



Borough of Walnutport

Reorganization Meeting/regular meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 6, 2020 7:00 pm

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1. The January 6, 2020 Reorganization/regular meeting of The Borough of Walnutport held at 417 Lincoln Avenue; Walnutport, PA 18088 was called to order by Mayor Wayne Weidner at 7:01 pm. Mr. Weidner led the Pledge of Allegiance let by Mayor Wayne Weidner:
2. Mayor Wayne Weidner swore in the following councilman.
 - Harold Greene
 - David Stankovic
 - Michael Gaston
3. Roll Call: Wayne Weidner, Mayor, Harold Greene, Michael Gaston, William Turk, Patrice Hunsicker, David Stankovic, Jennifer Wentz, Michael Wentz, Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
4. A moment of silence was held in memory of Joan Rehrig who passed away January 2, 2020.
5. Nomination and Election of Council President: (upon completion, Mayor turns the gavel over to the President) Mike made the motion to retain Bill as president. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. Motion to close the nominations/motions for president made by Harold. Jen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bill took over the meeting.
6. Nomination and Election of Vice President: Dave made the nomination/motion to appoint Jen as vice president. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-no, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
7. Nomination and Election of President Pro Tem: Dave made the nomination/motion to appoint Harold as President pro tem. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
8. Motion to declare vacancy on council due to death of Joan Rehrig made by Mike. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
9. Annette will advertise new workshop meeting date of January 30th instead of February 6, 2020 so council can appoint someone to the vacant seat. She will post on social media we are looking for a candidate to take the seat.
10. Other Appointments:
 - A. Reappointments-



- I. David made the motion to retain The Engineering Firm of Spotts, Stevens and McCoy to serve as Borough Engineer. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - II. Mike made the motion to retain the Solicitor: Corriere & Andres Esquire. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - III. Jen made the motion to retain Scott Ledo to serve as Code Enforcement officer for the Borough. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - IV. Mike made the motion to retain Sean Corey to serve as Zoning and Building Code Officer. Jen seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - V. Jen made the motion to confirm Fire Police (letter attached) for the Diamond Fire Company and the Borough of Walnutport for the year 2020. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - VI. Dave made the motion to authorizing the Diamond Fire Company to engage in fund raising activities, participate in mutual aid with any fire company and authorizing the fire police to serve during non-emergency functions during 2020. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - VII. Jen made the motion to retain Anderson & Assoc., to manage Police & Borough Pension Plan. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - VIII. Harold made the motion to retain HA Thomson to manage our insurance policies. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - IX. Jen made the motion to retain Labor Council, Clark Hill PLC. Harold seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - X. Dave made the motion to reappoint Michael Wentz as Grant Coordinator. Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
 - XI. Jen made the motion to reappoint Anthony Rosencrance 3-year term to ZHB. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.
11. Present from the public- Deborah Paules & Ron Bauer, JR.
 12. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard- none
 13. Motion to approve A-G except E made by Patrice. Harold seconded the motion.
 - A. Minutes of the workshop meeting December 12 & regular meeting December 19, 2019
 - B. December 2019 Profit & Loss Report
 - C. December 2019 Bill List
 - D. Police report December 2019

E. Tax collector reports December 2019

F. December 2019 Zoning permit report

G. December 2019 UCC permit report. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.

14. Standing Committees –

1. Finance – Jen question council on how they would like to handle 2 invoices for day care repairs. After a lengthy discussion they will be asked to pay ½ of the total invoices.

2. Law –

3. Streets – David read the report given by Road Foreman Mike Wentz.

4. Recreation – Jennifer-

- Walnutport Recreation Board-Jennifer
 - Trees to be undecorated January 13-20th
 - Goat lady is taking a bunch again this year.
- NL Recreation Authority-Patrice
- WPA/WCA-

5. Ordinance –

6. Personnel –

7. Secretary/Treasurer notes- Annette Lacko

- Jen made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-01-(shredding). Mike seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.

8. Engineer's Report – thank you for the reappointment-no report

9. Solicitor's Report – thank you for the reappointment-working on Green Street with engineer. Ordinance should be ready.

15. New Business

A. Debbie Paules asked council about the tax collector and what should be done with the complaints she is getting about him? There was a lengthy discussion about what concerns have been brought up. Council asked Annette to send him a letter outlining those concerns.

B. Letter from NL Recreation Authority/application for use of facilities form

- i. December 12th Candy Cane Hunt
- ii. July 25th Everything outdoor Food Truck Festival-asking permission to sell beer & wine
- iii. July 25-August 6 Bulldog Summer Blast Program (Summer Rec program)

Mike made the motion to approve i. & iii., tabling ii till February meeting. Dave seconded the motion. Mike-yes, Harold-yes, Patrice-yes, Jen-yes, David-yes, Bill-yes. Motion carried.

16.Unfinished Business-

- Twin Alley-Excavator was there and measured. He is coming up with a plan and will get back to council.
- Dave asked that we take a look at all the dilapidated properties in town and do something about them in 2020. We have a new code enforcement officer. Mike Gaston said he will get together with him to discuss all those issues.
- Passed/unfinished complaints that were never addressed. Mike Gaston will go through them along with Mike Wentz and code enforcement officer to see what needs to be addressed and what has been addressed. Give him time to catch up though

17.Upcoming events

- May 20, 2020 – E Recycling event held in borough parking lot

18.Mayor's Announcements – Keep Joan in your prayers. Her services are tomorrow at Harding funeral home.

19.Adjournment- Mike made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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