



Borough of Walnutport

Workshop Regular Minutes

Thursday June 13, 2019 7:00 pm

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1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: William Turk, President
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 (absent); Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Terry Ahner-Times News, Ryan Scheidt-channel 13 News, John Barto, SR, Robert Bauer, Base Engineering, Ron Bauer, Jeanne Boehrer, Marilyn Kaul, Susan Gegeckas, Jim Evans, Ricky & Patty Smith, Tom Sidor, Debbie Paules, & Ed Zeigler.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Ricky Smith wanted to present a check to the Borough of Walnutport for \$2,000 for the veteran's memorial on behalf of the Diamond Fire Company.
 - B. Patty Smith wanted to present a check to the Borough of Walnutport for \$1,000 for the veteran's memorial on behalf of the ladies' auxiliary of the Diamond Fire Company.
 - C. Jim Evans from the Walnutport Canal Association asked about Lock 23 leaking. Jason Newhard said he didn't have time to look into it yet. He will and report back to council.
5. Robert Bauer-Base Engineer for John Barto wanted to give council update of regrading and drainage on lot between bank and Fast Fill on Route 145. They received a waiver acknowledgement from DEP for storm water and wet land issues.
6. Motion to approve A-F by general consent made by Harold. Jen seconded the motion.
 - A. Minutes of the regular meeting May 9, 2019
 - B. May 2019 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. May 2019 Bill List
 - D. Police report May 2019
 - E. May 2019 BCO & Zoning report
 - F. May 2019 Tax Collector report Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
7. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer
 - Purchasing agreement- will work on it till next meeting
 - Act 172-Mike made the motion for reimbursements
 1. Jennifer Fisher \$165.01
 2. Robert Blum \$200.29. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 3. Debbie spoke up about her issue with the per capita. She was advised to speak to the school district.

4. Trees along Lincoln Ave (boro owned) need trimming. Motion to approve up to \$2,500.00 to have trees trimmed made by Dave. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
5. Cement work at veteran's memorial- Motion to approve up to \$2,500.00 made by Mike. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

B. Law – Michael & Harold – nothing

C. Streets –David & Harold –

- Complaint about alley behind Willow Ave-Rick will try to dump some dirt to fill in all the ruts and prevent the water damage to the homes.
- Black top patching-motion to approve up to \$7,000.00 with Walnutport Authority reimbursing the borough about \$2,500.00 made by Mike. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Oil & chipping- Mike made the motion to approve line 5-9 from the requested list spending up to \$7,900.00. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

D. Recreation – Jennifer-nothing

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer
- NL Recreation Authority-
- WPA/WCA-

E. Ordinance – Harold - nothing

F. Personnel – David & Michael – need executive session

G. Secretary/Treasurer-Annette Lacko

- Per capita/NL School District advertisement/\$5 fee
 1. Jen made the motion to waive the \$5.00 moving fee for 18-year-old that have been residents and are only being added to the tax rolls. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Complaints-Annette handed out a chart of the complaints that have come into the office the past month and any outcomes
- Reminder about July's meeting-only one meeting July 11th at 6:30 pm since the carnival will be going on and the holiday the week before.

H. Engineer's Report – no change. Will hold off till next month to act on bids since they came in a lot higher than grant

I. Solicitor's Report –

- Segway-Wayne will talk to police department. We will go from there.
- Need executive session-litigation issues

8. New Business

A. Lehigh Tax Collection District Delegate Census-Annette will get more detailed information

B. Motion to allow Mike Wentz to apply for CIPP grant for \$50,000 to help with street project that came in over budget and approve a resolution if needed for this grant made by Jen.

Mike Gaston seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes.
Motion carried.

Council entered into an executive session to discuss litigation and a personnel matter. They directed the engineer and solicitor to move forward with what was discussed. No action for public

9. Unfinished Business – nothing

10. Reminders/work in process-

A. Volleyball court-will start mid-July

B. 2018-03 Green Street

C. Twin Alley Storm water issue

11. Mayor's Announcements – nothing

12. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm by Mike. Motion seconded by Mike.
Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer