



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 2, 2017 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk, President called the November 2, 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 (absent); Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman (absent); Nancy Treskot, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman ; Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman (absent); Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public- Bob Treskot, Matt Newhard, Tim Dennis, L. Chang, & Todd Andrews
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A. Robert Treskot-asked council if they can set a rule that he not issue interim tax bills less than \$50.00. Walnutport Borough is on the list he presented. Annette will look into it. Nancy made the motion to have the tax collector not send out interims under \$50.00 for the year we are in. They will get billed the difference on their bills 2019 and beyond. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Bob sent out late notice.
 - C. Matt Newhard-NLYA-Football-would like to use the pavilion on November 18th from 11-3 for their banquet. Nancy made the motion to allow them to use the pavilion for the \$50.00 nonprofit fee. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. They will clean up after themselves. Bill said he will open and close the pavilion.
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Nancy
 - i. BUDGET-a few changes were discussed and made
 - ii. Lehigh Township CBC-this used to be funded by county and is no longer. Looks like it will cost the borough about \$3000.00 a year. Annette added it to the budget.
 - iii. Jen made the motion to advertise part time officers. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - iv. Nicholson security will have system updated by next week.
 - B. Law – Harold & Jennifer –
 - i. Motion to approve letter of resignation from Antonio Tramonte made by Jen. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Streets/buildings –David & Harold
 - i. Leaves will be late this year
 - ii. Dog pens are almost done
 - iii. They are working on the trailer issue
 - D. Personnel – Bill, Harold, David – nothing
 - E. Ordinance – Jennifer
 - i. Tax relief-volunteer fire fighter – there was a lengthy discussion on the seminar they attended and the act. Annette will call solicitor and auditor to ask a few questions that were brought up.
 - F. Solid Waste –

- i. 761 Williams Ave-exempt from garbage- Motion to exempt 761 Williams Avenue from 2018 and future garbage until there is another home placed on this property made by Nancy. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - G. Recreation Board- Jennifer Wentz
 - i. We are up to 26 Trees!!! We will cut off at 30 due to electric.
 - ii. Bill asked council for a motion to allow him and Rick to go look at and purchase a snowflake (Christmas decoration) for the peak of the pavilion. Nancy made the motion for them to purchase one up to \$500.00. Jen seconded the motion. Motion carried. We will look for a sponsor for it.
 - iii. NL Recreation Authority- Nancy was to one of the rails to trails meetings. They are still gathering information on what they want to do but they want to tie into the tow path. Will have more information from Donald Eckhart at next week's meeting.
 - iv. Walnutport Playground Association & Walnutport Canal Association-
 - a) Letter from WPA-carnival will be 7/10-14/2018-they are also requesting the band shell.
 - H. Secretary/Treasurer updates-
 - i. I will have meeting dates for 2018 at next week's meeting
 - ii. I will also have general ledger transfers I will need to make to the budget at next week's meeting.
 - I. Grants- Michael Wentz
 - i. Insurance grant to prevent loss prevention. He is waiting to hear back from the contact on what exactly would this include.
 - ii. Street lights-notified up that everything is approved. They will give us 2 week notification when they are ready to start.
6. New Business –
 - A. Motion to approve Stephan Sook to fire police made by Nancy. Jen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Interims-Robert Treskot-discussed under opportunity for residents
 - C. Motion to approve hunting permits for
 - i. Donald Eckhart
 - ii. Colton Kern ----made by Jan. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dave brought up that the properties aren't posted.
7. Unfinished Business –
 - A. 911 issue with Lehigh County & Northampton County-Solicitor is working on this
8. Upcoming events
 - A. November
 - i. Election day 11-7
 - B. December
 - i. Tree lighting 12-2-17
 - ii. Candy cane hunt 12-9-17
9. Mayor's Announcements~ nothing
10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Nancy at 8:55 pm. Jen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer