



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Regular Minutes

Thursday April 11, 2019 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the April 11, 2019 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; Michael Gaston, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; and Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator.
3. Present from the Public-Terry Ahner-Times News, Kevin-channel 13 News, Al Acker, Brian Filchner, Donald Eckhart, Doneta & Larry Merkle, Nick Smith, Bob Treskot, Kristie Wilk, Maryily Kaul, Ron Bauer, & Ricky Smith.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Thomas Johns-Lehigh Traders -Birch & Williams Avenue (he was here already about waiver for sidewalks and denied the waiver) there was a discussion and he was told they stand by their past decision. Sidewalks need to go in.
 - B. Brian Filchner follow up
 - Bathrooms-start tomorrow
 - Asphalt is up by bathrooms. Rick is taking care of it tomorrow.
 - Dug out- Rotary club gave WPA a grant to cover the damages. Annette should call insurance to stop claim. We need clarification on WPA's lease agreement.
 - C. Robert Treskot
 - Bandshell/stage-motion for council to pay for bandshell/stage rental of \$500.00 made by David. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
5. Memorial grant/Centennial Committee discussion
 - A. Doneta Merkle explained that the majority of the Centennial committee wanted their money to go to the memorial. They knew nothing else what has been going on except they are hearing what was said at last week's meeting. The Centennial Committee will send a letter to the Borough of Walnutport saying what their intent is...the money to go to the memorial. Motion made to allow Mike Wentz to be able to contact NC about the grant made by David. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried. The deadline for this grant is December.

6. Motion to approve A-D by general consent made by Harold. Joan seconded the motion.
 - A. Minutes of the regular meeting March 14, 2019
 - B. March 2019 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. March 2019 Bill List
 - D. Police report March 2019. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
7. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer
 - Purchasing agreement- are working on it
 - Refinancing- credit rating in. it is good.
 - B. Law – Michael & Harold –
 - Pete would like to hire another part time officer Chris Warning
 - Motion made by David to hire Chris Warning as part time police officer. Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - The guy they hired last time, got a full-time job 2 days after we hired him so he never started here.
 - C. Streets –David & Harold –
 - Street sweeping- about 2 more days to sweep then done.
 - Bucket truck – Washington Township wants to use
 - a) we would need to be listed as additional insurer on their insurance
 - b) Motion to allow Washington Township to use the bucket truck stipulating we are listed as additional insurer on their insurance and let us know who will be the operator made by Mike. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - D. Recreation – Jennifer-
 - Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer covered
 - a) Motion to reimburse for pavilion rental (they had to cancel) made by Mike. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - NL Recreation Authority-Patrice
 - a) New NL Recreation Authority grant person should start next week...they should start working on this the next week or so.
 - b) Community Center-Patrice gave a summary of feasibility and what the municipality responsibility would be. Walnutport's part would be \$15,525.00 through 2020 per year; \$25,875.00 Up to 2025 per year. Is Walnutport willing to commit till 2025? Dave Make a motion to go in with the NL Recreation Center option 1 committing to 2025. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-no. Motion carried.

- c) Patrice's resignation from NL Recreation Authority-meetings are Wednesday nights-will skip-she has not met with committee yet-next meeting is April 24th at 6:30 pm

- WPA/WCA-Patrice/Joan-nothing else

E. Ordinance – Harold - nothing

F. Personnel – David & Michael – nothing

G. Secretary/Treasurer-Annette was absent-Jen covered some of these items

- Meetings May 2? – there will be enough for quorum
- Code Red – Mike made the motion to have Administrator-Annette...users Annette, Mike, Pete, & Wayne. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Mike made the motion to renew agreement with Property Registration Champions LLC (Corriere reviewed and approved). Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Garbage complaint-Green Street—garbage truck drove over property again. Tamaqua Transfer has not returned his call yet. Mike made a motion to have a letter sent to Tamaqua Transfer they must pay for damages. Joan seconded the motions. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Ricky Smith was explained to council a situation that happened at the fire company with Tamaqua Transfer's workers and the mess they made with the dumpster. He also explained he tried asking the owner, Mr. Wittig to come review the video tape. Mr. Wittig refused and explained his guys said the dumpster was frozen. The video, with several members of the fire company's board reviewed, showed otherwise.
- Garbage complaint-Green Street- note

H. Engineer's Report –

- Meeting with street committee to discuss projected plan- Mike and Jason discussed when everyone is available.
- TRAFFIC LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS -The LED and preemption work is completed. CM High will proceed with the bad traffic loop sensor for an estimate of \$5,500. I will submit everything to PennDOT for the grant reimbursement and hopefully PennDOT will pay. David made the motion to pay the \$5,500 to fix the bad traffic loop. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried. Motion to approve pay ap 1 for \$12,150.00 to CM High Inc made by Mike. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- LINCOLN AVE CDBG PROJECT -I have finished the design and bid documents and sent them to Northampton County to review in order to get the clearance to bid. To date, I have not received the clearance. I will advertise as soon as that happens.

- I. Solicitor's Report – needs brief executive session 2 items Green Street and Gogel litigation
8. New Business
 - A. BCIU-quote to add real estate bills to same system (BCIU) that per capital are on-table till Scott can be here to discuss
~Patrice left meeting
9. Unfinished Business –
 - A. Dug out repairs-covered earlier
10. Reminders/work in process-
 - A. Band Shell- grant was denied-do we have a new plan? -remove until resubmitted
 - B. Rubber matting (play equipment)-remove
 - C. Volleyball court-going to start-Met with Giant's officials. They might help with funding also
 - D. 2018-03 Green Street
 - E. Twin Alley Storm water issue
11. Ed Ziegler spoke about other issues
12. Council entered into a brief executive session- no action
13. Mayor's Announcements – Happy Easter
14. Adjournment Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joan at 9:19 pm. 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