



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday October 11, 2012

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the October 11, 2012 regular council 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; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer. Harold Greene, Councilman-ABSENT.
3. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A. Wayne Rogers would like something done about the tractor trailers on Cherry Street. It is posted but they are still driving on Cherry Street. Mike made a motion to have Annette send the Nickeloid a letter to inform their drivers about not being permitted on Cherry Street. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. Henry will notify the police to be enforcing no trucks on Cherry Street
 - B. Ed Ziegler spoke about the recycling program not working in Carbon County. He would also like council to really consider every week recycling. Mr. Ziegler would also like the road crew to fix the pot hole in the bridge. The parade is coming up and he doesn't want anyone to get hurt walking. Council informed him Main Street is a state road. They will see what they can do.
4. Motion to approve
 - A. minutes of the workshop September 6, 2012 & regular meeting September 13, 2012
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for September 2012
 - C. Police Officer's Report for September 2012
 - D. Zoning Officer's Report for September 2012
 - E. September 2012 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. September 2012 Bill List made by Joan. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston – working on budget
 - B. Law – Mike Gaston - nothing
 - C. Streets – Lamar Lauer
 - Police car about 75% done
 - Tractor will be delivered next week
 - Utility truck will be picked up tomorrow. Would like a check to take with. \$4,800.00
 - SUV police car—Matt would like to see the SUV driven more. Only putting about 200 miles on it in a month time
 - D. Solid Waste – William Turk
 - Joan made the motion to revise books on account #04270 due to ordinance revision. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 solid waste contract—Joan made the motion to award the new garbage contract to IWS- the lowest bidder. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. No alternates will be awarded
 - "Newsletter" to go with recycling mailer—Matt made a few changes. Will discuss with Annette
 - E. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic
 - Flood Insurance Rate Map – Solicitor will have for next month's meeting
 - Ordinance 2012-11 Bucket truck
 1. Matt went to Slatington's meeting.
 2. The title was now signed to be in both Walnutport & Slatington's name.
 3. They would like to split the advertisement cost. The Solicitor will look into it.
 4. Joan made a motion to authorize Matt to sign the joint agreement between Walnutport & Slatington. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 5. Joan made a motion to have the Solicitor advertise the joint agreement and it's ordinance. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Curfew Ordinance- Solicitor will have revisions for next months meeting.
- F. Personnel – Joan Rehrig - nothing
- G. Solicitor’s Report –
- ✓ Easement with 4683 Timberline Road (Estate of Martha Kern)-\$1,500.00 fee is okay with them. It will be in the costs at closing in about 60 days
 - ✓ Right to know—Solicitor sent answer that the information requested to have copies of detailed taxes collected does not exit therefore we cannot and will not be supplying.
 - ✓ Kuntz complaint-was served. They will be out by November with the help of the Sherriff’s office
 - ✓ Elk lighting
 - Joan made a motion to authorize Matt to sign Resolution 2012-18. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried
 - Joan made the motion to allow Solicitor have the properties involved be appraised. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Dave made the motion to authorize Matt to sign the agreement of sale with Elk Lighting and have Annette disburse a down payment of \$500.00. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- H. Engineer’s Report – See report
- ✓ Mike made the motion to approve pay application #3 for contract #1 @ 215 Lincoln Ave for \$15,030.00. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Mike made the motion to approve pay application #3 for contract #2 @ 417 Lincoln Ave for \$9,000.00. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Mike made the motion to approve the change order for \$625.00. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Mike made the motion to approve the change order for \$2,750.00 (pending county’s approval). Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Mike made the motion to approve the change order for \$425.00. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Mike made a motion to have Engineer send Ashwood Enterprises a letter stating the water fountain was not in the scope of work and better be put back up for the end of their contract. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Roof @ 215 Lincoln Ave—will look for other price quotes
 - ✓ Jason drew up a letter to go to the public officials about the issue with PEMA/FEMA. They will be going their DC address. Mike made a motion to send the above letters. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Unfinished Business/issues –
- A. Street lights-Solicitor working on. Joan made the motion to authorize Corriere to proceed with potential litigation and possible speaking to district attorney about MEM. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Canal FEMA/PEMA—working on paperwork—waiting on permit
- ✓ Joan made the motion to authorize Annette & Jason to file the paperwork for another extension till September 2013. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Mike made the motion to have Jason start filing for the permits for lock 24. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. New Business – nothing
8. Mayor’s Announcements – don’t forget the parade will be the 27th!
9. Adjournment- motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joan at 8:30 pm. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer