



# Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday April 12, 2018 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the March 8, 2018 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:03 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; Michael Gaston, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public – Bob Treskot, Cindy Miller, Greg has, Brian Filchner, Deborah Paules, Todd Andrews, & Ron Bauer. Channel 13 News showed up to record part of meeting.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
  - A. Robert Treskot-Tax Collector asked council to reconsider his request for reimbursing him for his checks. He only uses those checks to pay the borough for the taxes that are collected. He would also like reimbursement for the stampers he has to order. They will be about \$180.00. Jen pulled up the tax collector manual and read sections to council on what the borough would or would not be required to pay for. Patrice made the motion to reimburse Bob \$17.74 for his checks. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Bill-yes, David-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
  - B. Cindy Miller introduced herself and gave a little back ground information. She informed council she will be running for State Representative in the upcoming election.
  - C. Brian Filchner gave Annette the application for use of facilities for Varsity Softball senior night.
5. Jen made the motion to approve A-G. David seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Bill-yes, David-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
  - A. Meeting minutes of the March 1, 2018 workshop & March 8, 2018 regular meeting
  - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for March 2018
  - C. Zoning Officer's Report for March 2018
  - D. Build Code Officials Report for March 2018
  - E. March 2018 Profit & Loss Report
  - F. March 2018 Bill List
  - G. Police report March 2018
6. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Jennifer –
    - executive session needed for a contractual issue
  - B. Law – Michael & Harold – nothing

C. Streets –David & Harold –

- Complaint received about flags in front of borough hall. They were changed today.
- Street sweeping has begun

D. Solid Waste – Patrice –

- Complaint was received from View Drive about dumpster not being empty and not being big enough. Council asked Patrice to see if we can get a bigger dumpster up there.

E. Recreation – Jennifer – they will start meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. We need to start talking about adopt a tree for this year

- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice- nothing new
- WPA/WCA-Jen is working on band stage for WPA carnival

F. Ordinance – Harold & Jennifer

- Act 172 –motion to approve Ordinance 2018-02 made by Mike. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Bill-yes, David-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

G. Personnel – David & Michael – need executive session

H. Code Enforcement Officer-Eric Strohl – sent out 6 letters and had 4 rental inspections

I. Engineer's Report –

- Waiver request-Fast Fill (Dunkin' Donuts) –The developer's engineer has submitted a letter dated 3/16/18 requesting a waiver of the land development process to revise the plan showing a larger addition to the store than that was shown on a previously approved plan. The expansion is to the north and is approximate dimensions of 25'x 40'. The addition shown on the current plan as approved is 15'x40'. Mike made the motion. David seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Bill-yes, David-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

J. Irrevocable letter of credit for 27 Main Street Development (see letter)-Mike made the motion. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Bill-yes, David-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

7. Solicitor's Report – need executive session to discuss litigation issue

8. Council entered into an executive session from 7:40-8:45 pm Jen made the motion to issue check for \$250.00 + \$28.50 + \$29.25, fees for Sheriff's office if needed in this litigation case. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Bill-yes, David-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

9. New Business – nothing

10. Unfinished Business –

- Open/closing pavilion – Jen would like to revisit this next month
- Hunting permit-revisit setting limit table till next month
- Green Street-Solicitor has all the information
- Volleyball court – Jason will send out information that was done a few years back
- Twin Alley Storm water issue will advertise once Green Street is ready to save money with ordinances.
- MS4 seminars (7/31 & 10/30)

- WCA request-Annette filled council in on what they (the renters would like to add)
- Fireworks-Annette gave all of council a copy of the fireworks ordinance.
- Soliciting permits-council would like to revisit this ordinance and the fees. The secretaries will call other boroughs/townships to see what their pricing is. While they are calling they will check on pricing of other permits.

11. Mayor's Announcements - Dave made the motion to allow the Fire Police to help Lehigh Township on March 24, 2018 and Palmerton on May 5. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Bill-yes, David-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

12. Adjournment – Jen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Bill-yes, David-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer