



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 7, 2019 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the February 7, 2019 workshop 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; 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, Ed Ziegler, & Donald Eckhart.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard-none.
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jen
 - refinancing- Motion to approve a waiver allowing Eckert Seamons Cherin & Mellott, LLC to represent the underwriters even though they are the Borough of Walnutport's labor council (there is no conflict) made by Harold. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - Jen asked council if they recall the conversation of what the department head's limit is to spend without council's approval. The topic was tabled until Annette checks with the auditor.
 - Christopher Hooper from STIFEL Investment Services, Kevin Reed, from King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul LLC, & Jamie Schlesinger from PFM Financial Advisors LLC discussed the difference in a bank loan and bonds. There was a brief discussion about time line.
 - Motion to adopt ordinance 2019-01 made by Jen. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Council took a short recess from 7:30 -7:45 to sign all documents needed

B. Law – Mike & Harold - nothing

C. Streets –David & Harold - nothing

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer
 - Application for use of facilities



- 1) June 17-August 2—summer rec. program-requesting fields, pavilion & restrooms-Mike made the motion approving their request as long as they clean up after themselves and they don't interfere in the WPA's carnival. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried. Annette with clarify dates with the WPA and NL Recreation Authority
- 2) Mike made the motion allowing NL Recreation Authority the use of the pavilion, restrooms, field, playground, additional trash cans, & extra police coverage (with NL Rec Authority paying for the coverage) on July 27, 2019 for their food truck festival. & that they clean up after themselves. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice

- They had their meeting on the 24th. They are compiling the final numbers that each municipality would be responsible for. Mike Kukitz is looking to come to next month's meeting to give a presentation.

- WPA/WCA-Patrice/Joan-nothing

E. Ordinance Review – Harold -nothing

F. Personnel –David & Michael - nothing

G. Secretary/Treasurer-Annette Lacko-

- Mike made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-01-(shredding). Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Annette wants to update the phone list. If council can fill out your information.
- Repository property we were awarded property from back in 2015 that we put a bid on. It's along N Canal Street.
- Newsletter-Annette needs everything in word format emailed to her by tomorrow to send to have out in mail by middle of April.

H. Grant Coordinator- Michael Wentz

- Any questions on the memorial grant you need to go through the NL Recreation Authority. They are the one who applied for the grant.
- There is a grant seminar Senator Scavello will be holding on March 12th that Mike will go to. Bill will go along too. Possibility of getting large grants.
- Meeting on February 20th with FEMA that Mike and Annette need to go to about the storm damage from over the summer.

6. New Business –

A. Slatington Library-

- Mike made the motion to reappoint Donna Funk to Slatington Public Library Board of Directors. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.



- Looking for another Walnutport resident to be on the board of directors. Annette will post on Facebook and Terry Ahner will put it in Times News

7. Unfinished Business –

- A. 2019-02 tax collector commission (effective 2020) Mike made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-02. David seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

8. Reminders/work in process-

- A. Band Shell-grant applied for
- B. Rubber matting (play equipment)
- C. Volleyball court
- D. 2018-03 Green Street
- E. Twin Alley Storm water issue

9. Mayor's Announcements~

- A. Breakfast at the DFC social club from 9-12 on Sunday for Valentine's Day. Special will be steak & egg for \$12.00
- B. Patrice wanted to let Wayne, and council, she asked Pete if he could ask/provide 4 police officers to participate in the donkey basketball that will be at the NL High School on April 8th. They haven't had one since the 1970's

10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joan at 8:30. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer