



Borough of Walnutport

Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 2, 2018 7:00 pm

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1. Swearing in of elected borough council and mayor. 6:50 pm by the Honorable Robert Hawke.

- William Turk
- Jennifer Wentz
- Harold Greene
- Joan Rehrig
- Patrice Hunsicker
- Wayne Weidner



2. The January 2, 2018 Reorganization meeting of The Borough of Walnutport held at 417 Lincoln Avenue; Walnutport, PA 18088 was called to order by Mayor Wayne Weidner at 7:00 pm. Mr. Weidner led the Pledge of Allegiance let by Mayor Wayne Weidner:
3. Roll Call: Wayne Weidner, Mayor, Joan Rehrig, Harold Greene, William Turk, Patrice Hunsicker, David Stankovic, Jennifer Wentz, Michael Wentz, Eric Strohl, Chief Peter Wayda, Michael Corriere, Solicitor; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
4. Present from the public-Debbie Paules, Nancy Treskot, Ron Bauer, & Mike Gaston.
5. Nomination and Election of Council President: (upon completion, Mayor turns the gavel over to the President)-Jen nominated Bill. Joan made the motion to close the nominations. Jen made the motion to appoint Bill as president. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Nomination and Election of Vice President: Jen nominated Harold. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Nomination and Election of President Pro Tem: Dave nominated Jen. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Opened seat on council –we received 2 letters of interest in the opened seat-Michael Gaston & Ron Bauer. Patrice nominated Nancy Treskot. Harold nominated Michael Gaston. Joan seconded the motion. Roll call vote- Bill-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, David-yes, Jen-yes. Patrice-no. Motion carried. 5-1. The Honorable Hawke swore in Michael Gaston since he had all of his paperwork handed in. He took a seat.
9. Other Appointments:
- A. Reappointments-

- I. Motion to retain The Engineering Firm of Spotts, Stevens and McCoy to serve as Borough Engineer made by Dave. Jen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- II. Motion to retain the Solicitor: Corriere & Andres Esquire made by Patrice. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- III. Motion to retain Eric Strohl to serve as Code Enforcement officer for the Borough made by Patrice. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion to retain Sean Corey to serve as Zoning and Building Code Officer made by Joan. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- V. Motion to confirm Fire Police (letter attached) for the Diamond Fire Company and the Borough of Walnutport for the year 2018 made by Jen. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- VI. Motion to authorizing the Diamond Fire Company to engage in fund raising activities, participate in mutual aid with any fire company and authorizing the fire police to serve during non-emergency functions during 2018 made by Harold. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- VII. Motion to appoint Earl Snyder, Planning Commission made by Jen. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- VIII. Motion to retain Anderson & Assoc., to manage Police & Borough Pension Plan made by Harold. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IX. Motion to retain HA Thomson to manage our insurance policies made by Jen. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- X. Motion to retain Labor Council, Scott Blissman made by Harold. Seconded by Dave. Motion carried.
- XI. Motion to reappoint Michael Wentz as Grant Coordinator made by Joan. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. 1 abstain (Jen- since Mike is her husband)

10.Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-none

11.Standing Committees

A. Finance-Jen

B.Law-Mike & Harold

C.Streets-Dave

D. Solid Waste- Patrice

- Holiday schedule not mailed out yet

E.Recreation – Jen

- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice
- WPA/WCA-Joan

F. Ordinance Review-Harold

G. Personnel-Dave & Mike

H. Secretary notes-

- Ethics form-reminder to file by May

- Jen made the motion to approve resolution 2018-01-(shredding). Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12.Unfinished Business –

- Green Street-discussed vacating the street. Rick will go door to door to get signatures. Annette will help him with a list of all property owners.

13.New Business-nothing

14.Solicitor report-

- Gogel-court ordered him to pay fines of \$80,500.00 and business is padlocked until he is in compliance with court order and paid fines.
- 911-met with Lehigh & Northampton County. We reached a settlement. \$1,618.56 + \$1,538.84 from previous years + \$19,395.56 = \$22,552.96. Jen made a motion to authorize the settlement of \$22,552.96 (that is not tax payer monies) Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Fast Fill filed a petition to have a hearing for their proposed liquor license. Jen made the motion to have Corriere advertise and take whatever steps necessary. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Kuntz property is going for sheriff sale.

15.Mayor's Announcements –street lights are almost all changed. Received notification from PPL we are all getting new meters

16.Motion to Adjourn: Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer