



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday November 9, 2017 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the November 9, 2017 regular 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; 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; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public- Kelley Andrea-Times News, BJ from HA Thomson Insurance, Debbie Paules, Wayne Rodgers, Marilyn Kaul, Donald Eckhart, Dan Solderitz, Ron Bauer, Jeanne Boehrer, Jason Breidinger, Tim Dennis, Jim Pollock, Michael Wentz, & Kristy Wilk-NOVA.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Wayne Rogers complained about garbage not being picked up at his property 2 weeks in a row. He has put it at the same spot for 40+ years.
 - B. Donald Eckhart-Northern Tier Trail-went to meeting. He and Marilyn Kaul recommend someone from council who has a vote to go since decisions will need to be made.
 - C. BJ from HA Thomson discussed borough's insurance policies. He informed council there are some increases. He will send break down to Annette to make adjustments.
5. Motion to approve A-E was made by Nancy.
 - A. Minutes of the Workshop meeting October 5, 2017 & Regular meeting October 12, 2017
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for October 2017
 - C. October 2017 Profit & Loss Report
 - D. October 2017 Bill List
 - E. Police report October 2017Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Nancy
 - i. Budget-Nancy made motion to have Solicitor advertise the budget for review. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Law – Harold & Jennifer –
 - i. Harold made the motion to approve training class for Sgt. Nothstein \$600.00. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried. This class is January 29-February 2, 2018
 - C. Streets/buildings –David & Harold
 - i. Guys are doing good job picking up leaves
 - ii. Flags are up for Veterans Day

- iii. LED light bulbs-Nancy made the motion to have Rick order then replace the bulbs in the Christmas lights to LED for \$22278.85. Annette will take out of 430.241. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried. The snowflake for the recreation building was \$495.00. Annette will take that out of the some budget item.
- D. Personnel – Bill, Harold, David – nothing
- E. Ordinance – Jennifer
- i. Tax relief-volunteer fire fighter – Jenn asked that this be tabled until January, after the reorganization meeting. There was a brief discussion including NOVA representatives, and some residents.
- F. Solid Waste – Patrice
- i. Green Street-the truck is still driving over/in Mr. Hatcher’s yard. Engineer, Road Foreman, and Solicitor are looking into opening this road. Vacating it, or opening...
- G. Recreation Board- Jennifer Wentz-27 trees for the “adopt a tree”. Come out on December 2nd for the tree lighting ceremony
- i. NL Recreation Authority- Nancy-meeting is this coming Wednesday
 - ii. Walnutport Playground Association & Walnutport Canal Association-Joan-nothing
- H. Secretary/Treasurer notes/announcements-
- i. December 6th meeting for Neffs National Bank-Jen made the motion to allow Annette to go to this free training. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ii. Meeting dates 2018- Annette asked everyone to review the dates...Jen will look at Recreation dates and get back to Annette...then Annette can advertise
 - iii. Street vacating permit-Nancy made the motion to have a \$500 fee escrowed (to cover advertisements and ordinance). Jen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - iv. Annette received several garbage complaints. They were emailed to Patrice and Angie at Tamaqua Transfer
 - v. Nancy made the motion to approve the general ledger transfers needed for budget
 - i. 210.000 to 487.103-\$1,211.76
 - ii. 410.372 to 434.000-\$10,851.58Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- I. Code Enforcement Officer – Eric Strohl-1 inspection
- J. Engineer’s Report –
- i. See report
 - ii. Nancy made the motion to approve final payment to Raymond Orchard Construction for \$33,167.75 (salt shed). Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. Overage was due to soil being too soft and had to dig out more and add more stone.
 - iii. There will be several plans coming from planning commission.
 - Dunkin Donuts-change to their original plan
 - Ashwood enterprises wants to put duplex on property on Main Street. They will need to make changes to alley and that will need to be ordained.
 - Mr. Doggy Style is opened.

K. Solicitor's Report –

- i. 911 issue with Lehigh County & Northampton County-Solicitor is working on this- there will be in meeting here with both counties, Solicitor, and Annette. If anyone from council wants to join let Annette know.
- ii. Gogel hearing is scheduled for December
- iii. For clarification-tax millage to be advertised is 18.75

7. New Business –

- A. Letter from County of Northampton-Dale Butz-Dave made the motion to exonerate taxes from 2014, 2015, & 2016 since home was removed and he does not own land. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Street light grant-PPL will let us know when they are about to start (2 week notice) they will have done within 60 days of starting. Smart meter were already done (for those who asked in the past meeting)

8. Unfinished Business – nothing

9. Upcoming events

A. November

B. December

- Tree lighting 12-2-17
- Candy cane hunt 12-9-17

10. Mayor's Announcements~

- A. Wayne wanted to congratulate Nancy Treskot on the award she received from the Chamber of Commerce today.

Jason Breidinger wanted to again congratulate Nancy. He also wanted to let Walnutport know the chamber made sure they had enough candy when they got to Walnutport during the annual Halloween parade this year. He gave a brief update on NOVA.

11. Adjournment- Nancy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. Jen seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer