



# Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday May 11, 2017 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the May 11, 2017 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:02 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 (7:28 pm), Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Nancy Treskot, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public- Al Acker, Kelley Andrade-Times News, Mike Wentz-Diamond Fire Company, Chris Morgan, Don Eckhart, Ed Zeigler, Bob Treskot, & Jennifer Wentz.
4. Appointment of vacant council seat-there was only one letter of interest submitted to the borough office
  - A. Dave made the motion to accept Jennifer Wentz's letter of interest in the opened council seat. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - B. Joan made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-04 which appoints Jennifer Wentz to the seat that Aaron Kromer held. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - C. Mayor Wayne Weidner sworn in Jennifer Wentz. She had her letter of residence notarized and she was able to take her seat on council.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
  - A. Mike Wentz from Diamond Fire Company discussed ISO-Public Protection Classification Program (PPC) which is important to insurance underwriting for residents. The Borough of Walnutport is now a class 3. This should allow homeowner insurance rates to decrease for home owners in the Borough of Walnutport.
  - B. Chris Morgan-120 Lehigh Street-the fence that was installed at the boat ramp has it bolts facing his driveway. He would like the borough to cap them so his children don't get hurt. Council agreed to look into what they can do. He also brought up that "people" are coming on his property. Council & Chief suggested he post his property with private property signs. His property sat vacant for several years. "People" are not used to someone being there.
6. Joan made the motion to approve A-G by general consent. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting April 6, 2017 & regular meeting April 13, 2017
  - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for April 2017
  - C. Zoning Officer's Report for April 2017
  - D. Build Code Officials Report for April 2017
  - E. April 2017 Profit & Loss Report

F. April 2017 Bill List

G. Police report April 2017

7. Standing Committees –

A. Finance -- Nancy will have budget by September meeting.

B. Law –Nancy said nothing to report

C. Streets –David – bids are under Engineers report.

D. Solid Waste – Patrice - nothing

E. Recreation –Joan-

- Joan is handling the rentals of the pavilion
- WPA needs to replace the roofs on 2 of the buildings. David made the motion to approve purchasing the shingles from ABC Supply with Wanamaker installing them at no charge.

F. Ordinance Review – David & Patrice

- Jason reminded council there will need to be an ordinance for the restricted parking on N RR Street for the hot dog shop. He will work with Solicitor to get all information
- Solicitor informed council there will need to be an ordinance once we have the hearing for vacating Cherry Alley.

G. Personnel –Nancy, & David – nothing

H. Code Enforcement Officer – per Eric Strohl

- 2 inspections
- 2 hearings
- A bunch of letters went out
- Loads of phone calls

I. Borough Maintenance & Property Management- Nancy

- Unfinished projects
  - a) Mulch at 418 Lincoln-Rick will take care of on Monday
  - b) Mulch at 215 Lincoln-
  - c) AC/heat units-work was started Wednesday

J. Engineer's Report –

- See report
- Lock 24 project-
  1. Motion to approve change order #1 for \$4,850.00 made by Patrice. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  2. Lock 24-Motion to disburse final payment to Eagle for \$26,251.00 made by Patrice. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Bids/discussion First Avenue project
  1. Motion to award Joao & Bradly Construction the contract for \$215,892.00 + Alternate No. 1-01 for \$1,200.00 made by Nancy. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**K. Solicitor's Report –**

- Gogel trial is scheduled for the week of June 12, 2017
- Cherry Alley-hearing will be next month. Solicitor gave paperwork to give to Rick. Rick has to hand deliver letters and might have to go with to hearing.
- 911 issue with Lehigh County & Northampton County-Solicitor is discussing with Lehigh and Northampton Counties. They are hoping to have meeting with both counties at same time.

8. New Business –nothing

9. Unfinished Business – nothing

10. Upcoming events-

A. Election Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup>

B. E-recycling May 17th 4-6 pm (NEED VOLENTEERS)-Fire fighters will be here to help

C. Tire drop off May 17th 4-6 pm

11. Ed Zeigler asked about the dumpster at the fire company

A. Patrice will discuss fire company dumpster and see when they will be replacing as discussed in past meetings.

12. Mayor's Announcements

A. If Wayne can get enough volunteers, he would like authorization to be able to send fire police to

- June 3, 2017-LV Community Bike Ride-direct traffic at 145 & Main Street traffic light

- May 29, 2017 for parade in Palmerton

Patrice made the motion for the above. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Happy Mother's Day!!!

13. Adjournment- Dave made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer