



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 7, 2018 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the June 7, 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(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; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Terry Ahner-Times News, Mike Kukitz-NLRA, & Dennis Green-Walnutport Authority.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-
 - Mike Kukitz was here to discuss NLRA-they expanded their summer recreation program. They were wondering if next year and maybe this year if needed can they use the recreation facility?
 - ❖ Patrice made the motion to allow the NLRA to use the recreation facility if they need to for summer recreation program as long as they do not use it during the carnival time period next year. They will police it and clean up after themselves. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - ❖ Patrice made the motion to allow the NLRA to use the recreation facility if they need to for the summer recreation program as long as they do not use it during the carnival time period this year. They will police it and clean up after themselves. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
5. Hunting permit discussion with Walnutport Authority -revisit setting limit- Office is starting to get applications for 2018-2019 season- Mike made the motion to have the borough crew and Walnutport Authority crew post all borough owned properties no hunting effective July 1, 2018. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried. They will allow trapping but need to go through the same permitting process that was in place for hunting.
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jen

- Landscaping at Recreation Center \$1,640.00. The borough will purchase and have mulch delivered. Motion to approve landscaping at recreation building for \$1,640.00 made by David. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Mike made the motion to approve street work up to \$15,400.00 for necessary repairs to sink holes, patching that is required throughout the borough. Walnutport Authority is having work done too. This would be our portion. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Thank you letter from NOVA
- Raise for part time street employees-They haven't had raise in about 2 years. Mike made the motion to give the part time streets employees a \$.50 raise. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.

B. Law – Mike & Harold

- Pete discussed the issue with the hold up on ordering the police car. He is going to get the quote from Rick and go through and remove what is not needed. An example is he want to reuse the light bar. That will save about \$2,000.00. He will also see what we can get for a trade in. Annette received the grant money.

C. Streets –David & Harold

- Streets are all clean.
- Sink holes-Mike Wentz has been in contact with Senator Mario Scavello's office to get help with PennDOT not fixing all sink holes on State Roads...Main Street by Canal Street, by Lincoln Avenue, by McDonalds, & Route 145 by shopping center.

D. Solid Waste – Patrice –

- Garbage complaints- these are the 2 that filed complaints about their cans being destroyed. Tamaqua Transfer said they should buy a can equivalent to what they have, give the receipt to Annette, she will send them to TT. TT will reimburse the residents.

❖ Justin Maurer

❖ Craig Englebach

E. Recreation – Jennifer –

- Spillway at lock tender's house-Jen made the motion to allow WCA & streets department "fix" the notice issue. They will try to change the way the water spills over or put something down so the water doesn't just hit the concrete making the "noise". Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice – Mike Kukitz handled everything already
- WPA/WCA- nothing

F. Ordinance Review – Harold

- Request for open burning-letter attached with response letter-not permitted in borough

G. Personnel –David & Michael - nothing

H. Grant Coordinator- Michael Wentz

- Mike Gaston made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-04 with approval date of May 18, 2018 (the due date for the CDBG grant) for portion of Lincoln Avenue. This project was already approved but resolution was never passed. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Mike gave an update on a few in process. He also asked council if they want him to go after rubber mulching for playground equipment or portable band shell. They will discuss in July.

7. New Business –

A. Letters from WPA about carnival

- Requesting extra police coverage
- Borough workers available for unexpected emergencies
- Fireworks July 13 with rain date of July 14-Mike made the motion to allow WPA hold their annual fireworks as long as they meet all requirements. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.

B. Patrice made the motion to allow Ricky Smith’s family to use the pavilion without a rental fee, to hold a party for their son, who is a local soldier that is overseas, when he returns this summer. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business –

- Green Street-hearing next week
- Volleyball court
- Twin Alley Storm water issue
- MS4 seminars (7/31 & 10/30)
- Opening and closing of recreation building for rentals

9. Mayor’s Announcements~ fire police reserved a request to help at a night in the county on August 18th in New Tripoli. Mike made the motion to allow them to help. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment –Jen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. David seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer