



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 7, 2017 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the December 7, 2017 workshop 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; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public-Donald Eckhart, Ed Ziegler, & Tim Dennis.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-
 - A. Don Eckhart asked if council can do something to help keep the trick or treaters safe on Main Street in future years. Maybe the police can sit with lights on. He feels with how fast people drive on Main Street a child will get hit.
 - B. Ed Ziegler want to know
 - i. Why weren't the flags lowered to half-mast for Pearl Harbor Anniversary?
 - ii. He called PPL about the light that was out on Main Street. 2 days later it was fixed
 - iii. The Christmas lights are really nice in Walnutport. Not so nice in Slatington
 - iv. He wanted to know why the property on Lincoln Avenue that burnt years ago isn't posted not trespassing-council explained we don't own that property
 - v. Since Nancy didn't make the election, council is going to have to replace her on the NL Recreation Authority.
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Nancy
 - i. BUDGET-discussed a few changes that will need to be made-insurance #'s etc. look at it. We will pass it next week.
 - ii. Nancy made the motion to give the pt. police secretary a \$.50 raise. Dave seconded the motion. 3 no's-motion did not pass
 - iii. After a discussion about the pay rate and history of the part time police secretary, Nancy made the motion to adjust 410.135 to a rate of \$14.00 hour starting 2018



with the understanding that she needs to spread her hours out throughout the year (about 20 hours a month). Jen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harold, personnel committee, will talk to her.

B. Law – Harold & Jennifer –nothing

C. Streets/buildings –David & Harold- leaf collection will be extended to next Wednesday so they can winterize machine Thursday. It is hard to get around now with the salt spreader on the trucks. Dave informed council he spoke to Rick about the PPL pole by the bank. It is really leaning. Waiting for them to get back to Rick.

D. Personnel – Bill, Harold, David – nothing

E. Ordinance – Jennifer

i. Tax relief-volunteer fire fighter –tabled till January 2018

F. Solid Waste – Patrice-she received a few complaints. They were handled

G. Recreation Board- Jennifer Wentz- adopt a tree was a success. Nancy said the committee did a good job. Jen explained we have a list started that people are interested in trees for next year. Thank you to everyone who came out and to all of those who supported the project.

i. NL Recreation Authority- Nancy- reminder the Candy Cane hunt will be Saturday at 10:30-12:00. Santa will be there, a magician, Christmas music, etc.

ii. Walnutport Playground Association & Walnutport Canal Association-Nancy said the roof was fixed. She will drop the bill off at Annette tomorrow.

H. Secretary/Treasurer updates-

i. 2018 meeting dates-advertised

ii. Remote deposit capture-Neff's National Bank- Annette went to the meeting and feels we could save by doing this. There is a monthly fee (that could come out of supplies) but the benefits outweigh it. Jen made the motion to have all needed sign the agreement to go ahead with it. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

iii. Jen asked Annette to looking into doing online posted. See if we can do that instead of running to post office for certified and stamps.

iv. 2017 Ethics-reminder they are to be filled in Secretary's office by May 2018

I. Grants & EMC updates- Michael Wentz

i. Mike gave a few updates on current grants.

ii. Hazard mitigation program-Nancy made the motion to continue in the hazard mitigation plan and authorize Bill & Annette to sign the required paperwork. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. New Business –

A. Hunting permit Jen made the motion to approve

i. William Miller III & 13 year old son Jeffery Miller. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Unfinished Business –

- A. 911 issue with Lehigh County & Northampton County-meeting schedules for 12-15-17 at 11:00 am here. Annette, Wayne, Bill, Jen, and possibly Harold will also attend.
 - B. Garbage-Green Street-Patrice asked Annette to put this under solicitor report and keep there till handled
8. Upcoming events
- A. December
 - i. Candy cane hunt 12-9-17
9. Mayor's Announcements~ nothing
10. Zoning officer came in and council asked him for a few updates
- A. Pavelco property-they have till January 1, 2018 to come into compliance with requirements
 - B. Shopping center-no news
 - C. Gogel-hearing is Monday
11. Ed Zeigler again informed council about a few things he learned from PennDot about bridge reconstruction. His information was not the same that the office received from Penn Dot.
12. Donald Eckhart asked if anyone know what happened to the historical sign by the Pakipsy Bridge. He was directed to see the future focus group...borough has nothing to do with that.
13. Adjournment – Jen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer

