



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday September 8, 2016

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1. Harold Greene, Vice- President called the September 8, 2016 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Greene led the Pledge of allegiance
2. Roll Call : Harold Greene, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Nancy Treskot, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public~ Ron Carlson, Advanced Disposal; Zach Mako; Gary Birkes; Marilyn Kaul; Linda Coleman; Scott Stauffer; Aaron Kromer; Jeanne Boehrer; Doug Boehrer; Ron Bauer; Larry Merkle; Donald Eckert; Vince Morris; Deb Paules; & Ricky Smith.
4. Enter into executive session for contractual issue from 7:02 -8:00 pm
Nancy made the motion to adopt the police contract 2017-2019 with the new patrolman's salary added and have the new president sign once those changes are made. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Appointing vacant council seat
 - A. Patrice nominated Aaron Kromer. Dave seconded that nomination. Nominations closed.
 - B. Dave made the motion to close nominations. Joan seconded that motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Nancy made the motion to appoint Aaron Kromer to the vacant seat on borough council. Joan seconded that motion. Motion carried.
 - D. Mayor Wayne Weidner swore Aaron Kromer in so he can participate in tonight's meeting.
6. Appoint president –(vice & pro tem if needed)
 - A. Dave nominated Bill to president. Joan seconded the nomination. Nominations closed
 - B. Nancy made the motion to close the nominations. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Dave nominated Nancy as Pro Tem. Joan seconded the nomination. Nomination closed.
7. Opening of the bids~ there were 3 bids. Nancy made the motion to accept the 3 bids for review by solicitor and vote will be at the October 6th meeting. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A. Tamaqua Transfer and Recycling Inc	\$544,456.00
B. County Waste of Pennsylvania, LLC	\$552,004.00
C. Advanced Disposal Services	\$585,900.00
8. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be heard-no one wanted to speak.
9. Motion to approve A-G by general consent made by Dave. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting August 4, 2016 and regular meeting August 11, 2016
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for August 2016
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for August 2016
 - D. Build Code Officials Report for August 2016
 - E. August 2016 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. August 2016 Bill List
 - G. Police report August 2016
10. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance -- Nancy
 - Started working on budget

- Nancy made the motion to get internet service for the garage at 100 Carbon Street-internet is \$19.99 for one year. Rick will purchase a router from Walmart
 - BB&T-Patrice made the motion to have Annette start the process of moving accounts to Neff's National Bank. The Escrow accounts will be the first to be moved. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Nancy would like to do an RFP for the police and secretary's back up. The police's equipment will need to be replaced soon. It's out dated. Pete and Annette explained to Nancy that we have the backup we just started this year in "the cloud" that we never had before. We will discuss further.
- B.** Law – Harold-nothing other than contract
- C.** Streets – Bill & David
- Twin Alley is done
 - Washington Street catch basin-waiting on contractor
 - Children at play signs-Rick is working on hanging them on Oak Street and Lincoln Avenue
- D.** Solid Waste –Patrice-contracts
- E.** Recreation – Joan & Patrice
- Donald Eckert put in to be on recreation board. He is going to help recruit other people to be on board so we can set his term.
- F.** Ordinance Review – David
- Shade tree/bushes time line-Solicitor is working on this. Not sure where the time line is that Rick is referring to. Will follow up with Rick.
- G.** Personnel – Joan, Harold, & David - nothing
- H.** Secretary/Treasurer – nothing
- I.** Borough Maintenance & Property Management- Nancy questioned Rick about ac units. Aaron explained they are waiting on one unit. They cannot start till they have all units since they all work together.
- J.** Engineer's Report –
- See report
 - Nancy made the motion to approve payment request No 1 from Livengood Excavators, Inc in amount of \$99,641.14. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Nancy made the motion to approve payment to Eagle \$63,198.00. Aaron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Nancy made the motion to proceed with the walls in question at lock 24 for \$55,200.00. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Also Eagle is responsible to clean up and making the towpath passable. Jason will make sure it is cleaned up for the canal festival and the towpath trot.
- K.** Solicitor's Report –
- Waiting on paperwork from Gogel's attorney about costs and final paperwork.
- 11.** New Business –
- A.** Dave made the motion to accept Earl Snyder's resignation from ZHB. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B.** Joan made the motion to exempt Katelyn Hugo from paying per capita. She makes less
- 12.** Unfinished Business – some items will not be acted upon for several months ~ this is a reminder that they are a work in process
- A.** E-recycling event September 21st –remember volunteers needed to help unload vehicles and direct traffic
- B.** Centennial Committee-Nancy will work with Marylyn Kaul to set up a meeting
- C.** Insurance on pavilion for rentals – discussed and will discuss more in future. Annette will make few more phone calls.
- D.** Open seats of the following boards

- UCC & Property Maintenance (2 seats)
- Vacancy Board (1 seat)
- Recreation board (7 seats)
- Representative on the Slatington Public library (1 seat)
- ZHB-alternate

13. Upcoming events-

- A. E-Recycling event September 21, 2016
- B. Walnutport Canal Festival Sunday October 16, 2015
- C. Trick or Treat Wednesday October 26, 2015; 6-8 pm; RAIN date Thursday 27th
- D. NL Halloween parade October 22 with Rain date 24th

14. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-

- A. Mike Wentz & Ricky Smith from the Diamond Fire Company. They invited anyone to come to the station. They will open up for anyone to have a tour. You can see all the equipment that the borough has purchased. See the trucks. Ask question etc. They thanked council for the donation and with the reimbursement of fees.

15. Mayor's Announcements – nothing

16. Adjournment- Dave made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer