



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 2, 2017 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk, President called the February 2, 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 (Absent); Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Nancy Treskot, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman (Absent); Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Aaron Kromer, Councilman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public~ Donald Eckhart & Ron Bauer.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-none
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Nancy –looking to close all accounts at BB&T by the end of February.
 - There is one outstanding payroll check. Council agreed to have Annette reissue that check out of the new payroll account and close the account out.
 - B. Law – Harold & Nancy -nothing
 - C. Streets –David & Harold –Since Dave and Harold were absent, Bill asked Mike Wentz about the streets. Mike said jokingly “they are still there” everyone giggled and they moved on.
 - D. Solid Waste – Patrice & Aaron-
 - Patrice brought up several complaints she has been talking to Tamaqua Transfer (TT) about.
 1. Rick called her about them placing cans in street. TT will let their drivers know.
 2. Fire Company dumpster...TT told Patrice that is the same size dumpster that was there before. They never see it full. Annette explained she told TT that Advanced Disposal (AD) emptied the dumpster several times a week and Steph from the Fire Company isn’t putting the garbage out by the dumpster because she doesn’t want it to blow away. The conclusion is, the fire company should put the garbage out by dumpster even if they have to place next to dumpster or leave lid opened and overflow the dumpster.
 3. Pine Tree Drive- they want to be included in borough garbage but their house is in the township. Annette explained that our ordinance can only be enforced to borough residents. Maybe council wants to look into changing ordinance to also include nonprofits and homes that are on borough boundaries that are easier to be picked up from borough side instead of township side. Council advised Annette to talk to Solicitor to research before next meeting.

E. Recreation – Aaron & Joan – 2/15 is the next recreation authorities meeting. Aaron will be attending.

F. Ordinance Review – David & Patrice

- Dog ordinance (advertised for next week)

G. Personnel –Aaron, Nancy, & David – nothing

H. Secretary/Treasurer- Annette Lacko

- Clarification @ letter to View Drive – Annette sent an email out to the 5 council members who have email questioning what they want in the letter to the View Drive residents. Since there was no response...again what would like that letter to say...Aaron said just to tell them they must put their garbage in the dumpster.
- Questions about hunting release and information-council likes checklist/permit form Annette created. Annette asked who does council want to communicate with Lehigh Townships Police Department. They agreed to have our chief talk to their chief once people are approved.
- Meeting date 2017 were handed out.
- Resolution 2017-01 is for destroying documents per the PA State guide lines. Will be on next week's agenda to adopt.
- Resolution 2017-02 is for the Recreation Authority. Please review since Annette typed up and converted Slatington's Ordinance into a resolution for Borough of Walnutport. It will be on the agenda once Annette gets all the information needed.

I. Grants-Mike Wentz –

- All grants are in a holding pattern now.
- Traffic light-waiting to bid out
- Heard from CRA about Water main extension...since it is this far we are close to getting approved (Canal Street)
- End of next month is deadline for filing 2018 Block grant. Mike will be working with Walnutport Authority and Jason to apply for water main and street work on 800 block of Lincoln Avenue

J. Borough Maintenance & Property Management- Nancy & Rick

- Keys for council members were made. Rick will hand out next week and everyone will have to sign that they have a key.
- Nancy will be working with Pete, then Annette and Rick to make sure the RFP for IT covers everything that is needed.
- Trying to get a date when the heater/ac will be installed. They are here but not installed for months.

6. New Business –

- A.** Letter from Tax Collector for reimbursement for seminar \$50.00 – Nancy abstaining from voting due to tax collector being her husband. Motion to reimburse Bob for his seminar (\$50.00) made by Aaron. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B.** Letter from Slatington Public Library-invite to attend any monthly meeting
- C.** Invite to Spring Dinner and Silent Action for D&L National Heritage Corridor

7. Unfinished Business –

- A.** Don't forget to get your ethic papers in
- B.** If you are running for council you can pick up your paperwork the week of February 6th at the elections office in Easton

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

9. Mayor's Announcements~

A. Wayne asked if anyone knew why they are fixing the bridge now when they are going to be shutting down to be fixed over the summer...no one knew.

B. Wayne also reminded everyone the Diamond Fire Company will have their fish dinner this Friday from 4-7 pm.

10. Adjournment – Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Aaron seconded the motion. Motion carried.



Respectfully submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer