



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday August 8, 2019 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the August 8, 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 Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Terry Ahner-Times News, Jeanne Boehrer, Marilyn Kaul, Debbie Paules, Mike Wentz, Kim Recek, Dennis Yost, Larry & Doneta Merkle, & Brenda & Vince Morris.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard –
 - A. Kim Recek about right of way on Washington Street. She gave paperwork to Solicitor. He and engineer will look into further and be in touch with her. There is a discrepancy in a right of way and for who.
5. Motion to approve A-F by general consent made by Jen. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - A. Minutes of the workshop/regular meeting July 11, 2019
 - B. July 2019 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. July 2019 Bill List
 - D. Police report July 2019
 - E. June & July 2019 BCO & Zoning report
 - F. June & July 2019 Tax Collector report
6. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Jennifer
 - Purchasing agreement-Patrice made the motion to approve the purchasing agreement. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - Dave made the motion to approve \$1,569.00 to purchase 2 flag poles for the memorial. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - Motion to transfer \$1,000 to Walnutport Recreation Board made by Patrice. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

- Motion to sever relations with Scott Blissman, Labor Attorney and appoint Mr. Joe Rudolph made by Jen. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

B. Law – Michael & Harold – need brief executive session

C. Streets –David & Harold – Dave reported he doesn't know. He called and left several messages to Rick and no answer or return call. Mike Wentz said the paving is done. Getting ready for tar and chipping.

D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer

1. Jen made the motion to approve the 3rd annual Candy cane hunt-application for use of facilities 12/14/19 10:00 am. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice

1. Thank you letter from NL Rec

2. Committee for the community center will start meeting soon

- WPA/WCA-Patrice/Joan

E. Ordinance – Harold - nothing

F. Personnel – David & Michael –

- Executive session needed

G. Secretary/Treasurer-Annette Lacko

- Complaints for the month were handed out.

• Mike made the motion to approve 2020 MMO requirements-police \$99,421 & non uniformed \$13,220 (annual motion required). Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

• Property on N Canal St was finally transferred into borough name. Annette gave Solicitor paperwork to make sure it is tax exempt.

• Motion to approve 2019-06 Resolution to allow Mike Wentz to apply for grant for street sweeper made by Mike Gaston. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

H. Engineer's Report –

- LINCOLN AVE CDBG PROJECT - Since you are seeking additional funding, the bid can wait until the September Meeting. We should also know if there is additional CDBG funds for the larger project scope on Lincoln Ave. We received bids on 6/7. Two bids were received. The apparent bidder is Bellview Pump with a bid price of \$251,938. My understanding is that the Borough is considering applying for a matching grant to offset costs. The bids are valid for 60 days unless we need to seek funding, then they are valid for 120 days.

I. Solicitor's Report – needs executive session for personnel matter

7. New Business

A. Wayne adopted a Promulgation for the emergency operations plan

- B. Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-04 for adoption of the emergency operations plan made by Jen. Joan seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - C. Dave made the motion to adopt the emergency operation plan. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - D. TCC rep- Jen made the motion to approve Rhonda Frantz, Resolution 2019-05 pending approval from NL School District Board allowing us to share Rhonda Frantz as our representative. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Joan-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - E. Spotted lanternfly Quarantine- PA Department of Agriculture states we must have a permit since we are in the quarantine area. Council will ask a few employees who are interested in going to class.
8. Unfinished Business/Reminders/work in process-
- A. Water issue at lock – engineer looking for solution
 - B. Right of way issue on Washington Street-letters were sent again by borough solicitor – owner was here with information stating otherwise. Engineer and Solicitor will look into it.
 - C. Alcohol at pavilion – answer given from insurance – Annette will get more questions answered
 - D. No hunting on borough property letter (?) -Solicitor will send letter to property owner and tenant of said property next to reservoir that was seen hunting on property.
 - E. Camper on Route 145-Sean spoke to a man there. He will have owner come see Sean when he is back from vacation
 - F. Volleyball court-waiting on contractor
 - G. 2018-03 Green Street
 - H. Twin Alley Storm water issue
9. Council entered into an executive session from 8:00 - 9:05 pm to discuss an employee personnel matter. No action taken
10. Mayor's Announcements – nothing
11. Adjournment – Patrice made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Joan 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