



Borough of Walnutport Workshop Regular Minutes Thursday March 14, 2019 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the March 14, 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; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Terry Ahner-Times News, Todd & Sheila Andrews, Debbie Paules, Drew Snowberger-channel 13 News, Al Acker, Ed Zeigler, Diane Motel, Brian Filchner, & Donald Eckhart.
4. Wildland Conservancy- Diane Motel @ boat ramp-Dave made the motion to allow WC to post parking lot for 2 hours (3-5 pm) on June 23rd, to allow the Sojourn to get off the river as quickly as possible (with them having volunteers there). Patrice seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
5. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Brain Filchner-WPA
 - Application for use of facility. Jen made the motion to approve
 - a) May 8-senior night (Rain date May 9)
 - b) April 20-Easter egg hunt
 - c) June 8-Home Run Derby
 - d) July 9-13-Carnival
 - e) Softball & baseball April -October. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - Scoreboard-Jen said she hasn't heard from Giant lately
 - There was dug out damage back in fall. Rick was aware of it. \$1,800.00 quote for the damage. Annette will try to send into insurance. Brian will send Annette an email explaining the damage.
6. Patrice made the motion to approve A-E by general consent. Harold seconded the motion.
 - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting February 7, 2019 & regular meeting February 14, 2019
 - B. February 2019 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. February 2019 Bill List
 - D. Police report February 2019
 - E. Tax Collector report February 2019. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

7. Standing Committees –

A. Finance – Jennifer

- Department head limits-waiting on answer from audit
- Jen made the motion to move forward with a purchasing policy with Annette's help. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

B. Law – Michael & Harold – nothing

C. Streets –David & Harold –

- David wanted clarification on painting walls-council wants wall painted to freshen up the building. Then have pictures hung
- Street sweeping will beginning in a week or two as long as it doesn't snow any more

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer
- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice-They had an emergency meeting. Mike Kukitz handed in his notice. He gave 4 weeks notice. They are hoping to find an interim till they can hire someone to replace him.
- WPA/WCA-Patrice/Joan

E. Ordinance – Harold - nothing

F. Personnel – David & Michael – need executive session

G. Secretary/Treasurer-Annette Lacko

- Code red-Patrice made the motion to sign up for code red and withdraw from the swift reach program. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- FEMA/PEMA paperwork-Motion to approve resolution made by Mike. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Refinancing-waiting on responses from auditor so we can clarify some of the items from past audits. They list items differently than QuickBooks does. This pushes bond purchasing/selling back.

H. Grants-Mike Wentz –

- Mike gave an update on a few grants, the seminar he was at last week, and this week, and he asked council if they could possible work on a 5-7-10 year plan. Mike will meet with the street committee and engineer to come up with the plans. There are several other grants available that we were not able to apply for in past but can now. Those grants can be our matching grants. Mike Gaston made the motion to have the engineer prepare the packet for the CDBG grant for the rest of Lincoln Avenue. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

I. Engineer's Report – nothing

J. Solicitor's Report – need executive session

Council entered into executive session from 8:00-9:15 pm to discuss Green Street, Gogel litigation & employee personnel matter. No action taken

8. New Business

A. Mike made the motion to allow the NL Events Committee have their annual parade 10-26-19 with rain date of 10-27-19 come through the Borough of Walnutport. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

B. Letter from WPA-carnival July 9-13

- Extra police coverage 6-11 & during transportation of nightly bank drops
 - Borough workers availability for emergencies (ex. Electric failures, minor repairs etc.)
- Joan made the motion to approve WPA's request. David seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

C. Complaints about geese on Canal Street-the police will be starting their routine to eliminate them (per mayor)

9. Unfinished Business –

A. Mike asked for clarification on the sale at 16 Lincoln Avenue and the lien the borough had against the property. Michael Corriere explained it was an upset sale and we will receive our monies from the county. It is ok for zoning to issue any further permits if applied for as long as they meet requirements. The burnt structure has been raised.

B. Council also ask Sean Corey, zoning officer about the trailer on Fifth street property. Sean will send an enforcement letter next week.

10. 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

11. Mayor's Announcements –

A. Diamond Fire Company is hosting a round table discussion with the state representative Zach Mako about Fire and EMS on March 21st

B. Palmerton Borough is requesting assistance from our fire police. Mike made the motion to allow DFC's fire police to assist in Palmerton Borough on March 23rd for their 5K run. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Joan-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

12. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joan at 9:30. Jen 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