



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 9, 2018 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the August 9, 2018 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; Michael Gaston, Councilman (arrived at 7:08); David Stankovic, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Terry Ahner-Times News, Ed Ziegler, Donald Eckhart, Jared Barrows, Sharon Neuhaus, Andrew Kleiner, Ron Bauer, & Ricky Smith
4. Andrew Kleiner, Director of External Affairs at LV Economic Development Corporation- Andrew asked how he could help the borough with development, bringing in new businesses or helping existing businesses. Council explained how we are land locked and there isn't a lot more to be developed. Jason Newhard will reach out to him with details of what is available and their details.
5. Sharon Neuhaus & Jared Barrows @ 324-326 Washington Street – asked for parking on Carbon Street. Council will look into it however they need to look into the zoning issues that are there. Council wants to work with them to help the property get sold. Rick Smith (a resident) asked council to work with them. Maybe this is why the property has sat for sale for so long.
6. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Ricky Smith gave council a thank you note from his son for allowing him to use the pavilion while he was home on leave from the Marine Corp. He also gave an update on the DFC. It should be complete by August 24th. The final inspection for occupancy permit will also be the 24th. They plan on opening mid-September. They are looking for a long term tenant for the upstairs like a lawyer, etc.
 - B. Donald Eckert presented council with a check for \$2,000.00 that is specifically for the new volleyball court.
7. Motion to approve A, B, E, F, & G made by Harold. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes.
 - A. Meeting minutes of the July 5, 2018 workshop/regular meeting
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for June & July 2018
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for July 2018
 - D. Build Code Officials Report for July 2018
 - E. July 2018 Profit & Loss Report

F. July 2018 Bill List

G. Police report June & July 2018

8. Standing Committees –

A. Finance – Jennifer – Jen is starting to work on next year's budget. She already met with Rick. She will meet with other department heads in the upcoming weeks.

B. Law – Michael & Harold –

- Education for Jason Nothstein- Motion to approve training for Jason made by Harold. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

C. Streets –David & Harold –

- 14 no parking signs went up on Lehigh Street.
- Dave asked about who takes care of the debris on the islands by the light at Route 145 & Main Street. It is a PennDot road but they don't street sweep. Dave will call and talk to Rick about cleaning up the car parts, cinders, traffic light pieces, etc.
- Telco was out several times this past week/weekend to fix the light. It would just go wacky-blinking red one way, yellow the other way and green the other way for no reason.
- Sink hole at Canal & Main Street-Mike made the motion to have the Solicitor send a letter to PennDot with cc to our engineer and Senator Scavello's office stating the sink hole is getting bigger and ask why it hasn't been taken care of in the 10 days we were promised. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

D. Solid Waste – Patrice –

- List of delinquent to date-it went from 112 to 17. They have till tomorrow to pay or set up a payment plan or they go to the magistrate.
- Complaints-we are getting a lot of complaints about the smell and liquids coming from the garbage truck, breaking glass on road and not cleaning it up, etc. Joan made the motion to ask that a representative from Tamaqua Transfer come to our September 13th council meeting. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried. Patrice already contact Mr. Wittig.

E. Recreation – Jennifer-

Jen asked council what would they like to see Walnutport Recreation Board do? What do you see as their function? There was a brief discussion of some ideas. Patrice and Jen had a discussion about the NL Recreation Authority and keeping Walnutport projects in Walnutport. Council also confirmed a band shell has always been a plan, there just haven't been any funds available. Jen also wanted to set the record straight with all of council for the things she was accused of not doing during the executive session last week that Patrice and Mike Kukitz asked for.

- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice explained some of the functions of the NL Rec Authority.

- WPA/WCA-Joan- nothing

F. Ordinance – Harold & Jennifer

- 2018-03 Green Street- adoption September 13th

G. Personnel – David & Michael

- Following up on personal property storing on/in borough property-90 days are up
- Mike asked Solicitor to clarify who the employer is of Mr. Kukitz. Since the borough gives money for his salary. The NL Recreation Authority is his employer.
- Patrice was explaining what the NL Recreation Authority is supposed to be about and what the community center is supposed to be about.
- Band shell-Bill spoke about the band shell
- Ron Bauer told council they need to have better communication.

H. Engineer's Report –

- Mike made the motion to close Escrow account for Lehigh Plaza. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

- ❖ Mike made the motion to approve Lehigh Plaza LLP: 4 lot residential on Williams Ave/Washington St. Council approved on 9/13/2007. The PA Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) regulates that developments shall expire 5 years from the date of approval. The PA Developer Extension Act froze the approval time to 7/1/2016. The new expiration date for this development is calculated to be 3/13/2020. The Borough Office received notice that this tract was sold. The subdivision was sold. The new developer has submitted recording plans for signature. The new development will be under the “Royal Development – Washington Street” name. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

❖ TRAFFIC LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS

1. PennDOT has approved the drawing revisions we submitted. They now require a final mylar drawing for signature. I should be able to proceed with bidding the improvements in a few weeks once PennDOT has signed the drawing.

I. Solicitor's Report –

- Green Street is advertised to be adopted September 13th
- Clarification on executive session from August 2nd meeting.
 1. Lease for ABC day care
 2. Employee complaint
 3. Borough official complaint
- He suggests that there isn't any more executive sessions without him being present

9. New Business -nothing

10. Unfinished Business –

- Twin Alley Storm water issue
- MS4 seminars (7/31 & 10/30)

- Volleyball court

11. Mayor's Announcements - nothing

12. Adjournment - Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer