



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 6, 2018 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the September 6, 2018 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:0 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; Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman;; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Terry Ahner-Times News, Larry Wittig-Tamaqua Transfer, Don Eckhart, & Tim Dennis.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A. Larry Wittig from Tamaqua Transfer- explained he feels like he goes above and beyond what the contract calls for. The contract does not say the size of the dumpsters at the specific locations or additional dumpster on View Drive or at Diamond Fire Company. Council and Mr. Wittig discussed a few of the smaller issues that keep coming up. He will look into those.
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jen –nothing this week
 - B. Law – Mike & Harold-Mike asked a few questions about the numbers in the police budget in why they are so high.
 - C. Streets –David & Harold
 - Sink holes are fixed-PennDot complimented Mike Wentz on a good job running the back hoe helping them.
 - Traffic is horrific right now but the bridge is on schedule if not a head of schedule.
 - D. Solid Waste – Patrice – already discussed every thing
 - E. Recreation – Jennifer –
 - Jenn Handed out a letter from NL Recreation Authority. They are having a public hearing and inviting everyone to it.
 - Started working on the trees. Letters are going out. Donations are coming in.
 - Volley Ball-article is in newsletter requesting donations.
 - NL Recreation Authority-Patrice
 - WPA/WCA-Joan
 - F. Ordinance Review – Harold
 - 2018-03-Green street (adoption 9/13)

G. Personnel –David & Michael-need executive session next week when solicitor is here

H. Grant Coordinator- Michael Wentz

- Waiting on time lines
- Will meet with FEMA on September 17th for storm damage
- Working on band shell grant. Spec price for application came in at \$130K

6. New Business –

- Letter from Tax Collector-tabled till next week for Solicitor
- September 18th –LVPC
- Storm Solutions-10-18-18

7. Unfinished Business –

- Band Shell
- Rubber matting (play equipment)
- Volleyball court
- Twin Alley Storm water issue
- MS4 seminars (10/30)

8. Mayor's Announcements~

A. Palmerton fire police- Mike made the motion to allow the fire police to help Palmerton Borough on November 22nd for the Bo Tach Turkey Trot. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried

B. Diamond Fire Company's Home Association is having a soft opening and all of council is invited to it on September 16th at 2:00.

9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jen. Harold 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