



# Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 13, 2018 7:00 pm

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1. Harold Greene, Vice-President called the September 13, 2018 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:02 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Greene led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President (absent); Harold Greene, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Michael Gaston, Councilman; 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- Al Acker, Rod Hatcher, Bob Treskot, Don Eckhart, Susan Mosser, Earl Snyder, Carl Bachman, Tim Dennis, Ed Zeigler, & Terry Ahner-Times News.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
  - A. Robert Treskot wanted to say thank you-he will miss doing taxes but he is stepping back from a lot of the things he is involved in. he has some health problems and a lot of family things going on. He hasn't taken any vacations....he was tax collector for 17 years. Council will act on his resignation later in meeting
  - B. Earl Snyder has filed several complaints about the storm drains being blocked in front of his house. He gets water in his basement after every storm. The road foreman told him it would be taken care of and still hasn't. David said he will talk to Rick again and if Rick isn't in he will have Mike Wentz take care of it. David also suggested they get prices on renting a vac truck to take care of a lot of the other catch basins that are full of debris. Some of them only have a foot to take water in. This is part of the MS4 permit process that we are required to do.
5. Motion to approve A-G by general consent made by Joan. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, & David-yes. Motion carried.
  - A. Meeting minutes of the August 2, 2018 workshop meeting & August 9, 2018 regular meeting
  - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for August 2018
  - C. Zoning Officer's Report for August 2018
  - D. Build Code Officials Report for August 2018
  - E. August 2018 Profit & Loss Report
  - F. August 2018 Bill List
  - G. Police report August 2018
6. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Jennifer –

- Met with company about solar panels and if it will work for us as borough. Should have answers till end of year
  - Started working on 2019 budget. Meeting with Rick and Pete tomorrow afternoon
- B. Law – Michael & Harold – nothing
- C. Streets –David & Harold –bridge should be done by October 20<sup>th</sup> or contractor will be fined.
- D. Solid Waste – Patrice – nothing
- E. Recreation – Jennifer- working on trees. Next meeting is the 27<sup>th</sup>
- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice-reminding everyone of town meeting 9/20 at 6:00 about Slatington Rec Center
  - A parent wants to use pavilion for their football dinner on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Mike made the motion to allow them to use the pavilion as long as they clean up when they are done. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, & David-yes. Motion carried. Jen will open for them at 5:00
  - WPA/WCA-Joan nothing
- F. Council entered into an executive session to discuss litigation on Green Street and a personnel matter. 7:20-7:35
- G. Ordinance – Harold & Jennifer
- 2018-03 Green Street-
  - Patrice made the motion to table this ordinance until we go through the proper process with the new information that was brought to our attention. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, & David-yes. Motion carried.
  - David made the motion to have the solicitor with the help of the engineer file condemnation for the 10 foot property that was discuss to be able to open on Green Street. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, & David-yes. Motion carried.
- H. Personnel – David & Michael –handled in executive session no action
- I. Grants-Michael Wentz
- Mike made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-05. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, & David-yes. Motion carried.
- J. Engineer's Report –
- See report
    - ❖ Dunkin' Donuts –The building addition is in construction
    - ❖ TRAFFIC LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS - We have received final PennDOT approval for the condition diagram to upgrade to EMS preemption. We need to discuss additions due to the control panel being replaced by insurance monies. One suggestion by Mike Wentz was to add battery backup. Otherwise I'm ready to advertise for bids.

- ❖ Motion to authorize Jason to advertise bid Traffic Light made by Jen. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, & David-yes. Motion carried.

K. Solicitor's Report – everything handled earlier

7. New Business

- A. motion to accept Letter from Tax Collector effective 12-31-18
- B. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-06
- C. motion to have solicitor advertise for qualified candidates
- D. September 18th –LVPC
- E. Storm Solutions-10-18-18

8. Unfinished Business –

- Band Shell-earlier
- Rubber matting (play equipment)
- Volleyball court-will need 250 tons of Sand- Mike Wentz is working on a lead for help
- Twin Alley Storm water issue – on hold till Green Street is done
- MS4 seminars (10/30)

9. Mayor's Announcements -

- A. Dream Come true was 9-8-they raised \$7,000.00
- B. WCA would like to use Fire police-Mike made the motion to allow the Diamond Fire Police to direct traffic for the Walnutport Canal Festivities on October 20 & 21. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, & David-yes. Motion carried.
- C. Council is invited to attend the Boy Scout project-everyone on council received an invitation.
- D. Mayor asked Zoning Officer what is going on with Pavelco property-their year is almost up for the permits

10. Public Comment-

- A. Rod Hatcher wanted to know what it meant under unfinished business Twin Alley will be held up with Green Street- Jason explained they will be both bid out to be worked on at the same time
- B. Susan Moser wanted to know time line they are looking at now that Green Street is being tabled. Looking at possibly 6 months
- C. Ed Zeigler was explaining the same things council already went over earlier

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

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer