



# Borough of Walnutport

## Workshop Meeting Minutes

### Thursday, September 1, 2011

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1. William Turk, President called the September 1, 2011 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:02 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; Michael Gaston, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, (8:40 pm) Councilman; Matthew Newhard, Councilman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Henry Kline, Mayor-Absent.
3. Borough council entered into an executive session from 7:03 pm – 8:05 pm to discuss police personnel. No action taken.
4. Opportunity for Residents to be Heard- none
5. Standing Committees –
  - A. Finance – Michael Gaston
    - I. Budget will discuss next Thursday
  - B. Law – Michael Gaston
    - I. Letter from Chief Pennisi requesting extra help-table till next Thursday
  - C. Streets – Lamar Lauer -nothing
  - D. Solid Waste – Matthew Newhard
    - I. Chart of outstanding balance and where the accounts stand
  - E. Recreation – Wayne Weidner reported the Recreation Board tabled their community day plans
  - F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic
    - Land lord ordinance- for everyone to review
    - Mercantile tax- Michael Corriere is incorporating the renal license with the mercantile license for rental properties
    - Junk vehicle (advertised for next week's meeting)
    - Police Pension Plan (advertised for next week's meeting)
    - For fire company to bill insurance companies—John Kirchner, Diamond Fire Company Chief was here to answer council's question on how this would work. Solicitor will draw up an Ordinance.
  - G. Personnel –Matthew Newhard no report
  - H. Grants-Michael Wentz
    - I. Mike gave an update on the Sands Casino grant, possible grant for re-lamping the borough building to save energy costs and the tree grant
    - II. Matt asked Mike to look into a grant for a generator for the 417 building. The fire company might be able to get one easier if they make the bingo hall a shelter. Mike will keep council posted.

I. Centennial Committee—Matt Newhard no report

6. Secretary's Announcements/Notes –

- A. Pictures of Canal—Matt gave the update on the canal. The steps that happened, what is to happen? He also asked the Solicitor what needs to be done to update our emergency plan, can we have an assistant emergency coordinator, can we change who our emergency coordinator is? Solicitor will get answers for council.
- B. Recreation center spending—a summary of the spending at 215 building
- C. Motion to approve Minimum Municipal Obligation budget for 2012 was made by Lamar. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Unfinished Business –

- A. Codification- in planning commission hands
- B. Street lights-Michael Corriere is handling
- C. Payment to Nimaris tabled until next week

8. New Business –

- A. Letter from VFW requesting to use council chambers Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:00 pm. Mike made the motion to allow VFW to use council chambers, to have police department open the doors at 1:00 and lock the doors after the meeting is over. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Matt made the motion to have Bill sign the Notice of Substantial Completion for ACE Electric. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Mayor's Announcements – Mayor asked to forward a message. He wishes everyone a Happy and Safe Labor Day! Stay safe and stay sober!

10. Adjournment – Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer