



Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 10, 2012

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the May 10, 2012 regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Newhard led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Matthew Newhard, President; Michael Gaston, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman (7:05 pm); Lamar Lauer, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; Mike Wentz, Grant Coordinator (7:05 pm); Jennifer Wentz, Recreation Board Chairperson (7:05 pm); and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Tom Dittmar-Environmental Conservation Coordinator, Northampton County DCED (spoke for 15 minutes) Mr. Dittmar explained e-cycling, 902 grants and offered his help with the next garbage contract. He will mail a few samples to Annette to get to Matt and Bill.
4. Kerry Paules from Blue Ridge Service Center (spoke for 15 minutes) (Jeff Bollinger, an employees of Blue Ridge Service Center also spoke a few minutes with Mr. Paules) Mr. Paules expressed he was not happy that his towing service for the borough was terminated. He wanted to know he wasn't let know every time there was a problem. He cannot fix something is he doesn't know it exists. Mike made the motion to reinstate towing service with Blue Ridge Service Center rotating every other month with Erschen's Garage. With a few conditions. If either towing service cannot get to the call within 20 minutes they need to call Lehigh Communications back and let them know to get a hold of the other towing company. Erschen's will finish out May. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Opportunity for Residents to be Heard- no one
6. Motion to approve
 - A. minutes of the workshop meeting April 5, 2012 and regular meeting April 12, 2012
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for April 2012
 - C. Police Officer's Report for April 2012
 - D. Zoning Officer's Report for April 2012
 - E. April 2012 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. April 2012 Bill List ...made by Dave. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston nothing
 - B. Law – Harold Greene
 - Mike made the motion to approve the class Sergeant Wayda is requesting to take & disburse the remainder of his education fund (\$588.00) to him to pay for class. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - C. Streets – Lamar Lauer –passed pictures around of the light that was damaged at the recreation center. They discussed option of a curfew on the playground area.
 - D. Solid Waste – Bill Turk
 - Mike made the motion to exempt 306 Lehigh Drive from garbage because the house has not water/sewer service. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - E. Recreation Board– Jennifer Wentz
 - Mike made the motion to allow the Duane Lucien Benefit Festival use the pavilion and park area for no charge. They need to have port a potties brought in at their cost and will have to pay the balance of the PPL bill. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Jenn informed council of a few things the Rec Board is working on
 - Summer program-summer rec (June)
 - Community service day (October)
 - WPA-council will revisit this later in the meeting

F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic

- ordinance to pass Codification 2012-08 (advertise to pass June 14, 2012)

G. Personnel – Joan Rehrig-nothing

H. Grants-Mike Wentz

- PPL grant- just about done—Mike Gaston made the motion to have Mike Wentz continue working on the PPL grant. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Mike went to the meeting for EMA. The engineer will have to get involved because of the information needed. Matt asked Henry if he still wants to be the EMC because he should have been at the meeting and should have been working on the information that is due by June 1, 2012. Henry said no. Harold made the motion to post/advertise for a EMC and deputy. Letter of interest should be sent to borough secretary by Jun 13th. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I. Borough council entered into executive session to discuss potential litigation until 9:25 pm

J. Solicitor's Report – covered everything in executive session—Harold made the motion to enter into the NIZ law suit with Broughal & DeVito, LLP. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

K. Engineer's Report –

- Motion for block grant-Mike made the motion to proceed with block grant from last year that was denied. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Restroom grant project-
 - Bill made the motion to accept Nimaris' withdrawal of their bid. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Harold made the motion to award Ashwood Enterprises project #1 for their bid amount of \$141,725.00. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Harold made the motion to award Ashwood Enterprises project #2 for their bid amount of \$61,285.00. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - The other bids were from Walnutport Construction Co project #1 \$147,729.00 & project #2 \$71,195.00.
- Mike made the motion to close 4 escrow accounts once all invoices are paid
 - Pencor
 - Pencor maintenance agreement
 - McDonalds
 - Fast Fillmotion seconded by Harold. Motion carried.
- See report
- FEMA was here last week and Annette signed all the documents.
- May 24th is the gathering at Coca Cola Park for the path project—please remember to vote
- Jason suggest thank you letters be sent to all donators

8. Unfinished Business/issues –

- A. Street lights-Solicitor working on**
- B. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paper work**
- C. EIT representative—ask Bob Treskot if he is interested we need a letter from him**
- D. Flood Insurance Rate Map (see engineer & solicitor)**
- E. Zoning ordinance change-planning commission meets 5-17-12**

9. New Business –

- A. Letter from WPA @ police protection, fireworks, & help from public works during carnival**
- B. Harold made the motion to allow WPA to set off fireworks during their carnival (July 13th rain date the 14th) as long as they get all the permits required and submit all insurance forms required. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

10. Mayor's Announcements – Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there!!!

Happy Memorial Day!!!!

11. Adjournment-Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer