5, 2016 and regular meeting May 12, 2016
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for May 2016
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for May 2016
 - D. Build Code Officials Report for May 2016
 - E. May 2016 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. May 2016 Bill List
 - G. Police report May 2016
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Nancy & Matt
 - Nancy questioned Mike Wentz about Fire Company's insurance that we reimburse them for. Mike will get Annette a breakdown of what portion we are to pay.
 - Nancy also ask Rick to get a list of equipment together so we can look at a future rotation, the mileage etc. along with a budget/wish list for all the buildings and streets department
 - B. Law – Matt informed council they received notice to negotiate for police contract
 - C. Streets – Bill & David- Matt asked Rick if he heard anything from PennDot about them cutting grass. Rick said no he is still waiting on an answer about the blacktop down by Lincoln Ave. Bill made the motion to have Rick cut a site line in the grass at Route 145 and Lehigh Gap Street. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - D. Solid Waste – Matt & Patrice
 - Recycle contracts are due July 7th and will be opened at that night's meeting
 - Annette gave a list of outstanding garbage accounts to date-date due date is 6-15-16
 - E. Recreation – Joan & Patrice-nothing
 - F. Ordinance Review – David & Bill-nothing
 - G. Personnel – Joan, Harold, & David-nothing
 - H. Secretary/Treasurer-
 - Past canal posters/hallway-council agreed that the pictures would look nice.

- Additional phone line for office-Nancy will look into what we need to do.
- Internet for shop-Nancy will look into this also
- Workers comp meeting-Annette is not picking on Fire Company but learned that the fire company should submit a letter with all of their fundraising activities on it to be approved by council. This list would help making sure a fire fighter is covered if they are hurt. With all of the regulations with insurances changing we want to make sure we are dotting our I's and crossing out T's. Matt suggested Solicitor look into a blanket ordinance to cover this.

I. Engineer's Report –

- See report
- Dunkin' Donuts – New 1,000 SF building on the Fast Fill property for refrigeration storage and kitchen prep area. The Planning Commission recommended that Council grant approval to the Preliminary/Final Plan. Dave made that motion. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Dr Werner's office on Best Ave-Dave made the motion to grant them exception from Land development for Werner Eye Care at 301 N Best Ave from having to submit plans for the addition they would like to add. They are adding to the front of the building into the parking lot area. Dave made that motion. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

J. Solicitor's Report –

- RTK-Solicitor will prepare a Resolution about digital recordings
- Dave made a motion to have Solicitor update ordinance on exempting any active military person from paying per capita. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 911 meeting-we had a meeting with Lehigh County. Waiting on meeting with Northampton and Lehigh County. Solicitor will handle with just him and them to make it easier for scheduling.
- 27 Main Street-will be recorded this upcoming week
- Craj Inc-paperwork filed to rescind their ZHB exemptions since they did not buy the property.

7. New Business –

- A.** Nancy asked why no one ever goes to the conferences. Council said if anyone wants to go, you are welcome. Nancy is thinking about going in the future.

8. Unfinished Business –

- A.** Centennial committee meeting-waiting on them setting up dates
- B.** Newsletter-articles (in word document) emailed to Annette by June 27th – to be mailed out by August 19, 2016
- C.** Garbage truck grant (to be revisited after contracts come back)
- D.** July 7th council meeting—need head count
- NO-Matt-Harold-Bill-Annette
 - YES-Patrice-David-Nancy-Joan----Nancy will run the meeting since so many won't be here

9. Matt opened the floor up to the public-

- A.** Ed Zeigler asked about the yellow tape on the poles there- PPL has a lot of lights to be changed
- B.** The lights went out on the ball field while the girls were playing their game.
- C.** He could see the cell tower blinking all way up at the Blue Shamrock in Palmerton

10. Council entered into an executive session at 8:43-9:00 to discuss personnel matters-Nancy made the motion to have Anette pay the invoice to professional service.

11. Wayne would like to wish everyone a Happy Fathers Day and a Happy 4th of July

12. Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer