



Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 14, 2018 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the June 14, 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 (absent); Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Michael Gaston, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman (absent); Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda (Absent); Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Terry Ahner-Times News, Andrew Felker & family, Ed Ziegler, Timothy Dennis, Carl Bachman, Rodney Hatcher, Donald Eckhart, & Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Smith.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Andrew Felker was here about a complaint he filed in regards to his vehicle being towed. Council heard him out. They will look into possibly posting longer.
5. Hearing for Green Street-council is holding a hearing to open Green Street. They would like the road made public so everyone has access. It would make it easier to plow snow & collect garbage as an example. Mr. Rodney Hatcher asked a few questions. Mr. & Mrs. Smith asked Mr. Hatcher a few question to rely through so he could understand. Mr. Carl Bachman spoke in favor of opening Green Street also. They 4 of them were the only residents of Green Street to show up. Tim Dennis asked a few questions. Bill closed the hearing.
 - A. Mike made the motion to grant the petition to open Green Street, to allow the Solicitor and Engineer to prepare (and advertise) whatever documents needed to open the street (Ordinance etc.). Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
6. David made the motion to approve A-G. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - A. Meeting minutes of the May 10, 2018 regular meeting
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for May 2018
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for May 2018
 - D. Build Code Officials Report for May 2018
 - E. May 2018 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. May 2018 Bill List
 - G. Police report May 2018

7. Standing Committees –

A. Finance – Jennifer – no report

B. Law – Michael & Harold – no report

C. Streets –David & Harold – no report

D. Solid Waste – Patrice –

- 112 delinquent letters went out
- Several complaints came in...again...
- Rod Hatcher from Green Street said Larry Wittig, owner of Tamaqua Transfer, personally came down to meet with Rod about them driving over his plants/flowers/bushes. You don't see that with all owners of companies. Patrice stated he is actually driving the truck at times.

E. Recreation – Jennifer-no report

- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice
 - Mac & Cheese Food Festival is June 30th at Victory Park. Diamond Fire Company will be participating.
- WPA/WCA-

F. Ordinance – Harold & Jennifer-no report

G. Personnel – David & Michael –need executive session

H. Code enforcement officer-Eric Strohl

- 15 mercantile letters went out
- 2 rental inspections

I. Engineer's Report –

- Complaint from McDonalds about the lights from Taco Bell shining in their dining room at night.
- Mike made the motion to release \$208,772.20 to developer of Taco Bell-monies is being held in escrow. David seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Lehigh Canal Lock 23 retaining wall-see letter from SSM dated June 6, 2018
- TRAFFIC LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS. We submitted the revised traffic signal condition diagram to PennDOT last month. They replied with comments. We are currently revising and should resubmit next week. The project specifications are nearly complete, and once PennDOT approves we can advertise for bids.

J. Solicitor's Report – no report

8. Council entered into an executive session from 7:50-8:35 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

9. New Business - nothing

10. Unfinished Business –

- Open/closing pavilion-have rentals- Mike made the motion to hire Rebecca Herring to open/close pavilion at \$25.00 and \$10.00 an hour to clean the pavilion pending she comes in and completes all the appropriate hiring paperwork. David seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

- Volleyball court- Mike Gaston has the drawings from the original planning. He and Donald Eckert were going to look over it and come up with a plan.
- Twin Alley Storm water issue – this will go along with the Green Street Ordinance.
- MS4 seminars (7/31 & 10/30)
- Mike made the motion to have Rick contact the bug person to take care of the recreation building. David seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Ed Zeigler was speaking about the bridges.

11. Mayor's Announcements - Happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there...

12. Adjournment – David made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Patrice-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer