



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday September 14, 2017 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the September 14, 2017 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:04 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; 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; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public- Kelley Andrade-Times News, Debbie Paules, Michael Wentz, Danny & Emil Solderitz, Donald Eckhart, Mike Kukitz, Ron Bauer, Ed Zeigler, & Timothy Dennis.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Danny Solderitz presented a petition to vacate the alley behind him. The Solicitor will start the process
 - B. Mike Kukitz-NL Recreation Authority
 - Motion to allow the D&L to hang signs in the borough to direct people/traffic to trail, etc. made by Patrice. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - He is waiting on word if we are approved for DCNR grant...maybe September/October/November
 - Nancy made motion to approve Resolution allowing Mike to apply for next step, open space grant for memorial improvements. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Annette will get the next Resolution number and scan to Mike tomorrow.
 - Mike Kukitz and Jen Wentz were on a conference call with the Northern Steering Committee. They are working on gathering information to help finish the D&L trail to go to Portland.
5. Motion to approve A, B, D, E, F, & G made by Nancy. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - A. Minutes of the regular meeting August 10, 2017
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for August 2017
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for August 2017
 - D. Build Code Officials Report for August 2017
 - E. August 2017 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. August 2017 Bill List
 - G. Police report August 2017

Nancy questioned an item on C. the zoning report. Later in the meeting Sean Corey came in. Nancy questioned if 16 View Drive received the permit they were sent letter about. Sean said they complied. Nancy made the motion to approve C-the Zoning officers report. Jen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Standing Committees –

A. Finance – Nancy

- i. Budget-Nancy went through some of the items. Asked council to look over until next month and we will go through each item.

B. Law – Harold & Jennifer – no report

C. Streets/buildings –David & Harold- salt shed almost done. 1st avenue complete

D. Personnel – Bill, Harold, David – nothing

E. Ordinance – Jennifer

- i. Tax relief-volunteer fire fighter – Michael Corriere will start working on it.

F. Solid Waste – Patrice- working with WCA and Tamaqua Transfer on a dumpster for them for the festival next month. They do not want a roll off like the WPA had for their event

G. Recreation Board- Jennifer Wentz

- i. NL Recreation Authority- Nancy- Fire Company approved use of Santa suit and Santa coming on fire truck. Rick will make sure Jen gets keys for the 215 Lincoln Avenue building

- ii. Walnutport Playground Association & Walnutport Canal Association-Joan

- Letter from WCA requesting the following for 10-15-17
 1. Lehigh & S. Canal Streets to be closed to all traffic
 2. N Canal Street to be made one way going North
 3. N Railroad Street to be one way going south
 4. Barricades at s Canal St & Washington St, Main at S Canal St, Lehigh St at Main St starting at 7 am
 5. Request Walnutport Fire Police to help with safety patrol at main street
- Nancy made the motion to approve the above request. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

H. Code Enforcement Officer – Eric Strohl reported he sent out 6 letters, had 3 rental inspections during month.

I. Engineer’s Report –

- i. Salt Shed-Nancy made the motion to disburse \$64,424.00 to Raymond Orchard Construction for their pay ap #4. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ii. First Avenue CDBG-project is complete. Should have pay aps for next month’s meeting
- iii. 2017 Street Improvements- waiting on Intercounty paving to fix manhole and drops on Main street
- iv. MS4 report-signed by solicitor and president. Going forward there is an annual fee of \$500.00 to file this mandated report.

J. Solicitor’s Report –

- i. Taco Bell-maintenance agreements and cash bond received

- ii. Gogel matter in court system. Next hearing is scheduled for December. Gogel reimbursed Borough for solicitor fees that were ordered by Judge.
7. New Business – nothing
8. Unfinished Business –
 - A. 911 issue with Lehigh County & Northampton County-Solicitor is working on this- waiting on Lehigh and Northampton Counties.
 - B. Mercantile tax questions for solicitor – there was a brief discussion. Patrice asked for clarifications as a councilperson and as a business owner/resident. Solicitor will look into questions and discuss next month.
9. Upcoming events
 - A. E-recycling-September 20th from 4-6 pm...need volunteers
 - B. Tire collection-September 20th 4-6 pm
 - C. October
 - Canal festival 10-15-17
 - Towpath trot 10-14-17
 - Boot camp 10-21-17 walking trail at recreation center
 - D. November
 - Election day 11-7-17
 - E. December
 - Tree Lighting 12-2-17
 - Candy cane hunt 12-9-17
10. Mayor's Announcements- nothing
11. Ed Zeigler spoke a few words. He asked Chief of Police why he doesn't put arrests in the newspaper.
12. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn made by Joan. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried at 8:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer