



# Borough of Walnutport

## Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 5, 2018 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the April 5, 2018 workshop 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; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman-Absent; Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Michael Gaston, Councilman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Peter Wayda, Chief of Police; Eric Strohl, Code Enforcement Officer; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public: Donald Eckert, Ed Zeigler, Debbie Paules, Mike Kukitz, Kelly Kromer, Devin Kromer, Sharon Hay-Royer, Brittany Gangeway, Tom Ondusk, Deb Paules, Kyle Kromer & Sean Corey
4. Council entered into executive session – 7:25 pm to discuss a legal issue
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
  - A. Mike Kukitz gave an update on NL Recreation Authority grants.
6. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Jen
    - Motion to disburse budgeted donations at end of April made by David.

❖ Fire police	\$2,000.00
❖ Diamond Fire Company	\$28,000.00
❖ NOVA	\$5,000.00
❖ NL Rec Authority	\$6,000.00
  - Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - B. Law – Mike & Harold-Pete
    - Chief Wayda would like to hire Kyle Kromer as a part time police officer. He graduated from Lackawanna College Police Academy. David made the motion. Patrice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - C. Streets –David & Harold- nothing
  - D. Solid Waste – Patrice –
    - Bills are out in the mail
    - A few complaints. TT couldn't get up View Drive or Pine Tree Drive because of the snow.
  - E. Recreation – Jennifer nothing at this time. We will start having meetings.
    - NL Recreation Authority-Patrice
      - ❖ talked about the trailhead opening this Saturday at 9:30
      - ❖ she asked Annette if you wanted to be part of the ticket program-people could come in and buy discount tickets for amusement parks on the list. Annette agreed as long as they is not cash involved. That could be an audit issue if there is cash.
      - ❖ There will be a mac & brew contest coming up.
    - WPA/WCA-Joan-nothing
  - F. Ordinance Review – Harold

- Act 172 – (advertise for adoption next week)
- G. Personnel –David & Michael - nothing
- H. Secretary/Treasurer- Annette Lacko
- Diamond Fire Company & Slatington Library financials we received and are on file
- I. EMC- Michael Wentz-he attended the meeting with PennDOT about the bridge closing. The bridge work will start right after the kids are done with school. They agreed they will only tear up one side of the bridge at a time so emergency vehicles can cross if needed but the bridge will be closed to traffic till it is complete. They are shooting to have it completed for the beginning of the school year.
- J. Grants-Mike Wentz –
- CDBG-piggy back with the Walnutport Authority for the section of Lincoln Avenue from Route 145 down. Dave made the motion to have Mike work with the Engineer to submit that grant. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - Gaming Authority-The state of PA made changes to the way gaming funds are controlled/handled. Northampton County wants to keep that money to fill in their deficits. David made the motion to have Mike contact Michael Corriere’s office to have Leo DeVito’s office send a letter to Northampton County Council on behalf of the Borough of Walnutport stating we are not in favor of them keeping that gaming money. Michael Corriere cannot handle it since he is also employed by the county. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - Mike will be submitting the grant for the new leaf machine tomorrow. It must be mailed not sent in online. We cannot sell our exciting machine it must be traded in. Mike has been contacted by another municipality who is interested in the machine. The company we would be working with will work with us in the trade in and then purchasing it from us/them.

Bill would like to have a motion that there is a roll call vote for motions going forward. Mike made the motion to have the secretary ask each person for their verbal vote (roll call). Jen seconded the motion. . Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Bill-yes, David-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

7. New Business –

- A. Mike made the motion to appoint Hali Kuntz to Slatington Public Library as representative for Borough of Walnutport. David seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Bill-yes, David-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes. Motion carried.
- B. Fireworks need special letter signed by borough giving permission-there was a discussion about some of the changes in the law on what is required of the sellers and what is allowed to be sold and used in PA. No action taken.

8. Unfinished Business –

- Green Street-paperwork submitted to Corriere’s office
- Volleyball court
- Twin Alley Storm water issue
- MS4 seminars (7/31 & 10/30)

9. Mayor’s Announcements~ nothing

10.Ed Zeigler gave council a few updates.

11.Adjournment – Jen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. David seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Bill-yes, David-yes, Jen-yes, Patrice-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko  
Secretary/Treasurer