



Borough of Walnutport Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday November 10, 2016

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- 1.** William Turk, President called the November 10, 2016 regular 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; Harold Greene, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Nancy Treskot, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Aaron Kromer, Councilman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; Michael Corriere, Solicitor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman (Absent); Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Chief Peter Wayda; and Debbie Paules, Assistant Secretary.
- 3.** Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard NONE.
- 4.** Motion to approve. Nancy made the motion to approve A-G by general consent. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - A.** Minutes of the workshop meeting September 1, 2016 and regular meeting September 8, 2016
 - B.** Tax Collector's Monthly Report for September 2016
 - C.** Zoning Officer's Report for September 2016
 - D.** Build Code Officials Report for September 2016
 - E.** September 2016 Profit & Loss Report
 - F.** September 2016 Bill List
 - G.** Police report September 2016
- 5.** Standing Committees –
 - A.** Finance – Nancy made a recommendation to increase the tax rate to 18.75. A motion was made by Joan to accept Nancy's recommendation. Seconded by Nancy. Motion was carried. The subject of increasing the tax collectors salary to 4% was brought up for discussion. It was recommended that this be a resolution and not a ordinance. David made the motion to move ahead with this increase. Seconded by Aaron. It was carried with all yeahs and one abstention by Nancy Treskot.
 - B.** Law – Harold & Nancy
 - Harold said a motion was needed to approve the contract for employees. Motion was made by Nancy. Motion was seconded by Patrice. Motion was carried.
 - C.** Streets –David
 - Weight limit on 873 bridge was discussed. Changes may affect traffic on Main St. in the Borough. Regarding repairs if damage to Main St. not a concern for the Borough since Main Street is a State Road. It was also brought to the Board's attention that there has been talk regarding the replacing of the Walnutport Bridge this spring.
 - D.** Solid Waste – Patrice & Aaron-
 - Debbie asked if anyone knew if the house at 111 Main St. is inhabitable. Annette was asking if it was she would like to have a Motion to stop garbage billing. No report from fire inspector. Will be put on hold until next meeting.

- Patrice went with Rick to Tamaqua Transfer. They talked about View Dr. and garbage collection especially during the winter months. No plans were made. This topic is still open for discussion at next meeting. Patrice will continue to talk with Tamaqua Transfer and others to try to come up with some suggestions.

E. Recreation – Joan & Aaron-

- Recreation Meeting Tuesday Nov. 15th at 7:PM.

F. Ordinance Review – David & Patrice

- Trees/shrubbery 2016-07- Motion was made by David to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Harold. Motion was carried.

G. Personnel –Harold, Joan, & David- NOTHING TO REPORT.

H. Borough Maintenance & Property Management- Nancy & Rick: -

- The topic of the infestation problem at the Day Care was discussed. Solo Pest was called and billed for \$230. It did not solve the problem. Eric then called Ehrlich and we received a bill which was passed on to the Day Care. It was also recommended that Day Care send a letter home to the Parents informing them of the problem they were having. Our letter to the Day Care did not have this suggestion in the letter.

I. Engineer's Report –

- See report
- Do not release money for \$72,437.03 to Livengood. A fire hydrant fitting needs to be done. Carlton and Mike will inform Annette when complete. Joan made the motion to pay when informed work was done. Seconded by Nancy. Motion Carried.
- Regarding Railroad Tower give paperwork to Jason.
- Lock at canal: both walls are complete, there is some cleanup needed and project will be complete

J. Solicitor's Report:

- There are a few changes needed to the Cougel contract. Atty. Corriere asked permission to make changes. Motion was made by Nancy to have the changes made and approve the contract with the changes. Seconded by Harold. Motion Carried.
- Tamaqua Transfer performance bond was sent. Authorizing Bill signing subject to review by solicitor. Motion was made by Patrice. Seconded by Aaron.
- Gogel update: Judge just signed paperwork.
- Was the Dec. 15th meeting advertised. If not let Attorney. Know.

K. Grants:

- Bill from Livengood received for playground. Grant was closed.
- Lehigh Street is good.
- Received Northampton County Comm. Partnership Grant for \$50,000 . This is additional money for salt shed.

6. New Business - NONE

7. Unfinished Business –

A. Open seats of the following boards

- UCC & Property Maintenance (2 seats)
- Vacancy Board (1 seat)
- Recreation board (7 seats minus Donald Eckert, Linda Coleman)
- Representative on the Slatington Public library (1 seat)

- ZHB-alternate

8. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard: NONE

9. Mayor's Announcements – Happy Veteran's Day to those past and presently serving.

10. Adjournment-Motion to adjourn the meeting at 800 pm made by Nancy. Aaron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie Paules, Asst. Secretary.