



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 14, 2017 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the December 14, 2017 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:01 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; David Stankovic, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman/Code Enforcement Officer (absent); Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public- Kelley Andrea-Times News, Donald Eckhart, Dan Solderitz, Ron Bauer, Tim Dennis, Al Acker, Mike Kukitz, Jody Wellington, Ed Zeigler, & Kristy Wilk-NOVA.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Al Acker-he wanted to bring to council's attention the traffic on Main Street. He was at the 20 weeker. When he came out there was a car flying really fast and a lady almost got hit. Dave commented that there are blinking lights and a cross walk. The speed limit is 25 mph and is posted. We can not help that the driver is breaking the law by speeding.
 - B. Tim Dennis-He wanted to bring to council's attention that there was an Ethics violation at last week's meeting. He would like to see that motion rescinded and made properly. You can not vote on a family member that is employed if it is salary or anything. He stated he is not lobbying. He would like to speak during budget hearing.
 - C. Mike Kukitz from NL Recreation Authority gave a brief update
 - Thank you for allowing us to use the recreation center for candy cane hunt.
 - Need to change date for food truck festival-will check with Annette on dates
 - Met with Brain Cope from Northampton County about memorial rehab. He likes project. But we were denied the grant.
 - They also looked at the possibilities for the walking trail that they want to come through town.
 - Brief update on community center grant
 - There is a lot planned for 2018 and he will keep everyone up to date as things come along.
 - Centennial Committee needs to decide on what they want to do with the project at the memorial site. Council wants Annette to talk to Matt Newhard and see if they will have a meeting before February's workshop meeting and have a representative come to the workshop meeting to meet with council, and Mike Kukitz.
 - D. Jody Wellington wanted to know why he didn't hear anything or that nothing was done about his complaint he filed months ago. Council asked what the complaint was. He stated all the water that has



been diverted to his property. They apologized. Dave will check with Rick. Jason will look into it and touch base with Rick also.

5. Vacating Alley hearing
6. Nancy made the motion to approve A-F by general consent.
 - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting November 9, 2017 & Regular meeting November 16, 2017
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for November 2017
 - C. November 2017 Profit & Loss Report
 - D. November 2017 Bill List
 - E. Police report November 2017
 - F. November 2017 Zoning Officer/Building Code Official report. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Nancy
 - i. Patrice made the motion to rescind the motion from last week giving the police secretary a raise to \$14.00/hour. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ii. Nancy made the motion to give the part time police secretary a \$.60 raise the same raise the union employees are getting. Patrice seconded that motion. Motion carried.
 - iii. Budget hearing-Tim Dennis asked a bunch of questions about the specific items on the budget. He then gave a speech about Walnutport being the 3rd highest in taxes.
 - iv. Nancy made the motion to approve 2018 budget. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried
 - v. Nancy made the motion to approve Ordinance 2017-05 tax milage 18.75. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Law – Harold & Jennifer – nothing
 - C. Streets/buildings –David & Harold
 - i. Problem with garage door at shop. Rick is getting prices to replace. It's at least 50 years old. They had to call Walnutport Door this am because they couldn't get it back down.
 - ii. Nancy wanted to remind everyone that the heating system in this building need to be replaced sometime in the near future.
 - D. Personnel – Bill, Harold, David – nothing
 - E. Ordinance – Jennifer
 - i. Tax relief-volunteer fire fighter – tabled till January 2018
 - F. Solid Waste – Patrice-Ron Bauer wanted to bring to council's attention that they recycling bins, on his entire block, where left in the street. They all put them on the sidewalks in front of their house but once emptied the garbage people left in street. If his gets broken by a snow plow he will bring up here to be replaced. They should be putting back on the sidewalk.
 - G. Recreation Board- Jennifer Wentz-nothing
 - i. NL Recreation Authority- Nancy-Mike Kukitz gave update at beginning of meeting.
 - ii. Walnutport Playground Association & Walnutport Canal Association-
 - Nancy said he gave Annette the bill for the roof. It came in cheaper than originally approved. Annette paid the WPA so they can pay Wanamaker roofing.
 - Nancy looked into the cages for the camera at the ball field. She will make sure Pete gets the quote.
 - H. Secretary/Treasurer notes/announcements-
 - i. Please clean your mailboxes out-
 - ii. The Honorable Robert Hawke will be at the January 2, 2018 reorganization meeting to swear everyone in.
 - iii. Band shell- Annette called Whitehall to inquire about band shell. They have not returned call yet. It was suggested she call Northampton Borough but they have their event the same time as our carnival.

- I. Code Enforcement Officer – Eric Strohl was absent but told Annette to pass along, he sent 4 letters and did 2 inspections.
- J. Grant Coordinator-Michael Wentz gave a few updates on grants-they started changing the street lights.
- K. Engineer’s Report –
 - i. See report
 - ii. Dunkin Donuts- Motion to conditionally approve DD plan as long as conditions are met from SSM review letter dated 11-1-17 as recommended by planning commission at their November 16, 2017 made by Nancy. Jenn seconded the motion. Motion carried. (no vote from Patrice since she stepped out of meeting)
 - iii. 2017 Street Improvements-recommending send Intercounty Paving a notice of defective work- Nancy made the motion to authorize Jason take the necessary steps needed. Jen seconded the motion carried.
- L. Solicitor’s Report –
 - i. 911 issue with Lehigh County & Northampton County-meeting scheduled 12-15-17
 - ii. Green Street vacating-need to see where Rick is on steps to vacate.
 - iii. Brief executive session needed-entered from 8:28-8:35-no action.



New Business – nothing

- 8. Unfinished Business – nothing
- 9. Mayor’s Announcements~ Wayne wanted to Thank Nancy for her service on council since this is her last meeting. He also want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.
- 10. Adjournment- Nancy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Dave seconded the motin. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko
Secretary/Treasurer

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Christmas