



Borough of Walnutport
Workshop Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 7, 2017 7:00 pm

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1. William Turk, President called the September 7, 2017 workshop meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 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 (absent); Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman (absent); Nancy Treskot, Councilwoman; David Stankovic, Councilman (absent); Jennifer Wentz, Councilwoman; Patrice Hunsicker, Councilwoman; Michael Wentz, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Weidner, Mayor; and Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Present from the public – Marilyn Kaul, Bob Treskot, Ron Bauer, Danny Solderitz, & Emil Solderitz.
4. Opportunity for Residents & taxpayers to be Heard
  - A. Marilyn Kaul asked council a teacher in Northampton would like to purchase one of the Canal banners that hand in town. He wants to hang in his class room. He teaches the kids about the history of the canal. Patrice made the motion to give him the banner-no fee. Jen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Marilyn asked why the banners aren't hung.
  - B. Robert Treskot-tax collector wants council to adopt an ordinance about interim tax bills. Patrice advised Mr. Treskot the cost that would be to advertise, have solicitor write up ordinance, etc. Annette suggested Mr. Treskot do what he did in the past and give a spread sheet with the proposed interims to be mailed out. Annette would put on the agenda and council can approve to not specific ones to be mailed, like his example of if it is less than maybe \$50.00. All agreed.
  - C. Danny & Emil Solderitz would like to petition to have alley behind them vacated. They want to build a garage but don't have enough room. Council explained process. They will be here next week when solicitor is here. Annette will look to see if she can get them a petition.
5. Standing Committees –
  - i. Finance – Nancy discussed she is working on the budget & Insurance renewal- December 2017-November 2018. She also asked Mike Wentz, grant coordinator what he will need for 2018 budget.

- ii. Patrice brought up the problem with the lock-it was brought to her attention that that should be discussed next week when road foreman and engineer are here. They are they persons who are looking into the problem.
  - iii. Bill brought up about possible cuts to the budget like NOVA, and non-profits.
- B. Law - Harold & Jennifer - nothing
- C. Streets/buildings - David & Harold- nothing
- D. Personnel - Bill, Harold, David - nothing
- E. Ordinance - Jennifer
- i. Tax relief-volunteer fire fighter - there was a brief discussion. Annette asked Nancy for the list of volunteer homeowner and their \$ that Mr. Treskot, tax collector gave her. Annette will put the list together with the EIT to give council an estimated number. Annette also asked the Fire Chief Mike Wentz if other fire chiefs will be sending the office a list of our residents that volunteer there. He said they are meeting and they all agreed they would.
- F. Solid Waste - Patrice - nothing
- G. Recreation Board- Jennifer Wentz
- i. Tree lighting-adopt a tree -the Recreation board met in August along with a few other volunteers. Annette came up with the idea to do a tree decoration and maybe an adopt a tree like the Borough of Palmerton does. We are planning a tree lighting ceremony December 2 at 5:00 pm. We are hoping to borrow the santa suite from the Diamond Fire Company and possibly having santa arrive on the fire truck about 3:00. There is a flyer and registration form that we are working on to go out in the mail next week to all residents and business owners. If anyone has any ideas or would like to help let Jen know.
  - ii. Jen made the motion to transfer \$1,000 that was budgeted for the recreation board to the recreation checking account. Nancy disagreed. There was a brief discussion about the recreation budget. Patrice made the motion to transfer \$650.00 from 452.000 to the recreation checking account. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - iii. Patrice asked if she could use the pavilion on October 5<sup>th</sup> in the evening (dinner time) she and a few other moms volunteered to help feed the senior football players. They would be feeding about 45 kids. The moms will clean up after themselves. Nancy made the motion to allow the use at no fee. Mill will open the building at 5:00. Jen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - iv. NL Recreation Authority- Nancy- the food truck festival will be June 16, 2018. Annette will update the calendar.
  - v. Walnutport Playground Association & Walnutport Canal Association-Joan
- H. Grants- Michael Wentz- earlier in meeting Mike gave an update. He is anticipating the red light & dump truck for next year. He will apply for sands casino for a new police car next year. He will work with Annette for more accurate numbers.

6. New Business –
  - A. Letter from Library-
    - i. Motion to appoint Jeanne Bochrer and Donna Funk to the library board of directors made by Patrice. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Unfinished Business –
  - A. 911 issue with Lehigh County & Northampton County-Solicitor is working on this
8. Upcoming events
  - A. E-recycling-September 20th from 4-6 pm...need volunteers
  - B. Tire collection-September 20th 4-6 pm
  - C. October
    - i. Canal festival 10-15-17
    - ii. Towpath trot 10-14-17
    - iii. Boot camp 10-21-17 walking trail at recreation center
  - D. November
    - i. Election day 11-7-17
  - E. December
    - i. Tree lighting 12-2-17
    - ii. Candy cane hunt 12-9-17
9. Mayor's Announcements~ nothing
10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm made by Nancy. Jen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer