



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday September 12, 2013

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1. Matthew Newhard, President called the September 12, 2013 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; William Turk, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Laura Stauffer, Councilwoman; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Chief Pete Wayda. Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer & Henry Kline, Mayor -absent.
3. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
 - A. Brian Filchner from WPA-Dream come true Saturday September 21st. basket raffle, softball, baseball
4. Joan made the motion to approve
 - A. minutes of the workshop meeting August 1, 2013; regular meeting August 8, 2013; and special meeting August 20, 2013
 - B. Tax Collector's Monthly Report for August 2013
 - C. Zoning Officer's Report for August 2013
 - D. Build Code Officials Report for August 2013
 - E. August 2013 Profit & Loss Report
 - F. August 2013 Bill List
 - G. Police report August 2013. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston
 - Mike made the motion to have Treasurer transfer money from liquid fuels to the general account to reimburse for PPL invoices from street lighting, traffic signals and any maintenance for the traffic lights. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - YTD numbers and estimate list of to be paid
 - B. Law – Harold Greene-
 - Received a letter from the new Sargent thanking council for the opportunity.
 - Police contract, signed sealed, delivered
 - Executive session
 - C. Streets – David Stankovic-
 - They started working on day care bathroom. Streets department demoed
 - D. Solid Waste – William Turk
 - Mike made the motion to exempt 409 Washington Street from garbage. The water was turned off in June 2013. Joan seconded the motion.
 - E. Recreation –Joan Rehrig-
 - Still looking to fill 2 seats on board –
both seats expired 2012-
 - 1) 3 year term and
 - 1) 4 year term
 - F. Ordinance Review – Laura Stauffer
 - Flood Insurance Rate Map
 - Bank foreclosure registry
 - G. Personnel – Dave Stankovic/Joan Rehrig- nothing

H. Solicitor's Report –

- Draft ordinance-motion to take property steps to advertise update ordinance for zoning & SALDO made by Laura. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Electronic service-act 36
- Lehigh River access agreement
- Handicapped parking spot- no fee, it is not just their spot
- Need brief executive session

I. Engineer's Report –

- See report
- Roof—Mike made the motion to approve payment application for \$69,210.00 to Spotts Bros. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Main part of building complete. Just has to do the two side parts. This will be from loan we took.
- Mike made the motion to approve Sargent quote for floor tile abatement in daycare area for \$4,699.00. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried. Will start Tuesday and be out by Thursday.

6. Executive session to discuss personnel, litigation, & contractual issues 7:55 – 8:40 pm

- A. Joan made the motion to have solicitor take necessary steps to collect money owed from Mr. Romig. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Joan made the motion to have solicitor make the necessary changes to the junk vehicle ordinance based on a decision made by a judge in a past case. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. New Business –

- A. Wall & AC in secretary's office (Laura) – ask Jimmy to clean the mold off the wall.
- B. Letter from WPA-final report about carnival
- C. Letter from ABC Learning they are not going to be a nonprofit. Flooring—
 - Mike made the motion to have Floors by Dean do the carpeting and tile in the day care area specified for \$3,820.00. Dave seconded the motion. Laura opposed. Motion carried 6-1.
 - Motion to take money from loan to repair day care made by Bill. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. Walnutport Cal Days letter- Joan made a motion to accept their requests fire police, street closings- this is the normal request every year. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business –

- A. Streets/Alley recommendations from Planning Commission
 - Williams Alley / Spadt Alley extension sketch plan – discussed plot plan –tabled till October
- B. Agreement for Lehigh River access Improvements
- C. PPL lighting
- D. Loan payment
- E. Slatington Library (they were here and asked to be put on the agenda for 10-10-13). The state is saying the borough needs to approve the 3 people. Joan made the motion to approve Doris Smith, Donald Eckert, and Hali Kuntz to library board. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- F. Ball Field – Lights & dirt- Laura made the motion to authorize the soil up to \$3,000.00. Jason will contact the contractor and arrange time and date to have work done. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried. (after Oct 5)
- G. CO detectors for in 417 Lincoln (day care section) 1-wire is a loop.
- H. Liens for deceased people, banks, etc. (garbage accounts) Solicitor will speak to Annette and handle.

9. Adjournment- Joan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by, Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer