



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday February 16, 2017 7:00 pm

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- 1.** William Turk President called the February 16, 2017 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Turk led the Pledge of allegiance.
- 2.** Roll Call: William Turk, President; Harold Greene, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman (absent); Nancy Treskot, Councilwoman (absent); David Stankovic, Councilman; Aaron Kromer, 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. (Debbie Paules)
- 3.** Present from the public-Carol & Mel Gildner, Al Acker, Ron Bauer, Ed Zeigler, Don Eckhart
- 4.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard – none
- 5.** Motion to approve A-G by general consent made by Dave. Motion was seconded by Patrice. Motion carried.
 - A.** Minutes of the workshop meeting January 5, 2017 & regular meeting January 12, 2017
 - B.** Tax Collector's Monthly Report for January 2017
 - C.** Zoning Officer's Report for January 2017
 - D.** Build Code Officials Report for January 2017
 - E.** January 2017 Profit & Loss Report
 - F.** January 2017 Bill List
 - G.** Police report January 2017
- 6.** Standing Committees –
 - A.** Finance – nothing
 - B.** Law – Harold & Nancy
 - Police – killed in service joinder agreement (readvertised for next month approval)
 - AED need to be updated- Mike is working on a joint grant to purchase 10 new AEDs to be split with Walnutport's police, Fire Company and Slatington's police and Fire Company. Patrice made the motion to purchase the new AEDs for total of \$3,700.00 with grant instead of \$3,200 apiece. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - New car will be delivered tomorrow.
 - C.** Streets –David & Harold
 - Dave made the motion to allow engineer to advertise the 2017 street project. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Dave made the motion to authorize the engineer to advertise the 1st Avenue waterline/street project contingent to approval from Northampton County. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Salt Shed-there is a glitch with the lines that run above the salt shed to the water authority's building. They have a meeting scheduled with PPL tomorrow.
 - D.** Solid Waste – Patrice & Aaron-
 - Outstanding garbage report

- Possible ordinance change with LT residents who's properties are partially in the borough and to include some businesses
- E. Recreation –Aaron & Joan-**
- Dave made the motion to appoint Aaron to the 5 year term and Donald Eckhart to the 3 year term on the rec authority board. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Dave made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-02 (NL Recreation Authority) joining the NL recreation authority. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- F. Ordinance Review – David & Patrice**
- Dog ordinance (readvertised till next month approval)
- G. Personnel –Aaron, Nancy, & David – nothing**
- H. Secretary/Treasurer-Annette**
- Dave made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-01 (shredding). Aaron seconded the motion. Motion carried
 - Annette reminded everyone if you want anything in the newsletter she needs it by Tuesday so she can compile it and send to the printer by the deadline.
- I. Code Enforcement Officer – Eric Strohl**
- Rick informed council he did 2 rental inspections, sent certified letters about garbage, 1 inspection violation
 - Going to start working on addresses that are not on businesses.
- J. Borough Maintenance & Property Management- Nancy & Eric –Rick gave a few updates**
- Tractor is used to mow the grass/weeds along the streets and canal. An opportunity came up to purchase another tractor with a side mower instead of the one we have. Rick feels for safety reasons and it being bigger he would like to go after this mower. Walnutport Authority agrees to pay ½ since they would use it too. Dave made a motion to allow Rick to bid on the tractor up to \$20,000 with the Borough being responsible for \$10,000 and the authority being responsible for \$10,000. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Truck bed for utility truck is rotted. Truck is a 2001 with only 80,000 miles on it. The aluminum bed, painted, take off old bed, putting lift gate and bed back on truck will cost about \$14,000.00. Dave made the motion to allow Rick to move forward with this once the funds can be reallocated in the budget. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Cover for new dump truck F550- Motion to purchase electric cover (including installation) for \$1,886.00 made by Harold. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rick let council know they are using this truck a lot more than they thought they would. Quarries won't let a truck leave without the load (top soil, black top, stone, etc.) being covered since it is a law.
- K. EMC report- Michael Wentz**
- Will need to talk to council in executive session about possible litigation issue
 - Will need to update emergency plan by June 1st
 - Mayor declared a snow emergency and an emergency disaster declaration before the snow storm hit. We need to do these declaration in case there is an emergency. We would qualify for emergency funding.
- L. Grants-Mike Wentz –**
- Annette was contacted by a representative who want to help us get our street lights updated to LED. Mike will meet with him to see if it is something that is beneficial to borough.
 - Just waiting on answers on other grants.
- M. Engineer's Report –**

- See report - covered everything under streets

N. Solicitor's Report –

- Aaron made the motion to authorize Bill to sign the addendum to the garbage contract. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Gogel issue- Aaron made the motion to have the solicitor proceed with enforcing the court order. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. New Business –

- A. ZHB alternate-** Patrice made the motion to appoint Bryce Greene as the alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Aaron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business –

- 9. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be heard –** Ed Zeigler brought to council's attention about garbage being put out early or late on North Lincoln Ave. The Code Enforcement Officer will look into it.

- 10. Council entered into an executive session from 8:00-8:15 pm to discuss potential litigation and a personnel matter.**

- 11. Mayor's Announcements – Happy Presidents Day!**

- 12. Adjournment-** Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Aaron. Seconded by Patrice. Motion carried at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer

