



# Borough of Walnutport

## Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 5, 2019 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk President called the September 5, 2019 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:01 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 (absent); Michael Gaston, Councilman; Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Chief Peter Wayda; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the Public-Terry Ahner-Times News, Donald Eckhart, Angela Snyder, Makayla, Riley & Aliyah Nothstein.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard: none
5. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Jen
    - Memorial project – approval of estimates
      1. Mike made the motion to approve buying and planning of the proposed trees \$3,600.00. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
      2. Mike made the motion to approve sauna tube for flag poles and aug holes for \$600.00. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
      3. Mike made the motion to approve install stenciled concrete around all purposed areas. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
  - B. Law – Mike & Harold –
    - Chief Wayda gave Sergeant Jason Nothstein & Officer Scott Ledo commendations. He would like a brief discussion with council in executive session
    - Officer Scott Ledo- January 22, 2019 for his actions when responding to a suspicious male complaint. Officer Ledo conducted a lawful traffic stop and ended the encounter by removing a loaded gun from the operator who was not licensed to carry a firearm.
    - Sergeant Jason A. Nothstein-June 4, 2018 for his actions when responding to a suicidal female. Sergeant Nothstein deployed his Taser to prevent the party from

harming herself with a knife wound to her chest. His action saved a life on June 4, 2018.

- Sergeant Jason A. Nothstein- January 22, 2019 for his actions when responding to a suspicious male complaint. Officer Ledo conducted a lawful traffic stop and ended the encounter by removing a loaded gun from the operator who was not licensed to carry a firearm.
- Since Dean Heffelfinger is more than likely leaving the force to another local department, Pete would like to know if he has council's support to keep 4 full time police officers and to have them activate the civil service.

#### C. Streets - David & Harold –

- Mike Wentz handed in a report on equipment, streets, buildings, & recreation. Dave read the report to council. He thanked the Chief and Officer Heffelfinger for traffic control during line painting. He also thanked Mike Wentz for the report. He never received returned calls or answers in the past to report anything.
- Dave made the motion to hire Earl Snyder at \$15.00 to cut grass & plow snow/winter maintenance (as needed employee). Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

#### D. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board – Jennifer - tree letters are out. Tree lighting is 12/7/19
- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice – nothing
  - Donald Eckhart reported last weekend was the family fishing day. it was a success. This Saturday is bike ride at the canal.
- WPA/WCA-Patrice/Joan – nothing

#### E. Ordinance Review – Harold - nothing

#### F. Personnel –Michael & David –

- Mike made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-07. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
- Need executive session

#### G. Secretary/Treasurer – Annette Lacko

- 633 S Lincoln Avenue-title company sent us the money instead of between buyer and seller. Motion to reimburse the settlement company made by Patrice. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

#### H. Grants-Michael Wentz – Mike gave a summary of the outstanding grants.

#### 6. New Business –

- A. Kenneth Marsh would like permission to do some metal detecting on the reservoir property on Timberline Road-table till next week.

#### 7. Unfinished Business/Reminders/work in process-

- A. Volleyball court –

- B. 2018-03 Green Street
  - C. Twin Alley Storm water issue
  - D. Spotted lanternfly Quarantine- PA Department of Agriculture
  - E. Water issue at lock
  - F. Right of way issue on Washington Street-Don Eckhart asked if they can walk on the right of way. Corriere sent letters out last week.
  - G. Alcohol at pavilion
  - H. No hunting on borough property.
  - I. Camper on Route 145-Sean Corey gave update to council. Update letters going out.
8. Council entered an executive session from 7:40-10:00 to discuss a personnel matter.
- A. Dave made the motion there will not be any use of borough vehicles when borough employees are not on the clock in. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.
9. Mayor's Announcements –
- A. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dream Come True Softball vs Baseball Benefit Games & Basket Raffle Saturday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 5:30
10. Jen let council know we are meeting with the solar people tomorrow morning at 9:00.
11. Adjournment – Mike made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 pm. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, & Bill-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer