



## Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday March 10, 2016

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- 1. Matthew Newhard, President called the March 10, 2016 regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00PM 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; Chief Peter Wayda; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Debbie Paules, Assistant Secretary.**
- 3. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard**
  - A. Waste Management –Gordon Sable- Mr. Sable reported on the E-mail received regarding recycling costs. He stated that right now the cost of processing is high and therefore after all fees are paid there is no reimbursement. He also informed Council that Annette now is able to pull reports from the computer.**
  - B. Base Engineering: A representative from Base engineering presented the plans for remodeling Burger King. They have already been issued a Building permit and were looking to be relieved from the Land Development Plan Codified SALDO Section 395-14.F. allows exemption from the normal procedure for improvements to a single nonresidential building. Motion was made by David to accept the exception. Motion Seconded by Bill. Motion was carried.**
  - C. 911 Representative Mr. Rich Molchaney spoke to Council regarding the 911 issue. He is looking for more information and was informed it would be better to meet with the Attorney and Annette when she returned to work as she has the information they will need.**
- 4. Motion to approve items A-G by general consent was made by David. Seconded by Bill. Motion Passed.**
  - A. Minutes of workshop meeting February 4 and regular meeting February 11, 2016**
  - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for February 2016**
  - C. Zoning Officer's Report for February 2016**
  - D. Build Code Officials Report for February 2016**
  - E. February 2016 Profit & Loss Report**
  - F. February 2016 Bill List**
  - G. Police report February 2016**
- 5. Standing Committees –**
  - A. Finance – Nancy discussed an E-mail she received from the Auditors regarding the fees for information they will need. Council questioned why our monthly reports did not provide the information needed. Nancy will follow up and report at next meeting.**
  - B. Law – Chief Wayda informed Council that Officer Ledo has returned to work. He also informed them that Officer Ledo was asking that \$150 be released from education funds for him to attend a class. Motion was made by Harold. Seconded by Bill. Motion was carried.**

- C.** Streets – A discussion was held regarding starting work on alleys. It was determined that prices would have to be gathered and need to look for money due to some other expenses that are coming up shortly.
  - D.** Solid Waste – Matt said he would like to look over the recycling contract because he believes that it was never believed that we should receive \$0.00 from recycling. Attorney Corriere said it is time to start thinking about the new bids. He will draw up drafts to be presented at April meeting.
  - E.** Recreation – Rick reported on the progress of the dugout. He believes the work will be done on time. Matt pointed out that we may have to spend some monies on this project. Mike Wentz said he is going to look into monies from a grant.
  - F.** Ordinance Review – Nothing
  - G.** Personnel – Nothing
  - H.** Secretary notes/announcements: Debbie informed Council that Annette will be back on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - I.** Grants- Michael Wentz Mike reported that the recycle containers have been picked up. Mike also informed Council that he received information from Nancy about a Grant from the Chamber. He will discuss with her and report back.
  - J.** Solicitor’s Report – Attorney Corriere reported that there has been a counter proposal received regarding the Gogel case. He will need to meet with Sean Corey, Zoning Officer and will report back to Council.
  - K.** Engineer’s Report – Jason said he will be advertising Lock 24. He would like to have bids received before next meeting. He will advertise March 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve advertising was made by Bill. Motion was seconded by David. Motion Carried.
- 6. New Business –**
- A.** Tax Collector asking for approval of form for Per Capita Tax Exemption. Motion was made by Joan to approve form. David seconded the motion. Motion was carried.
  - B.** Northern Lehigh Events Committee for Halloween Parade: Wayne pointed out that the letter made no mention of needing Walnutport Fire Police. Chief Wayda also said they need to be informed that the streets will not be closed before 6:00 – 6:15PM. Nancy said she will be talking to Mr. Hallman and will inform him.
  - C.** Termination of Water and Sewer Rick informed Council that inspection of Lucille Kuntz’s property has been done and approved. We need to send a letter informing her that the restrictions on the property have been removed. The property was condemned about a year ago.
  - D.** Regarding the properties where the termination of Water and Sewer has been enforced they will need a letter of eviction by Rick.
  - E.** Ricky Smith called from the Diamond Fire Co. They are again requesting a second recycle dumpster. This request has been made several times in the last year or two. Council requested that the request be made by Annette but this time in writing. They would like all complaints and requests regarding garbage problems to be put in writing and a file maintained.
- 7. Unfinished Business – NONE**
- 8. Mayor’s Announcements – Wayne informed Mike they needed to set a meeting up with Civil Service.**
- 9. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn was made by Joan. Seconded by Bill. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deborah Paules, Assistant Secretary